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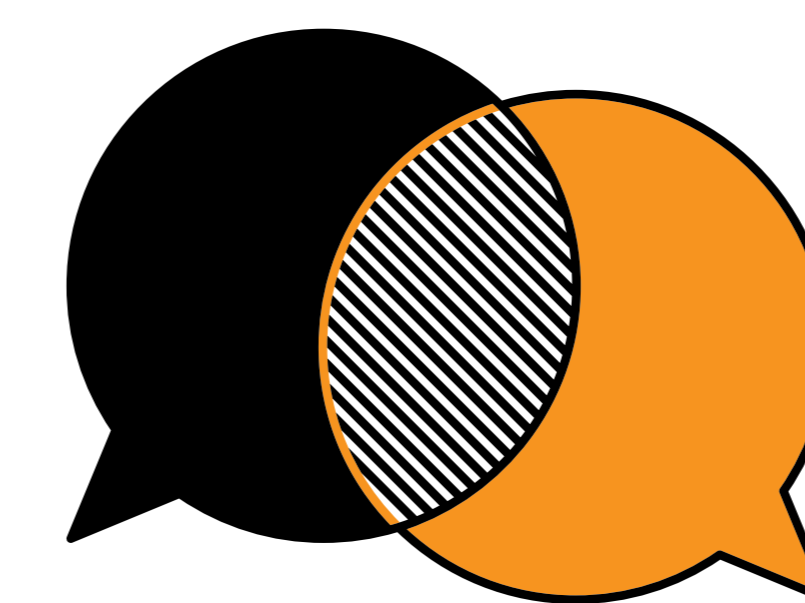
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## 1. TRIBUTE

# *“11th COMMANDMENT: DO NOT BE INDIFFERENT”*

**MARIAN TURSKI**

Every year we dedicate our fellowship to people whose work on human rights serves as an inspiration and motivation for others. This year's tribute goes to Marian Turski - Auschwitz and Death March survivor who, on the 75th Anniversary of Auschwitz evacuation gave a timeless speech that inspired this year's program. His call to action directed at young people does not only represent Humanity in Action Fellowship values but is an important message in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.



# 1. TRIBUTE

Mr. Turski recalled that Auschwitz did not fall from the sky but began with a series of seemingly minor inconveniences directed at the Jewish population, like a ban on sitting on park benches, using municipal swimming pools or buying bread and food products before 5pm. Their danger lay in making people accustomed to the idea that someone could be excluded, stigmatized, alienated. Slowly, day by day, victims, perpetrators and bystanders got used to the idea that a minority might be pushed out of society, which, in the case of Jewish people, resulted in ghettoization and extermination.

As Primo Levi, another Auschwitz survivor said, if it happened once, it can happen again, anywhere on the planet. And it did – in Rwanda, in the Balkans, Cambodia, Darfur. And it will, if we stay indifferent to systemic violence, infringements of adopted social agreements and minorities being discriminated against. Marian Turski's call to action—**do not be indifferent**—resulting

from the experience of the Holocaust, is a call to respond to seemingly rational and harmless social practices and policies that exclude minorities and vulnerable groups and undermine the democratic order.

Thus, we would also like to dedicate this year's tribute to all those committed to act during the COVID-19 pandemic: doctors, nurses and medical staff, the frontliners of the pandemic, who risk their own lives to save lives of their patients while carrying the burden of the inefficiency and inequity of our health care systems; activists worldwide who are fighting for better health care systems that are accessible to everyone; activists who make sure minorities and other vulnerable groups, such as seniors and families of people with disabilities are not left alone; and all those who stand up for others affected by the pandemic.

## 9. SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

#### Welcome to Humanity in Action Fellowship

Since Humanity in Action is all about people, after a short introduction to the program we will focus on YOU! What made you want to be part of this group? What would you like to change? Who you are as a person and what would you like to share with the others? This session will be followed with an introduction to Humanity in Action, Q&A session with Humanity in Action, Inc. Founder and Executive Director, Dr. Judith Goldstein and a discussion on COVID-19 and its implications for health and social justice.

#### Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** What will you do to challenge yourself in a constructive way during this Fellowship?

#### Notes:

International sessions

National sessions

Off-programme

EST 9.00 – 9.30  
CET 15.00 – 15.30

Welcome to the 2020 Warsaw Fellowship | Program Opening by Dr. Andrea Despot, Chief Executive Officer, Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) and Introduction to the Program | Monika Mazur-Rafał, Magda Bodzan and Gosia Kot

9.30 – 10.30  
15.30 – 16.30

Let Me Tell You My Story

10.30 – 11.00  
16.30 – 17.00

Screen Break

11.00 – 11.10  
17.00 – 17.10

Welcome to the 2020 Fellowship Programs by Antje Scheidler, International Director of European Programs

11.10 – 11.40  
17.10 – 17.40

Humanity in Action – From an Idea to a Vibrant Community. Interview with Humanity in Action, Inc. Founder and Executive Director Judith Goldstein

11.45 – 12.45  
17.45 – 18.45

Health and Social Justice - The Case of Covid-19 | Nathan Furukawa, MD, MPH and Aakash Shah, MD

12.45 – 1.00  
18.45 – 19.00

Wrap-up

1.00 – 1.15  
19.00 – 19.15

Screen Break

1.15 – 2.00  
19.15 – 20.00

Fellows' Discussion

9. SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Colonialism, Sovereignty and Resistance Part I

The centuries-long history of colonialism, imperialism and eurocentrism has significantly shaped the world we live in today. Today we will be exploring the complex history of colonial domination and discuss: How can we challenge the conventional narratives of the past? What were the forms of local and international resistance that ultimately dismantled the colonial system?

Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** What does power mean to you? How do you define empowerment?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
9.15 – 10.15		Our Contract
15.15 – 16.15		
10.15 – 10.45		Screen Break
16.15 – 16.45		
10.45 – 11.45		Fellows’ Corner
16.45 – 17.45		
11.45 – 11.50		Introduction and Welcome by John Lewis Program Director Kali-Ahset Amen
17.45 – 17.50		
11.50 – 12.30		An Indigenous Person’s History of the United States and the Structure of Settler-Colonialism   DeLesslin “Roo” George-Warren
17.50 – 18.30		
12.30 – 12.45		Screen Break
18.30 – 18.45		
12.45 – 1.45		Caribbean Perspectives: From Colonialism to Liberation   Ajamu Baraka and Raissa Biekman
18.45 – 19.45		
1.45 – 2.00		Community Check-Out
19.45 – 20.00		

9. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Colonialism, Sovereignty and Resistance Part II

We will continue our joint exploration of these topics. What discourses are used in current public discussions on the colonial past and what are the community movements for cultural sovereignty? How do communities act for social and reparative justice? We will examine these questions during panel discussions tackling country-specific cases. After the panel discussions you will have a chance to talk about contemporary colonial relations in smaller Fellows' groups.

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: How do you best relate to others?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	8.30 – 8.45	Film: “Black in Rembrandt’s Time”   Optional viewing available to all
CET	14.30 – 14.45	
9.00 – 9.45 15.00 – 15.45		Fellows’ Discussion
9.45 – 10.00 15.45 – 16.00		Screen Break
10.00 – 10.45 16.00 – 16.45		Fellows’ Corner
10.45 – 11.00 16.45 – 17.00		Screen Break / Switching from national to international program
11.00 – 11.45 17.00 – 17.45		Black Europe and the Cultural Politics of Citizenship   Rijksmuseum Curator Stephanie Archangel in dialogue with Raissa Biekman
11.45 – 12.00 17.45 – 18.00		Screen Break
12.00 – 12.45 18.00 – 18.45		Self – Determination, Sovereignty & Resistance Today   Roo George – Warren, Rachael Lorna Johnstone and Mitchell Esajas
12.45 – 1.00 18.45 – 19.00		Screen Break
1.00 – 1.05 19.00 – 19.05		Introduction to Breakout Session
1.05 – 1.35 19.05 – 19.35		Breakout Session   Your Turn: Taking a Stance
1.35 – 2.00 19.35 – 20.00		Wrap-up of the Breakout Session

9. SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 8  
Antisemitism and the Holocaust

In the words of Ian Kershaw ‘The road to Auschwitz was built by hate, but paved with indifference’. Today we will be examining the societal and political conditions that paved the way to the Holocaust and explore the mechanisms of antisemitism in the past and present contexts. Together we will seek answers to the question: How do we ensure that negative parts of history will not repeat themselves?

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: Are there things that are holding you back from what you really want to do?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST 9.00 – 9.30		Our Reflections: Time for Sharing
CET 15.00 – 15.30		
9.30 – 9.50		Screen Break
15.30 – 15.50		
9.50 – 10.00		Introduction by Humanity in Action Poland Director Monika Mazur-Rafał
15.50 – 16.00		
10 – 11.30		Genocide As “Moral Endavour”   Konstanty Gebert
16.00 – 17.30		
11.30 – 12.00		Screen Break
17.30 – 18.00		
12.00 – 1.00		National Socialism and the Shoah - on Dealing with the Nazi Past in Germany   Prof. Sybille Steinbacher
18.00 – 19.00		
1.00 – 1.15		Screen Break
19.00 – 19.15		
1.15 – 2.00		Fellows’ Discussion
19.15 – 20.00		

9. SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Unpacking Poland: Historical and Contemporary Polarisations

Is dialogue really possible in the context of a society so deeply divided, as it is currently the case with Poland? How has the social and political landscape changed in the last 30 years? This day will provide us with an overview of the leading social issues in the Polish public debate as well as examination of populist discourse and its impact on Polish society.

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: What gets you going?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
9.15 – 10.45 15.15 – 16.45		Unpacking Poland: Historical Polarisations   Konstanty Gebert
10.45 – 11.00 16.45 – 17.00		Screen Break
11.00 – 12.00 17.00 – 18.00		Unpacking Poland: Contemporary Polarizations   Prof. Jan Sowa
12.00 – 12.15 18.00 – 18.15		Screen Break
12.15 – 1.00 18.15 – 19.00		Fellows’ Discussion
1.00 – 1.45 19.00 – 19.45		Fellows’ Corner
1.45 – 2.00 19:45 – 20.00		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Violations of Human Rights in Poland  
and Activist Resistance

In the face of recent human rights violations, civic society in Poland has taken protest to the streets. Today we will learn about the aforementioned infringements, with a particular focus on the time of COVID-19 pandemic. We will also explore forms of mass response to systemic abuse, trying to find answers to the questions: What forms of Civil Disobedience prove effective? What factors have led to strike becoming a popular form of protest?

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: What makes you feel most appreciated?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
9.15 – 10.15		A public webinar with Commissioner for Human Rights, Prof. Adam Bodnar: What Have We Learnt? Human Rights in Poland in the Midst of Covid 2019
15.15 – 16.15		
10.15 – 10.30		Screen Break
16.15 – 16.30		
10.30 – 11.30		Civil Disobedience: How the Polish Society “Strikes Back”?   Prof. Elżbieta Korolczuk
16.30 – 17.30		
11.30 – 12.00		Screen Break
17.30 – 18.00		
12.00 – 12.45		Fellows’ Discussion
18.00 – 18.45		
12.45 – 1.45		Fellows’ Corner
18.45 – 19.45		
1.45 – 2.00		Community Check-Out
19:45 – 20.00		

9. SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Hate Speech and Hate Crime

Polish identity is being challenged and redefined as we speak. During this day, we will reflect on discourses around: what it means to be a Pole? Who can belong to the Polish society? Building on that we will probe: What are the mechanisms and manifestations of hate speech in online and offline spaces? We will characterize the path that leads from hate speech to hate crime. During parallel case study sessions we will learn about civic society strategies to counteract hatred and violence.

Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** How can you make people know that you appreciate them?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
		Hate Speech. Causes and Manifestations   Prof. Michał Bilewicz
		Screen Break
		When Hate Speech Turns To Hate Crime: What To Do?   parallel sessions
		Case Study One: the Never Again Association   Anna Tatar
		Case Study Two: Institute of Social Safety   Jacek Purski
		Screen Break
		Fellows’ Discussion
		Fellows’ Corner
		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

For Social Change: Expanding Our Activist Toolbox

We are not able to make social change happen without a set of tools in our pocket. Today you will learn about Action Projects and will have the opportunity to learn new skills useful for your activist work by attending one workshop of your choice: project management, how to do podcasts, deal with online hate speech or do op-eds.

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: What do you consider your obligation?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST 9.00 – 9.45		Introduction to Action Projects
CET 15.00 – 15.45		
9.45 – 10.15	Screen Break	
15.45 – 16.15		
10.15 – 2.15	Project Planning / Project Management   Magdalena Krasowska-Igras, TechSoup Global	
16.15 – 20.15		
10.15 – 2.15	How to Do Podcasts?   Mark Leon Goldberg	
16.15 – 20.15		
10.15 – 2.15	How to Do Op-eds?   Saim Saeed	
16.15 – 20.15		
OPTIONAL 14.30 EST	Webinar: “Beyond the Gender Binary”   Alok Vaid-Venon, Writer and Performance Artist, Senior Fellow	
20.30 CET		

9. SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 15

For Social Change: Expanding Our Activist Toolbox

Today we continue developing our activist toolboxes! You will have the opportunity to play with words and learn how to create well-tailored human rights messages. Then you will receive the key to filling knowledge gaps at the Wikipedia editing workshop or learn how to make videos viral at the workshop from video storytelling.

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: What does being an activist mean to you?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
		Working with Words and Changing The Worlds. Workshop with Loesje International  Ralph Pluim and Tetyana Shchegolyeva
		Screen Break
		Filling the Gaps! Workshop with Wikipedia  Wojciech Pędzich
		How To Make Your Story Viral: Video Storytelling Workshop  Dr. Daniel Wolniewicz-Słomka
		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

From Hate to Extermination and Building on Ruins:  
Jewish Communities in Today’s Poland

How was the Holocaust conducted? How does Genocide happen? The questions may sound banal but isn’t it the banality of evil (Arendt, H. 1963) that really lays the foundation for the unthinkable? This day will deal with the dark history of the Nazi camps and the Holocaust. We will think what lessons have and have not been learnt from the Holocaust. We will also learn about rebuilding Jewish communities in Poland during a session with Cukunft Jewish Association members.

Quote of the day:

Self-reflection corner: What is your gift that you can share with others?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
		Stages Towards Holocaust As Stages Towards Genocide  Dr. Tomasz Cebulski
		Screen Break
		What Is The Lesson From The Holocaust Which We Have Not Yet Learned?  Dr. Tomasz Cebulski
		Screen Break
		Jewish Grass-root Communities Now: The Case of Cukunft Jewish Association   Aleksandra Wilczura, Jan Kirschenbaum
		Screen Break
		Fellows’ Discussion
		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Minorities in the Spotlight:  
People with Disabilities and LGBTQI Community

In the last two years both people with disabilities and LGBTQI community have experienced significant violations of their rights: Poland has seen the protest regarding the rights of people with disabilities whereas one third of local governments declared themselves to be ‘LGBT-free zones’. Today we will discuss the current situation of both groups as well as learn about activist strategies to counteract violations of their human rights. We will also have the space to share impressions from the Fellowship so far.

Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** Do you care more about doing the right thing or doing things right? Or both?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
		Rainbow Under Threat: LGBTQI Rights in Poland   Gosia Kot
		Screen Break
		People With Disabilities in Poland. Activist Motivations and Strategies  Magda Szarota
		Screen Break
		Fellows’ Discussion
		Our Fellowship So Far: Sharing Impressions
		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Safe Under One’s Roof?  
Refugees and Migrants. Domestic violence in Poland.

How accommodating is Poland to its minorities? Does it provide a safe refuge to everyone? “The wellbeing of women determines the wellbeing of society”, says Gloria Steinem. But what if the domestic space is dangerous for wellbeing or even for one’s life? How can we respond to protect and advance their rights? Today we will tackle the structural inequalities and systemic abuse migrants and refugees experience and we will learn about strategies of non-profit organizations to protect and support women who are domestic violence victims.

Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** What would you do if you had 5% more free time?

Notes:

International sessions		National sessions		Off-programme	
EST	9.00 – 9.15			Community Check-In	
CET	15.00 – 15.15				
	9.15 – 10.15			Finding Refuge or Otherwise? Refugees in Poland	
	15.15 – 16.15			Gagik Grigoryan	
	10.15 – 10.30			Screen Break	
	16.15 – 16.30				
	10.30 – 11.30			Living Together and Far Apart. Migrants from	
	16.30 – 17.30			Ukraine in Poland Dr. Oleksandra Iwaniuk	
	11.30 – 11:45			Screen Break	
	17.30 – 17.45				
	11.45 – 12.45			The Private Meets Public: Domestic Violence in	
	17.45 – 18.45			Poland  Aleksandra Mosiołek	
	12.45 – 1.00			Screen Break	
	18.45 – 19.00				
	1.00 – 1.45			Fellows’ Discussion	
	19.00 – 19.45				
	1.45 – 2.00			Community Check-Out	
	19:45 – 20.00				

## 9. SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Skills Building for Social Change /  
Expand Your Activist Toolbox

What are civil society strategies to fight climate change? What challenges do activists face when advocating for climate change action? Today we will learn about the climate change movement in Poland during the Climate Change Cafe session. Today we are also going to further develop our activist skills. You will have the opportunity to dream about utopian visions, learn more about community building during and after COVID-19 pandemic or get creative and do papercut!

#### Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** Who are you when you are your best self?

#### Notes:

International sessions

National sessions

Off-programme

EST 9.00 – 9.45 CET 15.00 – 15.45	Climate Change Cafe   Monika Sadkowska
9.45 – 10.15 15.45 – 16.15	Screen Break
10.15 – 2.15 16.15 – 20.15	Manifesting Our Utopia - Let's Go on a Dreaming Journey And Journal Our Vision Into Our Lives   Marie Nele Wolfram
10.15 – 2.15 16.15 – 20.15	Community Building in Corona Times   Tara Dickman
10.15 – 2.15 16.15 – 20.15	Grassroots Movements Midst Corona   Erik Miltiadis Edman
10.15 – 2.15 16.15 – 20.15	PaperCut   Andrew Benincasa

9. SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Working on Ideas: Action Projects

What is your first idea for the Action Project? Today we will get inspired by Senior Fellows who will present their implemented Action Projects and share insights from project work behind the scenes. Then you will take these inspirations to discuss initial ideas for your Action Projects in smaller groups and present them during the feedback session afterwards.

Quote of the day:

**Self-reflection corner:** What subjects or activities make your heart beat faster and get your groove on?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 – 15.15	
		Humanity in Action and Its Action! On Action Projects
		Screen Break
		Implemented Action Projects: Getting Inspired   Milena Adamczewska-Stachura, Małgorzata Żurowska, Gosia Kot, Katarzyna Korytowska, Maja Szydłowska, Marcelina Rosińska
		Screen Break
		Working on Our Project Ideas
		Sharing Initial Project Ideas and Gathering Feedback
		Community Check-Out

9. SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Time flies and we are coming to the end of the Fellowship, but it is not the end of your Humanity in Action journey - in fact, it is just about to start! Today will be the time of sharing experiences, evaluating the Fellowship and learning next steps.

**Self-reflection corner:** What was the most powerful moment of the past three weeks for you?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 - 9.15	Community Check-In
CET	15.00 - 15.15	
	9.15 - 10.45	Next Steps with Humanity in Action
	15.15 - 16.45	
	10.45 - 11.00	Screen Break
	16.45 - 17.00	
	11.00 - 1.00	Our Program: Evaluation
	17.00 - 19.00	
	1.00 - 1.15	Screen Break
	19.00 - 19.15	
	1.15 - 2.00	Our Reflections: Time for Sharing
	19.15 - 20.00	

9. SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Today we are meeting again in a bigger group of Fellows from all this year’s programmes to share experiences of tthe Fellowship and in our Warsaw Fellowship group to say: see you soon!

**Self-reflection corner:** Looking over the past three weeks, what are you most grateful for?

Notes:

		International sessions
		National sessions
		Off-programme
EST	9.00 – 10.30	Community Time: National Programme
CET	15.00 – 16.30	
10.30 – 11.30 16.30 – 17.30		Fellowship Presentations by Fellows
11.30 – 12.30 17.30 – 18.30		Fellows Debrief About their Experience in Mixed Groups
12.30 – 1.00 18.30 – 19.00		Screen Break
1.00 – 1.15 19.00 – 19.15		Welcome to Post Fellowship Humanity in Action/ (Senior) Fellow Network - Next Steps
1.15 – 1.30 19.15 – 19.30		“Where Do We Go From Here?”, Closing Remarks by Judith S. Goldstein, Founder and Executive Director and Staff
1.30 – 1.45 19.30 – 19.45		Screen Break and Change of Virtual Location
1.45 – 2.15 19.45 – 20.15		See-You-Soon!

## 11. 2020 FELLOWS

### MARINA AKHMEDOVA



Marina Akhmedova was born in Khabarovsk, Russia, living there for several years before moving to the rural Lviv region in Ukraine, where she finished school. Since 2013, Marina has been living in Poland where she obtained an MA in journal-

ism and mass communication. From 2016 to 2018, she led a diverse group of social and educational projects with the AIESEC office in Rzeszow. In addition, she has also co-created a volunteer project with an NGO in Athens. Marina has participated in several Erasmus projects, which focused on issues of social inclusion and acceptance through, for example, a short film on migrants in Berlin. Currently, she is finishing an internship with KPMG Poland while volunteering with two NGOs, the first being JEF Poland, which promotes democracy, and the second is the foundation Ocalenie, through which she teaches refugee kids from Chechnya. Moving forward, Marina plans to continue to work in the field of education and migration and eventually become a United Nations volunteer in Asia or Africa.

### JOANNA BIEDRZYCKA



Joanna Biedrzycka is currently studying in the College of Inter-Area Individual Studies at the University of Warsaw, focusing primarily on the fields of sociology and psychology. Joanna has many experiences

applying her knowledge of constructive dialogue and problem-solving global issues through her longtime participation in both Model United Nations and European Youth Parliament. In order to expand her understanding of cultural diversity and history, Joanna has also volunteered at the Museum of Polish Jews in Warsaw. As an international baccalaureate graduate, she speaks English and French fluently. In her free time, she enjoys jazz dancing, musicals and traveling. Joana is particularly motivated to increase people's knowledge of and resistance to fake news.

### MELANI CRUZ STOKES



Melani Cruz Stokes is a student at Rutgers University, Camden, studying criminal studies and law. Raised in southern New Jersey, Melani is committed to activism and public service beyond her

academics. As president of the Define American Rutgers Camden chapter, she organizes campaigns that advocate for more resources for undocumented students. Her volunteer work with the Camden County Juvenile Conference Committee is also rewarding. She gives minority Camden youth, who commit first-time minor offenses, a second chance instead of going in front of a judge and becoming another statistic in the criminal justice system. Through these experiences, she understands the importance of allies to advocate for both criminal justice reform and immigrant rights. She aspires to improve social justice for all underrepresented communities through the field of law. Upon graduation next May, she will attend law school and create more opportunities for others as an aspiring immigration/criminal attorney.

## 11. 2020 FELLOWS

### CAROLINE GARSKE



Caroline Garske, born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, is a 2018 graduate of the University of Iowa where she studied history, political science, and international relations. Caroline's honors history thesis

explored the racially disparate motivations and consequences of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, particularly the crack-cocaine statute. Her research examined how racism and xenophobia act as animating forces behind drug panics and the subsequent passage of punitive antidrug legislation. She currently works for the Geographical & Sustainability Sciences department at the University of Iowa as the Undergraduate Program & Outreach Coordinator. Outside of work, Caroline is involved with the Women's Resource and Action Center where she advocates for inclusivity and social justice via campus organizing. She also volunteers with Inside Out Reentry Community, a nonprofit supporting people returning to the Iowa City community following incarceration. In addition, Caroline continues to study Russian, watch films and read in her free time.

### MARIAM HASSOUN



Mariam Hassoun is an incoming MSc in Education (comparative and international education) student at the University of Oxford. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Emory University with

BA degrees in political science and interdisciplinary studies. Although born in Auckland, New Zealand to two Iraqi parents, she calls New York City and Huntsville, Alabama home. Her experiences with The Carter Center's Conflict Resolution Program, Model United Nations at Emory and Boston Consulting Group led her to realize her goal to work on education policy in the Middle East. An avid advocate for equitable education, Mariam researched English language education policy and ethical global development for her senior honors thesis. As the founder of Baraka English School in Baghdad, Iraq, she fundraised over \$20,000 in the past five years to provide orphans a quality education. With her friends and family, she loves making Spotify playlists, visiting art museums and traveling.

### ANNA KARWATKA



Anna Karwatka is in her final year of law school at the University of Warsaw. She graduated from the Center for American Law Studies and also spent a semester abroad studying international law at Vrije Universiteit

Amsterdam. Anna is currently working on her thesis that looks at freedom of speech issues online. Professionally, she has experience working for the Commissioner for Human Rights Office, IBM's Corporate Social Responsibility department as well as Amazon's Public Policy practice. Currently, she works at the British Embassy in Warsaw, analyzing and researching policy issues in areas such as education, rule of law and the regulatory environment in Poland. Anna has participated in various Erasmus+ training courses on social entrepreneurship and recently co-founded an organization promoting active citizenship and volunteering among youth. In 2014, she represented Poland at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg as the Youth Delegate during the World Forum for Democracy. Her main interests include digital rights, United States politics and civic participation.

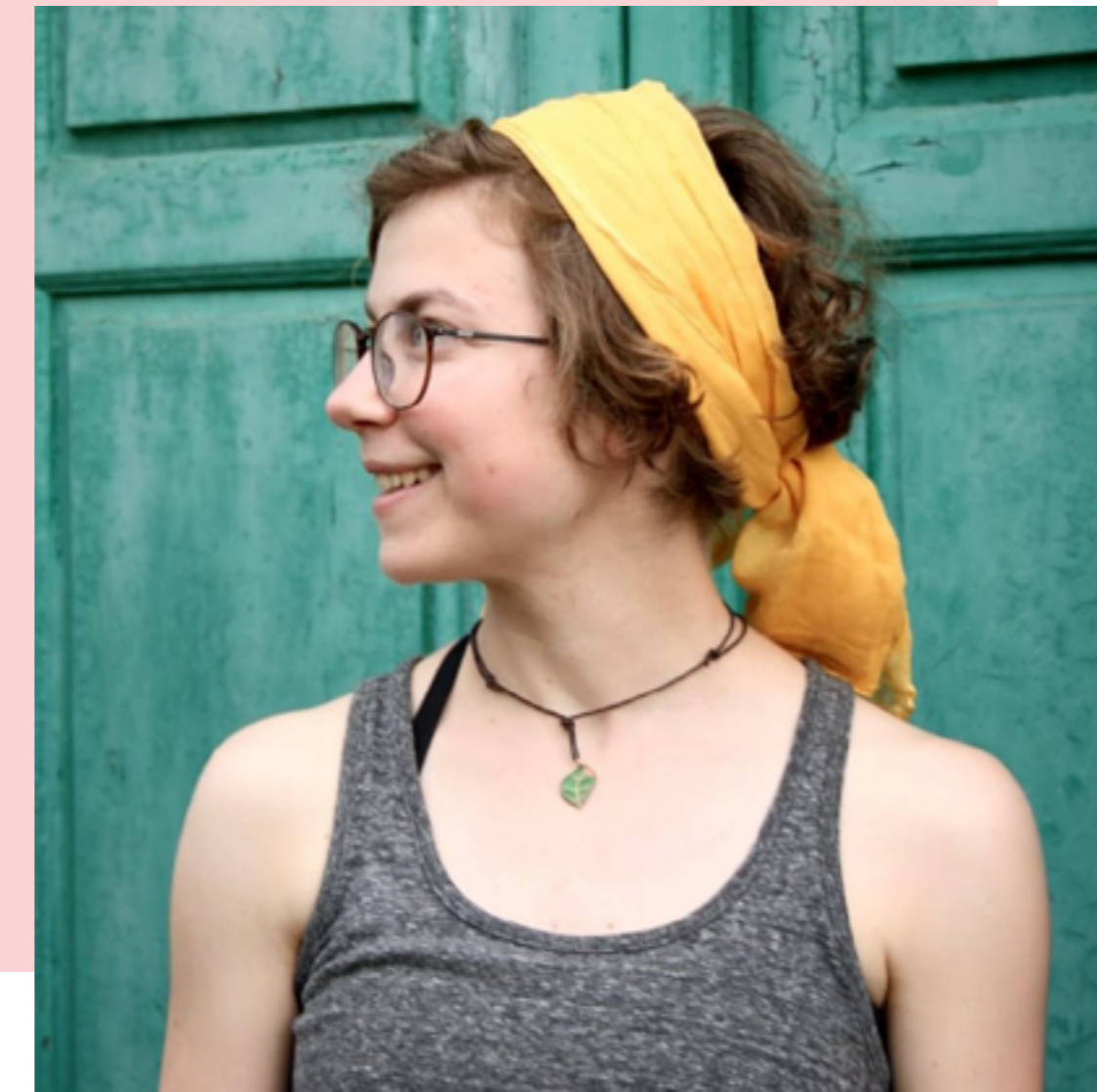
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### MAGDALENA KOLCZYŃSKA



Born in Warsaw, raised in Łódź and living in Upper Silesia, Magdalena Kolczyńska is a graduate of the College of Inter-Area Individual Studies from the University of Warsaw with a BA in the humanities and social

sciences. In addition, she holds two MAs in law and philosophical ethics and is a PhD. candidate in law at the University of Lodz. Magdalena is involved in the activity of the Association for Persons with Disabilities (SPES) and she worked with the leading Polish legal firm on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Poland. In her academic work, she is focused on the problems of human rights, nationalism, citizenship and the law of foreign aid. In addition, she investigates the question of what is beyond justice, exploring the legal realms of forgiveness and reconciliation. Next fall, Magdalena is starting her LLM studies on the international law of human rights in Lund, Sweden.



### NATHALIE KORNET

Nathalie is currently finishing her undergraduate Liberal Arts and Science degree from University College Freiburg in which she specialized in Human Rights and feminist theory. During her

studies in Freiburg and Montreal, Nathalie explored global interconnections and inequalities from an interdisciplinary and critical perspective. At the same time, she was active in various feminist initiatives, e.g. on menstrual justice, and in an initiative for interdisciplinary, critical education. During the past few months, Nathalie interned at and worked for the German Institute for Human Rights on topics such as disability rights and sex workers' rights. She is also very passionate about permaculture, alternative ways of living (together), capoeira and music.



### JOHN LYONS

John Lyons is a rising senior at the University of Iowa (UI) studying English and creative writing with minors in theatre arts and gender, women's, and sexuality studies. Originally from New Berlin, Wisconsin,

John is interested in the question, "Can creative writing be taught?" and the vast implications of that question's answer on issues ranging from literary theory to social justice. John is the president of the UI English Society, an editor for Earthwords magazine as well as a graduate of the 2019 International Writing Program's summer writing institute, where John was selected to study alongside a group of 29 fellow writers from across India, Pakistan and the United States. Alongside writing, John is also passionate about performing and issues related to sexual violence. After graduation, John intends to continue studying ways to make writing instruction more effective and beneficial, whether that be through pursuing an MFA, MAT or PhD.

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### WIKTOR MAGDZIARZ



Wiktor Magdziarz is a third year MISH College student at Jagiellonian University and will graduate with a BA in sociology this summer. His dissertation deals with the social networks of Ukrainian immigrants

working in Cracow. He is particularly interested in migration studies and intercultural relations. In order to develop his academic skills in this field, Wiktor works with the Multiculturalism & Migration Observatory in Cracow and conducts his own research. He believes that academic work, which he thinks of as a global 'hive mind', should work towards building better and more solidary societies while improving social policies and reducing inequalities. Wiktor has recently obtained offers from both the London School of Economics and University College London and plans to start his MA researching social policies next fall.

### JOANNA MATERA



Joanna Matera lives in Warsaw where she is lucky to study her biggest passion, psychology, at the University of Warsaw. Throughout her studies, she has taken part in various research

projects centred around social cognition and intergroup relations. After an inspiring year as an intern at the Center for Research on Prejudice, she volunteered abroad to put theory into practice. Last year, Joanna volunteered with the Roma Support Group in London, a charity organization which aims to provide the most vulnerable members of the Roma community with support as well as to tackle prejudice towards this group. Before returning to university, Joanna participated in a summer school in Israel to learn about the psychological mechanisms of conflict formation and resolution. In the future, she plans to fight discrimination by combining her academic work with work in the third sector.

### NITZAN MENAGEM



Nitzan Menagem is an international trainer and pedagogical coordinator for social activism, specializing in political participation, conflict resolution and the prevention and impact of Gender Based Violence

in intercultural settings. Based in Berlin, Nitzan is a humanist and a feminist, taking part in different emancipatory groups, working to transform society and end oppressions. Nitzan studied Political Science and Central and Eastern European Cultures in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, serving as representative in the student union, while coordinating the Jewish-Arab coalition and the Alternative Student Day. Since 2008 Nitzan has been involved in the peace project Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem, where she worked as project coordinator in the political team and later in communications and projects management in Berlin. Nitzan is studying MA in Socio-Cultural Studies. She is the chairperson of Hashomer Hatzair Germany, a progressive Jewish youth movement that was re-established in 2012 after being dissolved during the Second World War.

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### LAMISA MUSTAFA



The daughter of Muslim Bangladeshi immigrants, Lamisa Mustafa is a rising fourth year honors student at Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas, Texas, majoring in human rights, sociology and

public policy. In 2019, Lamisa served as the Human Rights Campaign's Welcoming Schools Intern in Washington, DC and co-presented an original college access research study at the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education. As the Community Outreach Intern for the SMU Human Rights Program, she works to build intersectional human rights networks. As an SMU Human Rights Fellow, Lamisa founded "We The Students", a first-of-its-kind community symposium about student activism. She serves as an undergraduate representative on multiple university-wide councils, including the Student Affairs Committee to the SMU Board of Trustees, advocating for policies and practices to holistically support all students. Throughout her career, Lamisa aspires to advance educational equity by integrating her passions in public policy, community-powered social change and education as a human right.

### NOA RICHARD



Noa Richard is a rising junior at Occidental College with double majors in comparative cultural studies and social justice theory. She is originally from Miami, Florida, but studies in Los Angeles.

She received the inaugural Obama Scholar award for her short documentary "The Syrian Refugees of Miami", a look at Miami's history of welcoming asylum seekers and its reactions to the Syrian refugee crisis. This short sparked her passion for filmmaking, in both narrative and documentary styles. Noa hopes to professionally work in the film industry with a focus on representation of transnational identities in American and European media. Noa interns in the community education department of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, informing L.A.'s immigrant community on obtaining citizenship, addressing labor rights violations and acquiring legal help for detentions and deportations. In addition, Noa is the photo editor of the Occidental Newspaper, managing all media for the student-run paper.

### YULIIA RUDENKO



Born and raised in Ukraine, Yuliia Rudenko is a sophomore at the Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National University with a double major in international law and English interpretation.

Concerned with the matter of human rights with the current state of armed conflict in Ukraine, Yuliia is undergoing an internship with the Ministry of Veterans of Ukraine. Furthermore, as a volunteer with the Center for Civil Liberties, she seeks to address inter alia the issue of political prisoners in the occupied regions of Crimea and Donbas. Yuliia has organized a number of online and street actions, facilitated international advocacy efforts for the release of prisoners and provided support for victims of the conflict. In addition, Yuliia has taken part in several Moot Court Competitions in international humanitarian and criminal law. After graduation, Yuliia plans to pursue a postgraduate degree in international humanitarian law.

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### NATHAN SHEARN



Nathan Shearn graduated from Syracuse University in 2019 with a BA in anthropology and a minor in Russian. With support from the Honors Program, Nathan's senior thesis explored

the social dynamics of queer and AIDS activism in New York City. Throughout his fieldwork, Nathan contributed to direct action organizing, social media campaigns and advocacy for LGBTQ asylum seekers from the post-Soviet bloc. He has also volunteered with OutRight Action International and led annual food drives to address food insecurity on his campus. Currently, Nathan volunteers at the International Institute in Buffalo, New York, where he teaches English to recently resettled refugees. Following his Humanity in Action Fellowship, Nathan plans to pursue a PhD in anthropology and study the rise of ethno-religious nationalisms in post-socialist Europe through the lens of current debates on migration, sovereignty and the limits of political inclusion. Nathan has also been selected as a 2020-21 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.

### SABRINA SLIPCHENKO



Sabrina Slipchenko was born and raised in Philadelphia. She spent a year studying religious studies in Jerusalem, before moving to Berlin to complete a degree in philosophy and politics at Bard College Berlin.

Her thesis explores the relationship between body and soul in Ibn Rushd's (re)reading of Aristotle's "De Anima". Currently she is a research fellow at the Kreuzberg Kollel in Berlin, a community-led Jewish studies initiative. Her main interests are Talmud, feminist theology and rationalist religious thought. In her free time, Sabrina plays bass guitar. Sometime in the future, she will travel the world as a Watson Fellow, pursuing a project on queer Orthodox Jews. Before she goes, Sabrina hopes to spend a few years studying and practicing dance.

### NATALIA STYRNOL



Raised in the cultural melting pot region of Poland, Silesia, Natalia Styrnol has developed a sensitivity to the complexity of the social world since she was young. Her fascination with social phenomena

brought her to study sociology at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, from where she is graduating this year. During her studies, she spent two semesters at the University of Porto, Portugal. Natalia has been constantly involved in various volunteering projects and activist work concerning building an inclusive democratic society. Most recently, she is a co-founder of the grassroots initiative, klimatUJ, at the Jagiellonian University, which aims to further climate action within academia. Academically, Natalia is especially interested in gender (in)equalities, migration, the climate crisis and how all of these intersect. Diverse human experience is what Natalia is especially fascinated with, hence her love of hitchhiking and listening to the stories people are willing to share while spontaneously traveling together.

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### IGA SZLENDAK



Iga Szlendak is a rising senior at Barnard College, where she is pursuing a BA in political science and human rights. Throughout her work and leadership, Iga has exemplified commitment to advocating

for the expansion of access to justice and equity. She has previously interned at the Legal Aid Society in New York City as a Liman Public Interest Law Fellow, where she supported attorneys in providing aid to indigent defendant-appellants challenging their convictions on direct appeal. Iga also volunteers with prison reform groups and co-presides over the Barnard Criminal Justice Initiative, a student-run organization aimed at educating and mobilizing students as activists in the field of criminal justice reform, including providing direct services to local organizations challenging mass incarceration. She has also conducted research on bordering practices and migration control, examining the influence of economic inequality on immigration detention policy. After graduating, Iga plans to pursue a law degree.

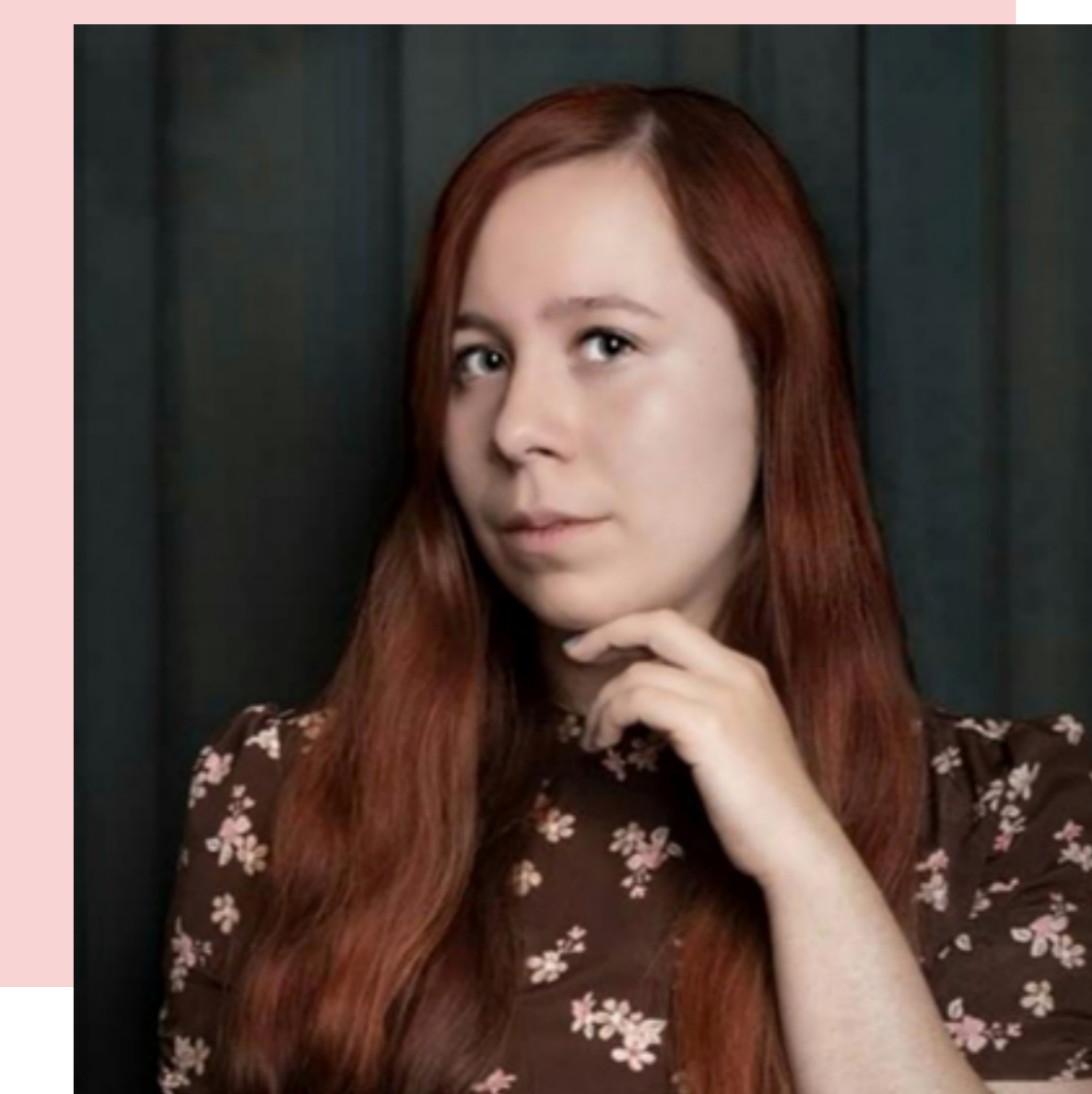
### WERONIKA SZWAJDA



Weronika Sz wajda is a recent graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics with a BA in Arab studies. Currently, she is continuing her education at the Institute of Public Space Research. Weronika has

gained international experiences as an Erasmus Scholar in Paris, volunteer with local NGOs in Beijing and as one of Poland's Youth Delegates to the United Nations General Assembly. Over the last two years, she has co-created and co-organized Young Women Leaders, a support network that also coordinates events for young female professionals in Warsaw. As the creative strategist for the organization, Weronika's interests focus on communication tools in activism and public debate.

### MALWINA TKACZ



Born in Częstochowa, Poland, Malwina Tkacz is a student at the University of Warsaw with a double major in law and philosophy. She is also a graduate of the Warsaw British Law Centre. In 2019, Malwina spent a

semester studying at the University of Lincoln and was awarded a fellowship at the Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Malwina is interested in social thought, Christian existentialism, human rights and the feminist movement. She is a poet, singer-songwriter and aspires for a career in academia and to publish her first book.

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### LISA-ALEM WAKAYO



From the heart of Bavaria to the rest of the world, with an Ethiopian father and a German mother, Lisa-Alem has always been drawn to exploring new cultures. After receiving a scholarship to spend an exchange

year in the United States as well as a six month internship with the Goethe Institute in Togo, she is currently in her first year of her undergraduate studies at Sciences Po Paris and plans to major in economics and international relations. Her internship in Lomé allowed her to co-organize cultural events and workshops in cooperation with local schools and institutes in Togo. In addition, Lisa-Alem co-led the Model United Nations association at her previous school, organizing conferences to simulate current global political issues. After graduating, Lisa-Alem plans to work in development economics in order to help transform economic practices to provide fair and sustainable conditions for developing countries. While in quarantine, she is also attempting to learn Spanish.

### AUSTIN WU



Austin Wu is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a major in public health and minors in political science and history. As City Liaison for the University of Iowa Student Government, he served as an ex officio

representative to the Iowa City Council and Downtown District, in addition to producing an off-campus rental housing guide that quantitatively tracked the conduct of area landlords in items such as average rent, security deposit return rates, building maintenance and the provision of recycling. Austin also serves as an at-large commissioner on the Iowa City Historic Preservation Commission. After graduation, Austin plans on pursuing a MPH in policy. In his free time, Austin enjoys bicycling and breakfast food.

## 12. HUMANITY IN ACTION POLAND STAFF



### MONIKA MAZUR-RAFAŁ

President of the Managing Board and National Director of Humanity in Action Poland; Board Member Humanity in Action, Inc.

Winston Churchill once said that attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Having witnessed systemic changes in Poland, Monika became fascinated by politics and studied international relations with a focus on German studies and European integration. As her interests were broad, she graduated with two master's diplomas from the Warsaw University and Warsaw School of Economics/ Sciences Politiques Paris. Later on, Monika took part in international exchange programs, first at Free University Berlin and then at Humboldt University Berlin, combined with working at one of the parliamentary offices in the German Bundestag. Subsequently she wanted to find ways of putting the gained knowledge into practice, she started working at a think-tank – the Center for International Relations, and after that she worked at the International Organization for Migration, where she was a project coordinator and a researcher on migration policy issues. Since 2005, Monika was involved in developing Humanity in Action Fellowship in Poland and subsequently established Humanity in Action Poland. Since then, she has been responsible for leading its educational programs and serves as its President and Director. Over the years, while leading Humanity in Action Poland, she developed a special interest in the field of linking history and human rights education, and thanks to practice and dialogue with other experts from Poland and Europe, she built substantial expertise in designing teaching methods and practical curricula. In her very limited spare time, she enjoys reading, diving and snowboarding. Monika is a passionate dancer.



### MAGDA SZAROTA

Member of the Management Board & Director of Communications

Magda Szarota enjoys instigating social change with a variety of means and approaches. She is a disabled woman with invisible impairments, who for the last 15 years has been trying to bridge the worlds of the so-called disabled and non-disabled people. Her day-to-day work takes place at the intersection of grass-root activism, disability studies and human rights advocacy. She has lived and worked in Asia, Europe and the US, and is considered one of the pioneers of the disabled women's movement in post-socialist Poland. Magda co-authored the first shadow report to the UN CRPD on the situation of the Polish girls and women with disabilities and successfully advocated on their behalf during the 20th session of the CRPD Committee in Geneva in 2018. She is also an experienced human rights NGO executive, a certified trainer of the Polish Humanitarian Action, a graduate of the Ashoka Foundation Social Innovators Academy, and a member of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and Campaign Bootcamp networks. Magda co-created and has been co-running Humanity in Action Poland (HIA Poland), an award-winning rights education organization of the international Humanity in Action network. She is a Member of the HIA Poland's Management Board and is the Director of Communication and Public Relations. On top of that she initiates and co-creates educational and activist projects in the framework of the foundation's activities, including supporting activists within the Humanity in Action network. She is also a co-founder of the first Polish NGO run by and for women with disabilities and co-creates Article 6 a feminist disability rights collective. Magda is also a Steering Committee member of the Feminist Alliance for Rights run by the Center for Women's Global Leadership/Rutgers University. She cooperates with Women Enabled International (US) and Sisters of Frida (UK), and received numerous merit-based scholarships, including from Yale University and the Kosciuszko Foundation. Magda is a dual doctoral candidate at the Polish Academy of Sciences and Lancaster University, UK. She has extensively written about human rights and issues covered by feminist disability studies. She won an award for young activists from Servas International and in 2019, she was awarded the prestigious Ambassador of the UN CRPD title which was handed in by the Polish Ombudsman.

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### GOSIA KOT

Projects Coordinator

She loves people - conversations, joint activism, energy flow. Always on the move, as there's always a group willing to take up new initiatives; someone who needs support; there's a street event, manifestation or march happening. She's been an activist ever since she can remember. She's mostly focused on activism for youth rights, sexual and reproductive rights and queer community.

She's currently a PhD candidate of sociology at the Graduate School for Social Research of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences. She's an alumni scholar of Kosciuszowski Foundation, Uppsala University and University of Bergen. She calls herself an activist-academic as in her academic work she aims to connect the world of theory and research with practical actions for social change. She holds a long-term expertise in non-profit work. She coordinated activist groups, on both national (Ponton Group of Sex Educators) and regional level (ASTRA Youth, the network of activists for youth sexual and reproductive rights from Central and Eastern Europe). She's experienced in project coordination, too; regarding youth access to gynecological services, youth sexual violence and victimization, campaigns such as Summer Helpline and street events. She's a 2017 Warsaw Fellowship alumni and since then she's been actively cooperating with Humanity in Action Poland. In cooperation with HiA Poland she gained a US Embassy grant for realization of her Action Project, which was a creation of an interactive anti-discrimination book 'From A to Z about LGBTQIAP'. She co-authored a book with Sylwia Vargas and a group of queer young people from all over Poland. In 2018 and 2019 she served as a mentor for Fellows who were working on projects focused on LGBT rights and mental health. She's been a long-term volunteer of Campaign Against Homophobia and in 2018-19 she served as a Co-Chair of the Board. Currently she's involved in informal queer groups Queer Tour and Stop Nonsense.



### MAGDA BODZAN

Projects Coordinator

She likes to work with other people for social change in topics such as discrimination, racism and social exclusion. Close to her heart are issues related to food sovereignty, tax justice, post-tourism and migration. When she doesn't work, she likes to bathe in the forest and walk with her dog. Since 2008 she has been engaged in the third sector. She worked for organizations such as

European Movement Ireland, Polish Humanitarian Action and Institute of Global Responsibility. She has experience in coordinating global education and advocacy projects targeted at schools, activist groups and the media. She is a graduate of the GLEN program. She also is an experienced trainer and a graduate of the "train the trainers" school conducted by NGO trainers' association - STOP. She conducted trainings, including international ones in the field of global education and webinars on global inequalities and the Code of Conduct on Images and Messages on global South countries. She is a graduate of European Studies and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Warsaw. She was on scholarships in Dublin and Granada. She took anthropological studies to look at her work in the third sector from a critical perspective. In 2017-2018 she conducted anthropological research among migrant and refugee groups in Warsaw and Raszyn. The subject of the research was the agency of people with experience of migration and refuge in Warsaw culinary initiatives and commodification of refuge experience. Currently, she is engaged in research on Russian and Polish refugees, taken in 1949-51 by the Philippine's government, where she conducted ethnographic research at the turn of 2019 and 2020.

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### JOANNA PASYMOWSKA

Projects Coordinator and  
Administrative Coordinator



Joanna graduated from the Faculty of Psychology at the SWPS University in Warsaw, in the field of the psychology of intercultural relations, specializing in acculturation and training of cultural competences. She is currently studying humanitarian action at the University of

Warsaw. She has been involved in third sector

activities for a long time. Over the years, Joanna has cooperated with non-governmental organizations to implement social and educational projects, support excluded peoples and those at risk of marginalization. She has implemented many projects, particularly those related to social integration and entrepreneurship, financed both publicly and privately. Joanna deals with comprehensive financial settlements of grants and the complex coordination of activities carried out from the moment of signing the co-financing contract to the final statement and evaluation. She is experienced in strategic planning and development issues. Over the last few years, Joanna has also gained valuable practical knowledge in financial management of organizations, working not only on project budgets, but also on general organization budgets and focusing on maintaining financial liquidity.

## 13. SPEAKERS: WARSAW PROGRAM



**MILENA  
ADAMCZEWSKA - STACHURA:**

She's a Polish human rights lawyer, activist and HIA senior fellow (2018 summer fellowship in Warsaw). Currently Milena is working for Polish Commissioner for Human Rights (the Ombudsman) in the Department of Equal Treatment, where she is responsible for all the cases and issues of discrimination based on SOGI. Her areas of expertise include prevention from gender-based violence and the issues of States' compliance with international law. She holds an LL.M. in international law and human rights from the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands) and as a traveler in her heart, she used to live for a while also in Australia, South Africa and Belgium.



**PROF. MICHAŁ BILEWICZ:**

He's an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Warsaw, Poland, where he chairs the Center for Research on Prejudice. Previously, he was a Fulbright scholar at the New School for Social Research in NY and DAAD post-doctoral fellow at University of Jena in Germany. His research interests include reconciliation processes, dehumanization, prejudice, and collective moral emotions. He co-ordinates the first Polish diagnostic survey on xenophobia – the nationally representative Polish Prejudice Survey (first round in 2009, second in 2013, third in 2017). Currently he performs a large research project on hate speech epidemics funded by the Polish National Science Centre.



**PROF. ADAM BODNAR,  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS:**

Adam Bodnar is Poland's seventh Ombudsman (Commissioner for Human Rights), elected for a five-year term in 2015. He holds a doctor's with habilitation and a master's degree in law from University of Warsaw and holds an LL.M. in comparative constitutional law from CEU. He started his professional track as an associate with Weil, Gotshal & Mangers. A few years after, he left the corporate career, joining the Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights, first as a co-founder and coordinator of Precedent Cases Programme and then as a head of legal department and vice-president of the Management Board. He is also an expert in the Agency of Fundamental Rights of European Union. In 2013-2014, he was a member of the board of directors of the United Nations Fund for Victims of Torture. In 2011, he was awarded with the Tolerance Prize by the Polish LGBT organizations. With approval of a few dozen different NGOs in 2015 the Parliament appointed him at the post of Ombudsman. As the Ombudsman, he has been carrying out his long-term programme of regional meetings with citizens all across Poland. For the defense of judicial independence and vulnerable minorities he and his office received the Rafto Prize (2018) and Rule of Law Award by the World Justice Project (2019).



**DR. TOMASZ CEBULSKI:**

Born in Kraków, graduated with his first MA in International Relations from Jagiellonian University, Kraków, with a thesis on "Polish-Israeli Relations after 1989." His second MA was at the Jagiellonian University in the Department of Middle and Far East Studies with a thesis on "The Role of the Holocaust Memory in Shaping Israeli Identity." In October 2014, he received his Ph.D. from the Department of Political Relations at Jagiellonian University, with a dissertation on "Political and International Aspects of the Functioning of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in the years 1980-2010." In 2000 he founded a research and historical interpretation center POLIN TRAVEL ([www.jewish-guide.pl](http://www.jewish-guide.pl)). It focuses and morphs history genealogy and guiding into a holistic visit experience in Central Europe. Tomasz holds multiple state guiding certificates at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Kraków, and Galicia including the Second World War Museum at Schindler's Factory in Kraków, Polin Museum in Warsaw. He is an experienced genealogist and licensed tour leader in Poland and Central Europe. Dr. Cebulski is an author of multiple articles on the history of Polish Jews, genealogy, and politics of memory. Dr. Cebulski is the author of a book, "Auschwitz after Auschwitz. History, memory, politics." The book debates the dynamic of construction of the Holocaust memory, provides an insight into the Auschwitz Museum through analyzing the politics of commemoration and conflict resolution on the side in the last 3 decades.

## 13. SPEAKERS: WARSAW PROGRAM

**DR. ANDREA DESPOT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ):** Dr. Andrea Despot was previously the Director and Executive Board Member of the European Academy Berlin. She studied political science and Eastern European history at Ludwig Maximilian University Munich and at Harvard University, and obtained her doctorate at the FU Berlin.



**KONSTANTY GEBERT:**

Born 1953 in Warsaw. Psychology graduate, Warsaw University, 1976. Currently international reporter and columnist with leading Polish daily Gazeta Wyborcza. Democratic opposition activist in the Seventies, and underground journalist (as Dawid Warszawski) in the Eighties. Co-founder i.a. of the underground Jewish Flying University, and of the Polish Jewish intellectual monthly Midrasz. Board member i.a. of the Einstein Forum, Potsdam; Paideia, Stockholm; and Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, The Hague. Has taught i.a. at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, UC Berkeley and Grinnell College, USA. Author of eleven books in Polish, some translated into English, Italian and Bosnian, i.a. on Poland's round table negotiations of 1989, on the Yugoslav wars, on Israeli history, and commentaries on the Torah. His essays have been published in dozens of collections around the world, and his articles have appeared in media worldwide. Most recent publications: Poland: Living Apart, in: Anders Jerichow and Cecilie Felicia Stockholm Banke (Eds): Pre-Genocide. Warnings and Responsibility to Protect, 2018; Poland Since 1989 – Muddling Through,

Wall to Wall; in: Sabrina P. Ramet, Christine M. Hassenstab (Eds): Central and Southeast European Politics Since 1989, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2019. Most recent award: the American Jewish Press Association Rockower Award, 2018.



**GAGIK GRIGORYAN:** He's a cultural educator, migrant rights activist and a food coach. Lives in Warsaw where he contributes to the local community by providing a non-formal education about migrants' rights and cultural differences. From time to time he mentors different institutions coaching their staff about cultural sensitivity.



**DR. OLEKSANDRA IWANIUK:**

She earned a doctorate in political science from Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Poland, where her dissertation focused on the political practices of parliamentary elites in Ukraine. She also holds degrees in political science from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine and from the College of Europe in Poland. She currently teaches at Warsaw University and works as a political, policy, and literary journalist in Poland. Oleksandra's articles have been published in Polish weekly newsmagazine Polityka, as well as in numerous English publications, including New Eastern Europe and the Kennan Institute's Focus Ukraine, as well as in anthologies such as The Process

of Politicization: How Much Politics Does a Society Need? Oleksandra is also a writer, whose book Amor[t]e has been long-listed for the BBC Book of the Year and UNESCO's City of Literature awards. She is founder and a host of the Literary Club at the Ukrainian House in Warsaw, aimed at building up a dialogue between Poles and Ukrainians through literature. She also runs the Ukrainian Women Club in Warsaw, aimed at helping Ukrainian women to build their careers in Poland.



**JAN KIRSCHENBAUM:**

Jan Kirschenbaum was born in Wrocław, Poland. He received a BA in Russian and Jewish Studies from University of Wrocław and MA in Holocaust Studies from University of Haifa.

During his studies, he worked as a Jewish heritage tour guide at Taube Center for The Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland.

In 2014, Jan co-funded the Cukunft Jewish Association, a non-governmental organization aiming at integration and activation of unaffiliated Polish Jews and combating antisemitism, xenophobia and various forms of social exclusion.

In 2019, Jan Kirschenbaum moved to Tel Aviv where he develops his tourism start-up aiming at showing Israeli and American Jews the amazing face of Polish Jewish Revival and giving Poles a chance to experience real Israel behind news reports.

## 13. SPEAKERS: WARSAW PROGRAM



### **PROF. ELŻBIETA KOROLCZUK:**

She works at Södertörn University in Stockholm and American Studies Center, University of Warsaw. Her research interests include gender, social movements and civil society. She published numerous texts, e.g. on the women's movement and its relation with neoliberalism, on new forms of citizenship, politicization of reproduction and anti-gender mobilization in Poland and abroad. She co-edited two books on motherhood and fatherhood in Poland and Russia and published two volumes on social movements and civil society in Central Eastern Europe. Most recent books include a monograph *Mothers and daughters in contemporary Poland* published by Universitas (2019), and a volume co-authored with Beata Kowalska, Jennifer Ramme and Claudia Snochowska-Gonzalez *Women's Rebellion. Black Protests and Women's Strikes*, published by European Solidarity Centre in 2019 (both in Polish). Elżbieta Korolczuk is also commentator and women's and human rights activist. For over a decade she was engaged in an informal feminist group Women's 8 of March Alliance organizing yearly feminist manifestations on the 8th of March. Currently, she is engaged in the activities of the Association "For Our Children" fighting for the changes in the Polish child support system, serves as a board member of "Akcja Demokracja" Foundation and a member of the Warsaw Women's Council.



### **KATARZYNA KORYTOWSKA:**

She is a co-organizer and one of the originators of HER Docs Film Festival, the first documentary film festival in Poland (and one of few such festivals in general) which celebrates documentaries directed by women. Her practices revolve around interdisciplinary forms of activism and initiating collective situations in favour of an egalitarian world free from divisions. She's currently studying at postgraduate Gender Studies. Co-founder and program curator of the Synergia collective, which organizes a Warsaw cycle of interdisciplinary, socially aware musical events. Katarzyna is also actively involved in the community Radio Kapitał. Scholarship holder of the Humanity in Action foundation in Berlin. She gained experience in the field of cultural education and project management at the education department of the Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw and at the Department of Visual Culture Management at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw. Professionally, she composes perfumes and her job is about responding to other people's needs and assisting them in discovering their olfactory preferences.



### **ALEKSANDRA MOSIOŁEK:**

She is a sociologist, philosopher, feminist, and social activist. She works in the area of counteracting violence against women and domestic violence as well as human rights, women's rights and gender equality. Currently, Aleksandra works as the Director of the Women's Rights Center Foundation - the Gdańsk Branch. She is a specialist in project management, public relations, promotion and marketing. She was a member of the team creating the Model for Equal Treatment in Gdańsk, she collaborated on the implementation of the Gdańsk Center for Equal Treatment (2019). In 2018, she co-founded the Pomeranian Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Polish Women's Electoral Rights. Aleksandra is Senior Fellow of Humanity in Action (HIA). Since 2015, she has been associated with the Tri-City Women's Action (YES), in which she co-organized the Congress of Pomeranian Women and demonstrations on the occasion of International Women's Day. She is a trainer in the field of anti-discrimination and gender, trained by the Autonomia Foundation, Association of Women Console and Center for Gender Equality (Iceland). She conducted anti-discrimination workshops for 4 years at postgraduate gender studies at the Institute of Philosophy of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. She worked in the field of human rights and humanitarian and development education, when cooperating with the Polish Humanitarian Organization (PAH) for 4 years. She completed MA studies in philosophy and sociology at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. She believes that the right to a life free of violence and the right to safety are basic human rights, without which a person cannot fully enjoy her/his other rights.

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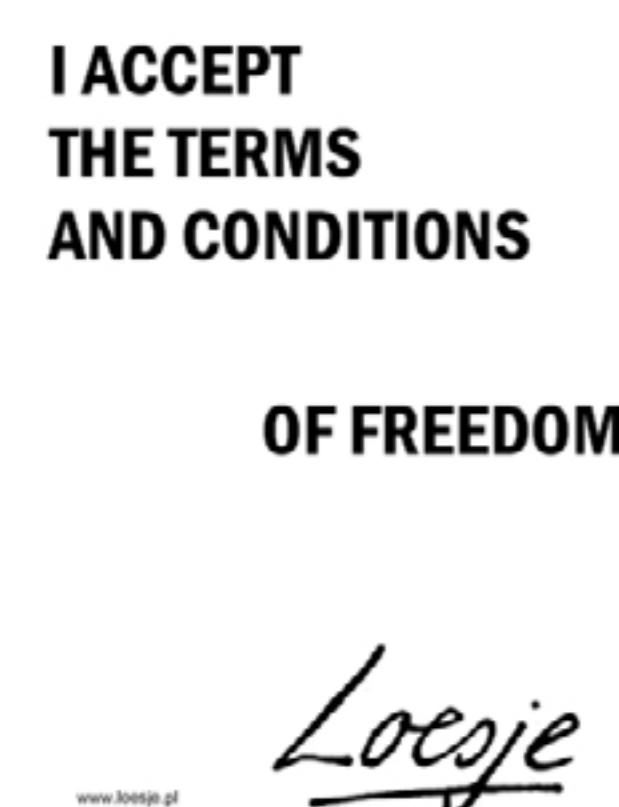
### WOJCIECH PĘDZICH:

Born in 1979, a former English instructor, currently working professionally in logistics. Since 2006, an avid Wikimedian, holding various functions on Wikimedia projects, as well as with the local Wikimedia affiliate organisation (Board member and Secretary of the Board). Author of translations of three books directly related to Wikipedia, Web sociology, and collaborative society, whose skills in translation were built thanks to the involvement in Wikipedia. Hoping to discover the rules of leadership in a hierarchical online communities.

### RALPH PLUIM

#### (LOESJE INTERNATIONAL):

Loesje is an international free-speech non governmental organisation, established in the Netherlands in 1983. It is a writers and educators collective and a poster activist group. Named after a fictional character – Loesje, an 18 years old girl, who wants to change the world. Loesje aims for a creative society based on own initiative and active citizenship, where the individual is appreciated for personal skills and talents rather than economical value. The objective is to exchange ideas and opinions. To stimulate people to create their own ideas. The medium Loesje mainly uses for that is posters with short but strong texts (one-liners) which shine a different light on a particular subject. Our main activity is to create such posters, together with our



members, but also with people from other organisations. The posters are usually spread on the internet, around the streets, community centres, schools etc. But we also publish books with these texts and some other products. Loesje is a politically and religiously independent organisation, but it supports European humanistic values, self-initiative, creativity, independence, freedom, tolerance and peace.



### JACEK PURSKI:

He's a journalist, political scientist, social activist and educator, Chairman of the Institute of Social Safety (Instytut Bezpieczeństwa Społecznego). In 2017 he became a member of the International Organization of Social Innovators ASHOKA.

He is a member of the Expert Pool of Radicalisation Awareness Network. As a consultant and expert, he cooperated with UEFA as part of the "RESPECT Diversity - Football Unites" Social Responsibility Program during EURO 2012 and FIFA at the World Cup in Germany 2006. He has collaborated, among other institutions, with the Polish Ministry of the Interior and Administration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the General Police Headquarters and many voivodeship headquarters throughout Poland, the Central Police Investigation Bureau, the Internal Security Agency, the Office of the Capital City Warsaw (including: Center for Social Communication, Warsaw Center for Educational and Social Innovation and Training), the City of Wrocław (Wrocław Center for Social Development), the City Hall in Dąbrowa Górnicza and many educational institutions, sports clubs and civil society organisations in Poland and Europe. At

the Institute of Social Safety he is responsible for developing and providing training to Police forces, teachers and school staff, local government officials as well as other companies and institutions. He has been involved in the training of local government officials in Dąbrowa Górnicza as part of Poland's first multi-agency local team responsible for the prevention and countering of radicalisation and violent extremism (as part of the CHAMPIONS project).



### MARCELINA ROSIŃSKA:

She holds a master's degree in law from the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. Her master's thesis is about the impact of the refugee crisis on the European Union. As an Erasmus+ scholar she had a chance to study at the

Catholic University of Valencia, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and University of Lisbon. Moreover, she gained her working experience in Spain while interning in the legal department of Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad, in Kazakhstan during Astana Expo 2017 and at Adamastor organization in Portugal (EVS). Thanks to that she speaks Spanish, English, Portuguese, Russian, and, of course, Polish. She set up a project called "A law worth knowing". (PWP), i.e. a series of informal meetings aimed at educating, raising citizens' legal awareness, as well as substantive discussion on current legal issues. The meetings gather several dozen to several hundred participants (even 450 people). Thanks to online broadcasts from all the meetings, in total PWP was viewed by about 200 000 people. Since December 2019 she has been running the Mental Health Buddies

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Network (Sieć Przyjaciół Zdrowia Psychicznego) - a peer-to-peer support programme for people with mental health issues, which is her Action Project. As part of this programme, she organises trainings for the so-called friends-carers, so that they can provide support to those who are struggling with e.g. depression, bulimia, or experiencing violence. She is a President of the Board of the Mental Health Buddies Network Foundation, which already has over 100 volunteers. She is a 2019 Warsaw Programme Senior Fellow.



**MONIKA SADKOWSKA:** Climate activist (ClientEarth Environmental Lawyers, Foundation “Development YES-Open-Pit Mines NO”), co-created the first Climate Camp, culture expert, actress, vocalist, producer of cultural events, such as at the Theatre Institute and POLIN Museum.

She believes that people naturally want to develop and improve themselves and that they wish their lives to be meaningful.



**PROF. JAN SOWA:** Born 1976, he is a materialist dialectical social theorist and researcher. He studied at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland and University Paris VIII in Saint-Denis, France. He holds a PhD in sociology and a habilitation in cultural studies. He is recognized

primarily for his research on modernity and mod-

ernization in (semi)peripheral zones of the capitalist world-system. His research and teaching assignments took him to several academic and non-academic institutions in Poland and abroad, recently, University of São Paulo, Warsaw University and Akademie der Künste der Welt in Cologne. Between 2015 and 2019 he was a member of the Committee on Cultural Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He has also been active outside of the academic field in media and art recently working as the Curator of Discursive Programs and Research of Biennale Warszawa (years 2018-2019). Jan Sowa edited and authored several books and published numerous articles in Poland and abroad (in France, United States, Mexico, Czech Republic, Canada and others). A collection of essays “A Joy Forever: Political Economy of Social Creativity”, that he co-edited, including articles by Luc Boltanski, Massimiliano Tomba, Isabelle Graw and Gigi Roggero appeared with MayFly Books (London) in 2015. He recently edited a collection of interviews with activists and scholars dealing with self-organization and self-rule (“Solidarity 2.0 or Democracy as a Form of Life”, 2019). Jan Sowa is currently employed as Associate Professor at the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw; he is also a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna.



**MAJA SZYDŁOWSKA:** She's a human rights lawyer by training, film festival manager and film curator. Currently working at the Transparency International headquarters in Berlin, she has several years of experience of working in Polish and international

NGOs (eg. Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Gender Equality Observatory and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court office in Brussels). Passionate about the power of visual storytelling for human rights advocacy, in 2019 she co-founded HER Docs Film Festival – the first Polish documentary film festival presenting the oeuvre of female film auteurs. Maja currently serves as a Chairwoman at the HER Docs Foundation.



**ANNA TATAR:** She's a representative of the anti-racist ‘NEVER AGAIN’ Association. Co-editor of the monitoring report on racism and bigotry in Poland, ‘The Brown Book’. She earned her PhD at the Faculty of Polish Studies at the University of Warsaw, with her thesis, ‘Polish-Jewish Relations in the

Texts Written by Hanna Krall’. As a member of the ‘NEVER AGAIN’ Association she participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program devoted to combating violent extremism that was organized in 2019 by the United States State Department and the US Embassy in Warsaw.

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**ALEKSANDRA WILCZURA:** She's a President of Cukunft Jewish Association and local Board Member of the Socio-Cultural Association of Jews in Poland (TSKZ Żary) actively counteracting racism, xenophobia and social exclusion in the Jewish community and Polish society; educator

and anti-discrimination trainer, historian and cultural expert in the Middle and Far East Studies. In 2018, the President of Poland Andrzej Duda Swarzędz Aleksandra Wilczura the Polish state award - the Cross of Merit in recognition of her volunteer work devoted to the revival of the Jewish life in Poland. Despite her social activism Aleksandra Wilczura in her professional life works in Logistics as a project manager specializing in Kaizen / LEAN methodology.



**MAŁGORZATA ŻUROWSKA:** She's a Senior Fellow from Humanity in Action Fellowship in 2018. Graduate of the American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, where she focused on examining gender and race with strong interests in intersectionality, neo-colonialism as well as popular

culture. Big believer in social entrepreneurship, currently working in Warsaw's startup ecosystem where she helps to build innovative business communities.



**DANIEL WOLNIEWICZ-SŁOMKA:**

He has over 10 years of experience working in communications and social media for NGO's, governmental organisations and private companies. He finished his PhD studies in Sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences, focusing on rites of collective memory

in Israel. Since 2017 he has been working as Digital Communications Officer at the British Embassy in Warsaw, where he is responsible for the Embassy's online presence. He is a 2014 HIA Senior Fellow.

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**AJAMU BARAKA:** He is a geopolitical analyst, organizer, writer, and human rights defender with over 48 years of movement work in the U.S. and internationally. Ajamu is on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Peace Council, the leadership body of the United National Anti-War coalition,

the steering committee of the Black is Back Coalition and National Organizer for the Black Alliance for Peace. He is an editor and contributing columnist for the Black Agenda Report and contributing columnist for Counterpunch. He was recently awarded the U.S. Peace Memorial 2019 Peace Prize and the Serena Shirm award for uncompromised integrity in journalism. In 2016 Baraka was the Green Party's Vice-Presidential candidate with Jill Stein in the 2016 U.S. presidential race. Baraka has taught political science at various universities and has been a guest lecturer at academic institutions in the U.S. and abroad. A frequent commentator on a number of domestic and international issues, Baraka has appeared on and been covered in a wide-range of print, broadcast, and digital media outlets such as CNN, BBC, the Tavis Smiley Show, Telemundo, ABC's World News Tonight, TeleSur, Black Commentator, Russia Today, the Washington Post and the New York Times.



**ALOK:** ALOK (they/them) is a gender non-conforming writer and performance artist. Their distinctive style and poetic challenge to the gender binary have been internationally renowned. As a mixed-media

artist Alok uses poetry, prose, comedy, performance, lecture, fashion design, and portraiture to explore themes of gender, race, trauma, belonging, and the human condition. They are the author of *Femme in Public* (2017) and *Beyond the Gender Binary* (2020). In 2019 they were honored as one of NBC's Pride 50 and Out Magazine's OUT 100. They have presented their work at 500 venues in more than 40 countries. They were an HIA Fellow (2011) in Amsterdam.



**ERIK EDMAN:**

He's a Greek-Swedish Athenian who left Greece in 2010. He received his BA in History and Politics from the University of Exeter in the UK, and MSc on Political Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He moved to Brussels during the difficult year of 2015 and worked for three years for various NGOs in Brussels, while remaining an activist for human rights and against climate catastrophe. In 2016, he became a member of the Democracy in Europe Movement 2025 (DiEM25); the pan-European movement for the democratisation of the EU. In 2017 he became a member of the movement's Coordinating Collective. He returned to Greece in August 2018 to resume the responsibilities of Campaign Manager for MeRA25, DiEM25's electoral wing (political party) in the country, led by Yanis Varoufakis. He traveled the length and breadth of the country in order to set-up the foundation of the party and prepare for the European and National elections of 2019.

**DELESSLIN "ROO" GEORGE-WARREN**

**(Catawba Nation):** He is a consultant for his tribe on a variety of topics including: educational sovereignty, the Catawba Healing to Wellness (drug) Court, food sovereignty and language revitalization. He's also an in-demand speaker and artist who creates performances and installations that re-affirm indigenous narratives in spaces where those narratives have been erased. Coinciding with the 2016, Roo received an Action Project Grant from Humanity in Action to lead unsettling tours of the Smithsonian's Presidential Portrait Gallery that recontextualized the legacy of US Presidents through their interactions with indigenous communities. Roo was a 2014 Fellow in Denmark.



**PROF. RACHAEL LORNA**

**JOHNSTON:** She's a professor of law at the University of Akureyri, and adjunct professor of law at Ilisimatusarfik (the University of Greenland). Professor Johnstone specialises in Polar law: the governance of the Arctic and the Antarctic under international

and domestic law. She has published widely on the rights of indigenous people; international human rights law; governance of extractive industries in the Arctic; international environmental law; due diligence; state responsibility; and Arctic strategies. Her books include *Regulation of Extractive Industries: Community Engagement in the Arctic* (Routledge, 2020) with Anne Merrild Hansen, *Arctic Governance in a Changing World* (Rowman and Littlefield 2019) with Mary Durfee, and *Offshore Oil and Gas Development in the Arctic under*

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International Law: Risk and Responsibility (Brill 2015). Professor Johnstone holds a doctorate in juridical science from the University of Toronto (2004), an M.A. in Polar Law from the University of Akureyri (2014), an LL.M. (magna cum laude) in Legal Theory from the European Academy of Legal Theory (2000) and an LL.B. (Hons) from the University of Glasgow (1999).



**MAGDALENA KRASOWSKA-IGRAS:** She's a fundraiser, projects & grants manager, designer of educational processes. Former expert in the EU programme "Culture & Creativity"; at present capacity building manager of "Active Citizens Fund - Regional" programme.

**PROF. DR. SYBILLE STEINBACHER:**

She has been a director of the Fritz Bauer Institute and has held the newly established Chair for Research on the History and Impact of the Holocaust since May 2017. From 2010 to 2017, she was a university professor of contemporary history and dictatorship, violence and genocide comparative studies at the University of Vienna. She studied history and political science in Munich and was a research fellow at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich and at the German Historical Institute in Warsaw. She was a research associate at Ruhr University Bochum, where she earned her doctorate, and at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, where she obtained her Habilitation in the department of history at both universities. As a Feodor Lynen research fellow sponsored by the

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, she carried out research at Harvard University in 2004/2005. In 2010, Steinbacher held the Fritz Bauer Institute visiting professorship for interdisciplinary Holocaust research. In 2012/2013, she was the Ina Levine invitational scholar at the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.