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# BERLIN FELLOWSHIP

**PROGRAM  
BOOKLET**

2021

# Meet Our Partners

The 2021 Humanity in Action Berlin Fellowship takes place in partnership with Goethe Universität Frankfurt/Main. We thank Prof. Dr. Nicole Deitelhoff, Prof. Dr. Rainer Forst and their team at the Research Center Normative Orders for their collaboration in realizing this program.



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its Research Center Normative  
Orders

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# About Humanity in Action

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires, and connects emerging and established leaders committed to promoting human rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. Since its founding more than two decades ago, Humanity in Action has engaged over 2,500 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. They now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of minority rights.

Humanity in Action Germany is part of the transatlantic Humanity in Action network with non-profit, non-partisan partner organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States.

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Humanity in Action Germany is proud to partner with:

- Goethe University Frankfurt/Main
- Alfred Landecker Foundation
- Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich's Project Team "For Democracy"

Humanity in Action Germany is a member of:

- Berlin branch of the association *Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband*
- European Network – Countering Antisemitism through Education
- Network Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe

Together, we think about the big questions in life and society – like social responsibility, values, universal rights and empathy, including for those whom we disagree with.

# Happy Birthday, Berlin Fellowship!

Dear 2021 Fellows:

You are joining our community during a very special year. The Berlin Fellowship turns twenty and we are happy to celebrate this occasion with you. You are just starting your journey with us and we wish all of us a Happy Birthday!

Dr. Judith Goldstein, a visionary historian from New York, founded Humanity in Action in 1997 with the aim to empower future generations to be active citizens, and to protect freedom, democracy, human rights and minorities. Over the last 25 years, students from the US and Europe have come together each year to learn about the few bright spots of resistance, civil disobedience and moral integrity in countries such as Denmark and the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation.

Including the country of Nazi perpetrators into the slowly expanding international Humanity in Action family in 2002 was a humbling gesture. While Germany has come a long way since 1945, democratic institutions here and elsewhere continue to be threatened. The work of Humanity in Action is far from being done. People everywhere need to reflect on the role and future of social justice, democratic institutions, and the need to protect human and minority rights. And fighting for democratic values, human rights, and the rule of law is as important as ever before.

As such, we are proud of Humanity in Action Germany's mix of historical and contemporary educational programs. They promote a spirit of personal engagement and open discussion, in which everyone is able to express and share their experiences, thoughts, and visions for a brighter future.

All Humanity in Action Fellows have the chance to expand their horizons and grow personally during our memorable programs and conferences. Many of our alumni – and hopefully you will, too – become public voices in their respective fields as activists, intellectuals, business leaders, media representatives, in academia or as civil society leaders. Regardless of their roles and positions, Humanity in Action's purpose is to create a community of societal leaders and make a lasting impact on individuals who are committed to personal development and improving the societies they live in.



Today, the Humanity in Action Senior Fellow community represents a remarkable diversity – all united in their desire to learn, co-create, grow and support each other across the globe. Our staff works tirelessly to prepare the programs and facilitate safer spaces in which our Fellows can meet to discuss and challenge each other. They engage each other and our guest speakers with creativity, passion, and knowledge.

We, the German Humanity in Action Board, are honored to be part of Humanity in Action's mission. Most of us have been where you are now and have actively shaped the organization as Senior Fellows. We are grateful to our donors, partners, staff, and Senior Fellows for making this network such a unique community of friends.



Dear Fellows: The Fellowship is only as good as what you make of it. We wish you a meaningful and inspiring journey throughout the month of June, filled with new knowledge and perspectives, empathy and mindfulness, laughter and humor, and last but not least new friends.

Yours,

*Henry Alt-Haaker, Chair (Berlin Fellowship 2005)*

*Anne Aulinger (Berlin Fellowship 2014)*

*Siddik Bakir (Berlin Fellowship 2005)*

*Lukas Goltermann, Treasurer (Diplomacy & Diversity Fellowship 2015)*

*Barbara Orth (Berlin Fellowship 2016)*

*Linnea Riensberg (Berlin Fellowship 2011)*

*Dr. Henriette Rytz, Vice-Chair (Berlin Fellowship 2005)*

*Dr. Klaus Scharioth (Ambassador rtd.)*

*Judith Scheer (Berlin Fellowship 2015)*

*Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, Honorary Chair*

*Dr. Carolin Wiedemann (Berlin Fellowship 2010)*

*(Board of Humanity in Action Germany)*





# Meet Our Founder



## **JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN**

Founder and Executive Director

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein received a Bachelors degree from Cornell University in 1962 with a concentration on European and American history. As a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at Columbia University, she then studied for a Masters degree in European history and wrote her thesis on the "Mouvement Republicain Populaire and the Franco Vietnamese War, 1946-1954." In 1972, Judith completed her doctoral studies at Columbia University after writing her dissertation on "The Politics of Ethnic Pressure: The American Jewish Committee Fight Against Immigration Restriction: 1906-1917." This work was the beginning of a sustained concentration on immigration and diversity in America and Europe. She then continued to work at Columbia University over 10 years by focusing on an oral history project on Ethnic Groups and American Foreign Policy.

In the late 1980s, she began to write a book on the integration of Jewish immigrants in Maine which William Morrow published in 1992. Subsequently, she worked as the Executive Director of Thanks To Scandinavia, started by the Danish pianist Victor Borge to acknowledge Scandinavians who resisted Nazism and protected Jews during the Second World War. In 1997, Judith founded Humanity in Action and began to serve as its Executive Director. She also has an abiding interest in conservation and landscape design and history, especially as it relates to Maine and Mt. Desert Island.



# Code of Conduct

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## HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is committed to providing a respectful environment to all those involved in its programs. Fellows, Senior Fellows, Staff, Program Interns and Board Members in all participating countries (collectively, "Network Members") are ambassadors of Humanity in Action and should demonstrate appropriate conduct in the programs and in public during the duration of Humanity in Action programs. This Code of Conduct describes Humanity in Action's expectations for the behavior of its Network Members throughout their participation in the Fellowship programs and all other network activities. The envisioned purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote a constructive learning environment for all Network Members, particularly our Fellows. Guest speakers, volunteers, freelancers and trainers will also be informed about our network's Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is not intended to be comprehensive or to address all possible applications of, or exceptions to, Humanity in Action's expectations, nor is it intended to in any way limit a Network Member's rights to communicate with a government agency, as provided for, protected under or warranted by applicable law. In addition, we

understand that different terms mean different things in different contexts, languages and countries. If you have any questions, please ask for clarification.

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## RESPECT FOR THE COMMUNITY

All Network Members approach each other with respect. The themes presented during Humanity in Action programs are challenging, often contested, highly complex and potentially sensitive. Network Members are expected to approach and engage in discussions with respect, maturity, honesty, and an openness to explore their own perspectives and those of others in ways that are constructive for each individual and the group.

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## RESPECT FOR GUEST SPEAKERS & TRAINERS

Network Members approach guest speakers and trainers with respect and with a desire to learn – even from guest speakers with whom they strongly disagree. Humanity in Action does not assume that Network Members will agree with all the viewpoints presented by all guest speakers. Humanity in Action encourages Network

Members to communicate their disagreements in a respectful and constructive manner.

Network Members may attend sessions during the programs that are sensitive in subject matter, confidential, or off-the-record. They agree to follow the requests of guest speakers and the Staff regarding confidentiality, attribution, recording/ photography and social media.

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## **RESPECT FOR HOSTS & ACCOMMODATIONS**

Network Members comport themselves in places of accommodation – whether hotels, hostels, homestays or other locations – with respect and comply with any associated rules or standards of conduct. Non-Network Members cannot stay overnight in any Humanity in Action-sponsored accommodations without pre-approval from Staff and, where applicable, homestay hosts. If placed in homestays, Network Members should be sensitive to their hosts' expectations and show an openness and eagerness to get to know the hosts and their family.

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## **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE & TIMELINESS**

Network Members are expected to be active participants and to attend each scheduled session at the designated times. Should a Network Member need to arrive late, the Network Member should contact Staff in advance. Staff may excuse absences on a case-by-case basis.

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## **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

Humanity in Action believes in the value of diversity and is committed to actively creating an environment where each Network Member feels empowered to learn, grow, and maximize their personal contribution. Celebrating the similarities and differences that shape each of us is important and will help spread our mission.

We promote an inclusive atmosphere and ensure that our Network Members are always treated with dignity and respect.

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## **NO DISCRIMINATION AND/OR HARASSMENT & MAINTAINING CULTURAL SENSITIVITY**

Humanity in Action is committed to providing an environment where people are free from any form of harassment, discrimination, abuse, and retaliation. Network Members are prohibited from harassing or discriminating against another Network Member on the basis of racial identifiers or race, color, sex, religion, ethnicity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy, marital/familial status, military or veteran status, genetic information, cultural, social, political, economic differences and/or any other characteristic protected by applicable national, state or local. Network Members must maintain a program environment that promotes mutual respect and dignity and that recognizes the various cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds of our Network Members. Our program environment must remain free of all forms of discrimination, harassment and retaliation.

As such, Network Members are expected to be cognizant of, and sensitive to, differences in both historical and contemporary contexts. Network Members are also expected to recognize that some of the beliefs and behaviors could

pertain to these different contexts. Although misunderstandings may occur Network Members should always show respect and a willingness to understand and work through these differences both respectfully and constructively.

In addition, as noted above, sexual harassment will not be tolerated by Humanity in Action. For purposes of the Code of Conduct, sexual harassment includes harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and the status of being transgender. Regardless of whether it is unlawful in certain countries, sexual harassment is strictly prohibited by Humanity in Action, and this prohibition includes any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, physical or visual conduct of a sexual nature when any of the following occur:

Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or status in a program or activity; Submission to, or rejection of, such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for program decisions affecting that individual; or

Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's participation in the network or of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive program environment even if the complaining individual is not the intended target of the sexual harassment.

A sexually harassing environment includes, but is not limited to, words, signs, jokes, pranks, intimidation or physical violence which are of a sexual nature or which are directed at an individual because of that individual's sex. Sexual harassment may also consist of unwanted verbal or physical advances, sexually explicit derogatory statements or sexually discriminatory remarks. Sexual harassment can occur between any individuals, regardless of their sex or gender. A harasser can be any Network Member, guest speaker, trainers, volunteers, freelancers and/ or other visitor.

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## PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

In order to promote the efficient operation of Humanity in Action and its mission, and to avoid misunderstandings, complaints of favoritism, abuse of power and other problems of supervision, security or morale, Humanity in Action prohibits Network Members

from developing a romantic or sexual relationship where there is an actual supervisor/subordinate relationship. To that end, consensual personal relationships between Fellows, volunteers or freelancers and staff, Program Interns or Board Members are prohibited during program participation. Other Network Members who engage in such relationships must use their judgment and avoid the perception or fact of abuse of power, undue advantage, favoritism, or exploitation. Should a consensual personal relationship no longer be consensual, the principles around sexual harassment may apply.

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## NATIONAL AND LOCAL LAW

All Network Members must follow the laws governing the countries, states, municipalities, and cities where Humanity in Action activities take place and are susceptible to associated penalties for violations of those laws.

If any matter is referred to the national authorities, it will be addressed in accordance with applicable law.

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## ADJUDICATION

If a potential violation of the Code of Conduct occurs, Humanity in Action asks Network Members to promptly inform a Program Director, Program Manager and/or Ombudsperson so Humanity in Action can promptly and thoroughly review and respond appropriately. Network Members who fail to comply with Humanity in Action's Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties. When possible and appropriate,

Humanity in Action will provide a warning of a breach of the Code of Conduct to Network Members and give them the opportunity to amend their behavior. Humanity in Action will address issues on a case-by-case basis. Serious breaches of the Code of Conduct could lead Humanity in Action to dismiss immediately a Network Member from a program and/or the Network at the individual's own expense.





# Ombudsperson

**DR. CAROLIN WIEDEMANN**



As in society at large, also in Humanity in Action's educational programs, and in other ventures of the Humanity in Action community, situations that are in violation of the organization's code of conduct can arise. Humanity in Action Germany has established a designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including the Fellows of this program, who experience abusive, racist, sexist, homophobic, or other forms of discriminatory behavior that emanate from other members of the network. While Humanity in Action staff is at the Fellows' full disposal to support victims of any incidents of such kind, a designated board member is additionally available via phone or e-mail as it might in some situations be more comfortable to confide in someone who has a greater distance from Humanity in Action programming or any parties involved in such incidents.

Dr. Carolin Wiedemann is our Ombudsperson, our designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including Fellows of this program, who experience abusive, racist, sexist, homophobic, or other forms of discriminatory behavior that emanate from other members of the network.

She will listen closely to anyone affected and will advise on a confidential basis. Where necessary, and only after consulting with the affected person, the ombudsperson may choose to involve another person from the Board of Directors and/or involve a professional to work on the case.

**>> Contact: [mail@carolinwiedemann.com](mailto:mail@carolinwiedemann.com)**





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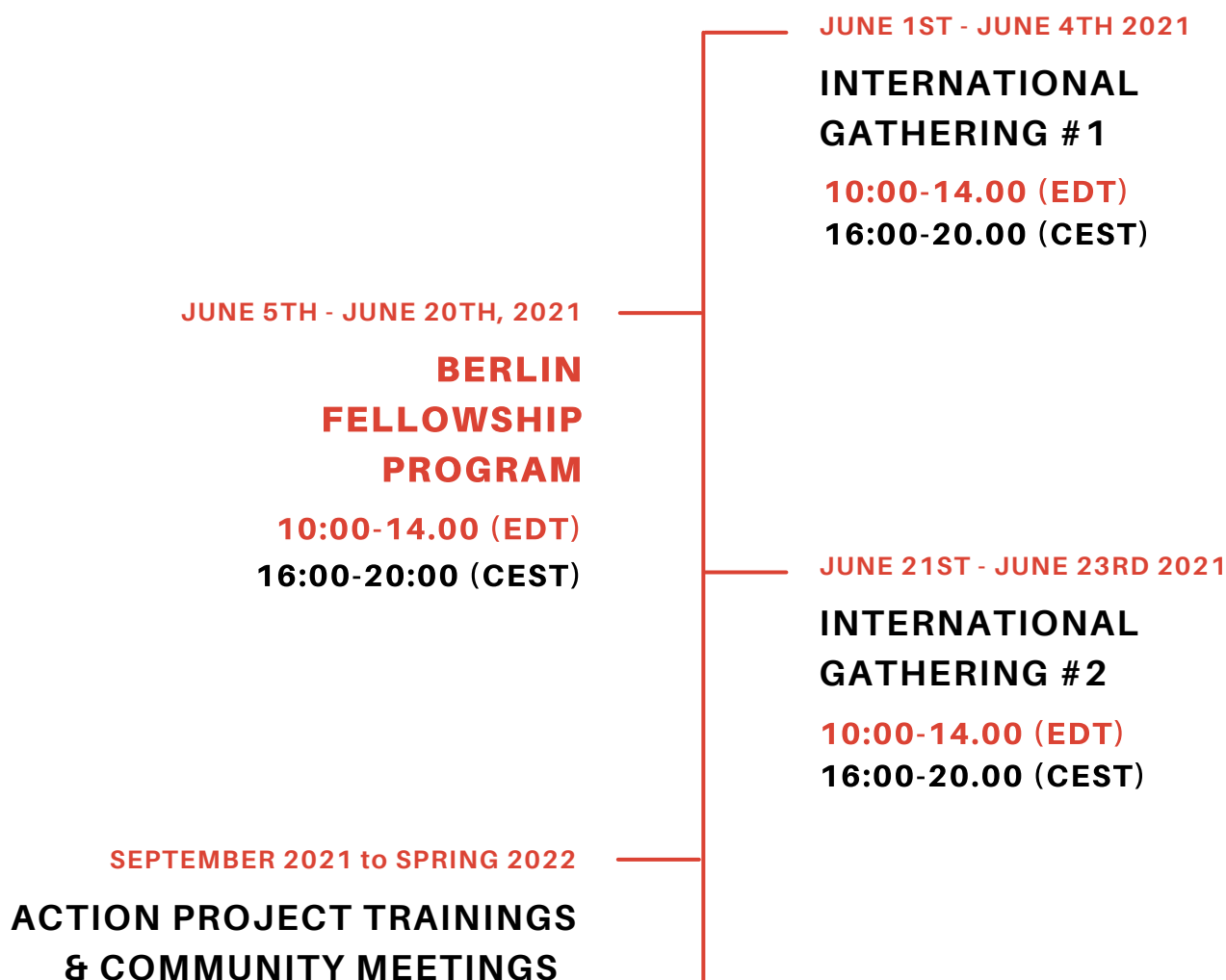
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# Program Overview

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Humanity in Action Fellowships take place virtually from June 1 to 23, 2021. Due to the virtual nature of the program, we will start and end the Fellowship with the entire cohort of 109 Fellows joining all Humanity in Action Fellowship programs in Europe and the United States.

This year's Berlin Fellowship brings together twentythree carefully selected university students and recent graduates from Europe and the United States to explore historic and contemporary human rights issues in Germany. The Fellows meet with activists, artists, experts, and policymakers to explore a variety of human rights issues, including how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values.

Below is an overview of the important dates for the 2021 Virtual Fellowship.



## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 1st

Tuesday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #1

### >> CAUSING GOOD TROUBLE

Today we will kick off our 2021 Fellowship adventure as well as reflect on the past year and a half. These months have been heavily impacted by the Corona pandemic in all our countries and have exacerbated and amplified existing injustices.

We will learn from Senior Fellows how they continued their civic activism and focus on the Black Lives Matter movement, the fight for reproductive rights in Poland as well as countering Anti-Asian hate.

### >> AGENDA

**10:00-11:30 (EDT)**  
**16:00-17:30 (CEST)**

#### National Program

*Establish community guidelines and vision  
Welcome on behalf of Humanity in Action Germany by  
Henry Alt-Haaker (Chair of the Board, Humanity in Action  
Germany)*

**11:30-11:45**  
**17:30-17:45**

#### Screen Break

**11:45-12:00**  
**17:45-18:00**

#### Welcome - A Video Message from the Senior Fellow Community

*Welcome to the 2021 Fellowship Programs by Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder & Executive Director, Humanity in Action)*

**12:05-13:20**  
**18:05-19:20**

#### Civic Engagement and Activism in Times of Covid

*Panel Discussion with Senior Fellows and Q&A Panelists:*

- #BLM, Sara Osman (2017 John Lewis Fellowship)
- Protests in Poland on Reproductive Rights, Zuzanna Krzȳtała (2019 Warsaw Fellowship)
- Anti-Asian Hatred, Hoang Tran Hieu Hanh & June Thalín Worm Gibba (both 2019 John Lewis Fellowship)

*Moderated by Kali-Ahset Amen (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship Program)*

**13:20-13:30**  
**19:20-19:30**

#### Change of Meeting Rooms

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

#### Wrap-Up in National Programs

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 2nd

Wednesday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #1



## INTERSECTIONALITY, SOLIDARITY & ALLYSHIP

"There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives."

Audre Lorde

Intersectionality and allyship are highly interconnected. We wish for all of us to learn from each other about those connections. Sharing good activist practices, identifying and learning from our own blindspots will guide the conversations in breakout rooms.



## AGENDA

**10:00-11:00 (EDT)**  
**16:00-17:00 (CEST)**

National Program  
*Getting to Know Each Other: **Bring an Object***

**11:00-11:15**  
**17:00-17:15**

### **Screen Break**

**11:15-11:45**  
**17:15-17:45**

Where is the Action in Humanity in Action?  
*Monika Mazur-Rafał (National Director, Humanity in Action Poland)*

**11:50-12:50**  
**17:50-18:50**

Talking About Intersectionality  
*Prof. Nivedita Prasad (Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin)*

**12:50-13:00**  
**18:50-19:00**

### **Screen Break**

**13:00-13:30**  
**19:00-19:30**

Solidarity and Allyship – Your Thoughts and Experiences  
*Breakout Room Session  
Facilitated by Lisa Ama Schrade (Program Director, Humanity in Action Germany)*

**13:30-13:45**  
**19:30-19:45**

Debriefing

**13:45-14:00**  
**19:45-20:00**

Wrap-Up

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 3rd

Thursday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #1



### COLONIALISM & IMPERIALISM

Colonialism and imperialism still impact our global societies today. We will gain insights into the Danish and Dutch involvement from a historical perspective, as well as learn about how the past continues to shape contemporary realities.



### AGENDA

**10:00-10:50 (EDT)**  
**16:00-16:50 (CEST)**

Introduction & Intention Setting  
*Kali-Ahset Amen (Program Director, John Lewis Fellowship) and Raissa Biekman (Program Manager, Humanity in Action The Netherlands)*

**10:50-11:00**  
**16:50-17:00**

#### Screen Break

**11:00-11:55**  
**17:00-17:55**

Keynote: Inuit Culture and Resistance  
*Paninnguaq Lind Jensen (Traditional Practitioner of Kakiornarit, Writer and Filmmaker)*

**11:55-12:00**  
**17:55-18:00**

#### Screen Break

**12:00-12:55**  
**18:00-18:55**

Keynote: The Dutch Involvement in the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade  
*Jennifer Tosch (Founder and CEO of the Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam & New York)*

**12:55-13:05**  
**18:55-19:05**

#### Screen Break

**13:05-13:50**  
**19:05-19:50**

Reflection Session  
Break-out Groups

**13:50-14:00**  
**19:50-20:00**

Wrap-Up

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 4th

Friday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #1



### WORLD WAR II AND SHOA

Today is dedicated to the Shoa. We will take a closer look at the history that prompted Humanity in Action being founded in the late 1990s – the flight and rescue of the Danish Jews in 1943.

Thereafter we will expand the historic exploration and work in breakout rooms on a number of topics including remembrance, Jewish life in Europe today as well as Antisemitism. We will close the day by learning more about remembrance culture of the Shoah in Germany today.



### AGENDA

**10:00-10:15 (EDT)**

**16:00-16:15 (CEST)**

Introduction to "Voices in the Void"

*Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder & Executive Director, Humanity in Action)*

**10:15-10:35**

**16:15-16:35**

Film Screening "Voices in the Void"

**10:35-10:45**

**16:35-16:45**

**Screen Break**

**10:45-11:30**

**16:45-17:30**

Keynote: Conspiracy, Hatred and Violence – Then and Now

*Konstanty Gebert (Journalist, Speaker & Educator)*

**11:30-12:30**

**17:30-18:30**

Discussions in Breakout Rooms

- *Politics of Memory or How to effectively raise awareness of young people on the Holocaust?*, Dr. Tomasz Cebulski (Landecker Fellow 2020)
- The Impact of Conspiracy Theory, Konstanty Gebert (Journalist)
- Nationalism and Race, Dr. Judy Goldstein (Founder & CEO, Humanity in Action)
- Speaking truth to Power – the her.tiez Initiative, Alexander Busold (Senior Fellow)
- Jewish Youth Communities, Nitzan Menagem (Senior Fellow)
- Art, Artists & Antisemitism, Emma Harjadi Herman (Senior Fellow)

**12:30-12:45**

**18:30-18:45**

**Screen Break**

**12:45-13:45**

**18:45-19:45**

Remembrance Culture in Germany – Its Successes and Its Weaknesses

*Prof. Mirjam Wenzel (Director Jewish Museum Frankfurt)*

**13:45-14:00**

**19:45-20:00**

Wrap-Up

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 7th

Monday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

## >> INTRODUCTION TO THE GERMAN CONTEXT

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse  
*Your space to chat, connect and reflect*

**10:00-10:30**  
**16:00-16:30**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:30-11:00**  
**16:30-17:00**

Greetings from our Ombudsperson  
*Dr. Carolin Wiedemann (Journalist & Author | Humanity in Action Board Member and Senior Fellow)*

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Creating International Conversations -  
Introducing the German context  
*Barbara Orth (Research Associate, Free University Berlin | Humanity in Action Board Member and Senior Fellow)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:45**  
**18:30-19:45**

Panel Discussion: Germany as a post-migrant society

- *Christiana Bukalo (Founder, Statefree | 2020 Alfred Landecker Fellow)*
- *Saad Malik (Consultant and Trainer | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*
- *Jasamin Ulfat (Lecturer, University of Duisburg-Essen | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**13:45-14:00**  
**19:45-20:00**

Wrap-up of the Day



## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 8th

Tuesday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

### >> HANAU AND NSU - INTERSECTIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON RACISM AND RIGHT-WING TERROR

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-10:30**  
**16:15-16:30**

Fellows Talk: One year after Hanau

**10:30-12:00**  
**16:30-18:00**

Converation: Education after Hanau -  
Teaching to Remember

*Walid Ahmed Khan Malik (Researcher and Policy  
Adviser, the German Institute for Human Rights |  
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*  
*Mathusa Emmanuel (Student; Volunteer,  
Bildungsinitiative Ferhat Unvar)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:30**  
**18:30-19:45**

The NSU Complex

*Bişenk Sürkün Ergin (Democracy Trainer, Anne  
Frank Educational Center, Frankfurt/M. | Humanity in  
Action Senior Fellow)*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

Reflection and Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 9th

Wednesday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

### >> CLASSISM, (DIS)ABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:15**  
**16:15-17:15**

Class Matters! Capitalism and Class from a Queerfeminist Perspective

*Francis Seek (Anti-Discrimination Trainer and Author | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**11:15-12:00**  
**17:15-18:00**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Alicia Terrero - 11:15-11:30 (EDT) / 17:15-17:30 (CEST)*

*Matthew Fam - 11:30-11:45 (EDT) / 17:30-17:45 (CEST)*

*Sarah Horwitz - 11:45-12:00 (EDT) / 17:45-18:00 (CEST)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:45**  
**18:30-19:45**

(Dis)ability, Politics and Human Rights in Times of Covid-19

*Frieder Kurbjeweit (Research Associate, German Institute for Human Rights | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**13:45-14:00**  
**19:45-20:00**

Wrap-up of the Day

**14:15-15:30**  
**20:15-21:30**

Optional: How We Experience Ableism: Personal Practices of Resistance

*Christine Kindler (PhD Student, Howard University | 2020 Humanity in Action Fellow)*

*Stacey Reimann (Civil Legal Advocate, Bronx Defenders | 2020 Humanity in Action Fellow)*

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 10th

Thursday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

## >> (POST)COLONIALISM, STRUCTURAL RACISM AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

**08:45-09:45 (EDT)**  
**14:45-15:45 (CEST)**

Optional: Yoga Moves

*Kafilat Adeola Naomi Aderemi (Yoga Therapist | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**09:45-10:00**  
**15:45-16:00**

Optional Coffeehouse with Adeola

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:15-17:00**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Ida Paraskeva - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*

*Liam Li - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*

*Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem - 10:45-11:00 (EDT) / 16:45-17:00 (CEST)*

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Coloniality and Institutional Racism

*Joshua Kwesi Aikins (Activist; Political Scientist, Kassel University)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:45**  
**18:30-19:45**

Anti-Racism and Climate Justice (TBC)

*Tonny Nowshin (Climate Justive & Degrowth Activist | Campaigner, 350.org)*

**13:45-14:00**  
**19:45-20:00**

Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 11th

Friday,  
NATIONAL AND  
INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

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## >> TIME FOR REFLECTION AND THINKING BEYOND THE BINARY

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:15**  
**16:15-17:15**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Zhihan Chen - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*

*Lucas Schucht - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*

*Jiannan Shi - 10:45-11:00 (EDT) / 16:45-17:00 (CEST)*

*Mareen Brosinsky - 11:00-11:15 (EDT) / 17:00-17:15 (CEST)*

**11:15-12:00**  
**17:15-18:00**

Open space for discussion and reflection

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

### International Program

**12:30-14:00**  
**18:30-20:00**

Beyond the Gender Binary  
(International program)

*Alok Vaid-Menon (Writer and Performance Artist /  
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 14th

Monday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

## >> DEMOCRACY AND CAMPAIGNING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:15-17:00**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Janine Röttgerkamp - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*

*Lea Kërçiku - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*

*Ehsan Allahyar Parsa - 10:45-11:00 (EDT) / 16:45-17:00 (CEST)*

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Welcome to Goethe University Frankfurt  
& Lecture: Democracy and Conflict

*Prof. Dr. Nicole Deitelhoff (Executive Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF))*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:30**  
**18:30-19:30**

How to Initiate a Social Justice Campaign

*Emine Aslan (Activist, Consultant and Trainer)*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

Reflection and Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 15th

Tuesday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

### >> RACISM, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

**08:45-09:45 (EDT)**  
**14:45-15:45 (CEST)**

Optional: Meditation Session  
*Thy-Diep Ta (Meditation Teacher & Leadership Coach)*

**09:45-10:00**  
**15:45-16:00**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:15-17:00**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom  
*Marque Pham - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*  
*Amy Ndiaye Sow - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*  
*Mneera Abdullah Saud - 10:45-11:00 (EDT) / 16:45-17:00 (CEST)*

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Racism, Media and Technology (TBC)  
*Nelly Y. Pinkrah (Research Associate; Lecturer; Writer / Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:30**  
**18:30-19:30**

Discriminating Algorithms  
*Dr. Nakeema Stefflbauer (Founder & CEO, FrauenLoop)*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

Reflection and Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 16th

Wednesday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

## >> RIGHT-WING POPULISM AND ANTISEMITISM THROUGH AN INTERSECTIONAL LENS

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:15-17:00**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Rafael Tsantes - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*

*Jalen Belgrave - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*

*Rosa-Lena Lange - 10:45-11:00 (EDT) / 16:45-17:00 (CEST)*

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Narratives of Radicalisation: Right-Wing Populism, Conspiracy Theories, and Civil War Fantasies

*Dr. Astrid Séville (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, LMU Munich)*



**12:00-12.30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**



**12:30-13:00**  
**18:30-19:00**

## Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Brendan Schultz - 12:30-12:45 (EDT) / 18:30-18:45 (CEST)*

*Ermira Berisha - 12:45-13:00 (EDT) / 18:45-19:00 (CEST)*

**13:00-14:00**  
**19:00-20:00**

## An Intersectional Critique of Antisemitism

*Ina Holey (Co-Founder, Jüdisch & Intersektional)*

*Miriam Yosef (Co-Founder, Jüdisch & Intersektional |  
Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**14:00-14:15**  
**20:00-20:15**

## Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 17th

Thursday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

### >> RECKONING WITH THE PAST

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-10:45**  
**16:15-16:45**

Fellow Pearls of Wisdom

*Celine Cojocar - 10:15-10:30 (EDT) / 16:15-16:30 (CEST)*

*Alexandra Claman - 10:30-10:45 (EDT) / 16:30-16:45 (CEST)*

**10:45-12:00**  
**16:45-18:00**

How to (not) talk about violent pasts

*Sinthujan Varatharajah (Essayist and Political Geographer)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:30**  
**18:30-19:30**

Sinti and Roma History and Activism

*TBC*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

Reflection and Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 18th

Friday,  
NATIONAL PROGRAM

### >> MONUMENTS, MUSEUMS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

**09:45-10:00 (EDT)**  
**15:45-16:00 (CEST)**

Optional Coffeehouse

**10:00-10:15**  
**16:00-16:15**

Daily Check-In & Community News

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:15-17:00**

Open Space for Discussion and Reflection

**11:00-12:00**  
**17:00-18:00**

Museums and Social Justice in Germany

*Gülay Gün (Consultant, Ministry of Culture and Sport  
Hamburg | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)*

**12:00-12:30**  
**18:00-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-13:30**  
**18:30-19:30**

Social Movements Dealing with Controversial  
Monuments

*Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad (Professor, Alice Salomon  
University of Applied Sciences)*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

Reflection and Wrap-up of the Day

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 21st

Monday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #2

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### >> COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS - LESSONS LEARNED

The 2021 Humanity in Action Fellowships are drawing to a close. But this is not a goodbye. It's welcome to the network. It's time to look ahead! The three coming days mark the beginning of the Action Project period and your future engagement as members of our community. We will embark on this journey together by recapping what

you've learned, discussed, been frustrated with, rejoiced over for the past three weeks. This is your time to show and tell (and show off). We will dive into our Action Project Labs and what you can expect from the fall and winter sessions. Finally, on June 23, we will end this first intense part of your year-long fellowship engagement in a celebratory fashion. Let the real change-making begin!

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### >> AGENDA

**10:00-10:15 (EDT)**  
**16:00-16:15 (CEST)**

International Gathering #2: Welcome Back!

*Raissa Biekman (Program Manager, Humanity in Action The Netherlands)*

**10:15-11:15**  
**16:15-17:15**

Country Presentations

*Fellows from the Amsterdam, Berlin, Sarajevo, and Warsaw Fellowships share their lessons learned from the past weeks*

**11:15-11:30**  
**17:15-17:30**

**Screen Break**

**11:30-12:45**  
**17:30-18:45**

Lessons Learned - Lessons Passed On  
*Breakout Sessions*

**12:45-13:00**  
**18:45-19:00**

**Screen Break**

**13:00-14:00**  
**19:00-20:00**

Wrap-up in National Program

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 22nd

Tuesday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #2

## >> ACTION PROJECTS - ROAD MAP

**10:00-10:30 (EDT)**  
**16:00-16:30 (CEST)**

### Action Projects - Road Map

*Mikaela v. Freiesleben (National Director, Humanity in Action Denmark) & Zuzanna Krzatala (Projects Coordinator, Humanity in Action Poland)*

**10:30-11:45**  
**16:30-17:45**

### Action Projects in the Making: Creating Change!

*Fellows and Senior Fellows share their Action Projects*

- Yannik Roscher (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, 2002 Berlin Fellowship) - TBC
- Kerim Hodžić (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, 2020 John Lewis Fellowship)
- Maya Szydłowska & Katarzyna Korytowska (Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, 2018 Berlin Fellowship)
- Lucia Harcegova (Humanity in Action Fellow, 2020 Copenhagen Fellowship)
- Marissa Scheiderman (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, 2009 Copenhagen Fellowship) - TBC
- Lecyca Curiel & Lisa Nussy (Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, 2019 Amsterdam Fellowship)

**11:45-12:00**  
**17:45-18:00**

### Screen Break

**12:00-13:30**  
**18:00-19:30**

### Activism in the past, present and future - Activism in a Global Health Crisis: A historical, legal and practical approach to activism

*Panelists:*

- Cassandra Veney (PhD, Department Chair & Professor, United States International University Africa)
- Rodolfo Coutinho Marques (PhD Candidate & Assistant Professor, Graduate Institute (IHEID), Geneva)
- Disha Ravi (Activist and Founder of 'Fridays for Future' - India) - TBC

*An Action Project by Aastha KC and Kush Raithatha (Humanity in Action Fellows, 2020 Copenhagen)*

**13:30-14:00**  
**19:30-20:00**

### Action Project Expectations and Concerns

*Breakout Sessions*

## DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

# June 23rd

Wednesday,  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #2

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### >> THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE - LOOKING AHEAD

**10:00-10:15 (EDT)**  
**16:00-16:15 (CEST)**

Looking Ahead: Where Do We Go From Here?

*Laura Lasance (National Director, Humanity in Action  
The Netherlands)*

**10:15-11:00**  
**16:10-17:00**

Speed Dating I & II

**11:00-11:15**  
**17:00-17:15**

Musical Performance

*Gilberto Morishaw (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow,  
2019 John Lewis Fellowship)*

**11:15-12:15**  
**17:15-18:15**

Looking Ahead: Inclusive Leadership

*Rev. Cornell Brooks (Professor, Harvard Kennedy School  
| Member of the Humanity in Action Board of Directors)*

**12:15-12:30**  
**18:15-18:30**

**Screen Break**

**12:30-12:45**  
**18:30-18:45**

Spoken Word Performance

*Sarah Rahmeh (Poet, Writer, Author) - TBC*

**12:45-13:00**  
**18:45-19:00**

Looking Ahead: Let the Change-Making Begin!

*Dr. Judith S. Goldstein (Founder & Executive Director,  
Humanity in Action)*

**13:00-14:00**  
**19:00-20:00**

Goodbyes For Now - and See You Soon - in the  
National Programs

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# **SPEAKERS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM**

**BERLIN FELLOWSHIP**





## **DR. KALI-AHSET AMEN**

John Lewis Fellowship  
Program Director

Kali-Ahset Amen is the John Lewis Fellowship Program Director of Humanity in Action. She holds a B.A. in African Studies (Columbia University), a Ph.D. in Sociology (Emory University) and a graduate certificate in Museum Studies (Harvard University). She is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University and Associate Editor of *City & Community*, the urban section journal of the American Sociological Association. Kali-Ahset's scholarship and intellectual activism focus on black subjectivities and citizenship inequality in Central America and the U.S. South. She has received multiple fellowships in support of her research, including most recently, a 2018 Beinecke Library Postdoctoral Fellowship from Yale University. Previously, Kali-Ahset was Associate Director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University and served on the faculty of Emory's Master's program in International Development Practice. Beyond the academy, Kali-Ahset has worked as a policy researcher, award-winning radio journalist and exhibition curator for libraries and museums.



## **ALEXANDER BUSOLD**

Humanity in Action Senior  
Fellow (2017 Berlin  
Fellowship)

Alexander works as a Program Manager for a civil society organization committed to strengthening democratic spaces and minority rights. Before, he worked in the private sector as a consultant and entrepreneur, as well as teaching university seminars on political economy. Alexander is the founder of the Her.Tietz initiative, which developed out of his

Action Project. The Her.Tietz initiative is committed to a transparent and open handling of the Nazi history of Hertie, to an active commemoration of the victims of the Shoah, and to fight the growing Antisemitism today. Furthermore, Alexander founded a sponsorship program for refugees funded by the Avicenna Foundation. He is an alumnus of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation and studied public policy, economics and management at the Hertie School and at Zeppelin Universität in Germany, India and Argentina.



## **PROF. DR. CORNELL BROOKS**

Professor, The Harvard Kennedy School; Director, The William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice; Board Member Humanity in Action, Inc.

Rev. Cornell Brooks is Professor of the Practice of Public Leadership and Social Justice at the Harvard Kennedy School. He also serves as Director of the William Monroe Trotter Collaborative for Social Justice at the School's Center for Public Leadership and Visiting Scholar at the Harvard Divinity School. Brooks was most recently Visiting Professor of Social Ethics, Law and Justice Movements at Boston University's School of Law and School of Theology. He was also Visiting Fellow and Director of the Campaign and Advocacy Program at the Kennedy School's Institute of Politics. Brooks was the 18th President and CEO of the NAACP. Prior to leading the NAACP, Brooks previously served as President and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Brooks began his career with a clerkship on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Brooks holds a JD from Yale Law School, Master of Divinity from Boston University's School of Theology, and a BA from Jackson State University. Cornell Brooks is a member of the Humanity in Action, Inc. Board of Directors.



## **PROF. DR. VENEY CASSANDRA**

Professor & Chair of the Department of International Relations at the United States International University - Africa.

Veney is a Professor and Chair of the Department of International Relations at the United States International University - Africa (USIU-A). Prior to joining USIU-Africa, she was a professor in the Department of Politics and Philosophy at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut. She has also taught at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Illinois State University, The Pennsylvania State University, and Loyola Marymount University. Some of her known publications include: The Effects of Immigration and Refugee Policies on Africans in the United States: From the Civil Rights Movement to the War on Terrorism, in The New African Diaspora.



## **DR. TOMASZ CEBULSKI**

Genealogist and licensed tour leader in Poland and Central Europe, Landecker Fellow 2020

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. Cebulski is an author of multiple articles on the history of Polish Jews, genealogy, and politics of memory. Cebulski is the author of the 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 a the side in the last 3 decades. In 2020 Tomasz established a new visual project SKY HERITAGE PICTURES to present historical sites from a new drone vantage point. He also established the TEEN FLYING UNIVERSITY to promote education for Polish youth based on teaching values of social diversity, democracy and history awareness. Within the project, local sites of memory are being discovered, taken care of and interpreted for the sake of awareness and education.



## **LECYCA CURIEL**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

Building bridges between the corporate world and her own generation, Lecyca Curiel currently works as a Generation Z keynote speaker for international think tank WHETSTON. This year she has started her academic career at Erasmus University College, which led her to aspire a bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology in 2019. On Sundays, she teaches children from underprivileged neighborhoods at the IMC Weekendschool. In 2016, Lecyca was offered a scholarship for the

Women2Women conference in Boston, where she has been an annual intern thereafter. Lecyca has Indonesian and Dutch Caribbean roots. Her connection to her ancestral history translates into her current practices as she continuously strives for cultural diversity and mutual understanding. Lecyca is passionate about hip hop culture, documentary filmmaking, spirituality, and indigenous culture. She uses education, film, and public speaking to contribute to a more inclusive society, create an all-encompassing narrative, and limber up reference frameworks.



## KONSTANTY GEBERT

Journalist, Speaker & Educator

Konstanty Gebert was born 1953 in Warsaw and graduated with a degree in psychology from Warsaw University in 1976. He is currently an international reporter and columnist with the leading Polish daily *Gazeta Wyborcza*. Democratic opposition activist in the 1970s and underground journalist (as Dawid Warszawski) in the 1980s. Gebert co-founded the underground Jewish Flying University and the Polish Jewish intellectual monthly *Midrasz* among others. He has served as a board member for the Einstein Forum, Potsdam; Paideia, Stockholm; and Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, The Hague. Gebert has taught at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, UC Berkeley and the Grinnell College. Gebert has authored eleven books in Polish, some translated into English, Italian, and Bosnian. His writing covers an array of topics including Poland's round table negotiations of 1989, the Yugoslav wars, 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. In 2018, he was recognized with the American Jewish Press Association Rockower Award. Most recent publications: „Salvation and perdition – the Polish Jews' Russian school of modernity and politics" [in Polish], in: Lidia Zessin-Jurek, Katharina Friedla (Ed.): *Syberia Żydów polskich. Losy uchodźców z Zagłady*, Warszawa 2020, Żydowski Instytut Historyczny; "Poland, Israel and History" [in German], in Gisela Dachs (Ed.): *Freundschaften, Feindschaften. Essays.*, Berlin 2020, Suhrkamp.



## LUCIA HARCEGOVA

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2020 Copenhagen Fellowship)

Born and raised in Slovakia, Lucia studied international relations and economics in Slovakia, Italy and most recently Denmark, where she graduated with a degree in International Business and Politics. Through her studies and work, Lucia has experience in advising businesses on aligning their practice with human rights and sustainability standards. Due to her interest in the world around her, Lucia has developed a great sensitivity towards environmental and social issues and is dedicated to focusing her career in this area. In addition, she has advocated for gender equality in Indonesia and continues to promote social justice values through her work at a homeless shelter in Copenhagen.



## **EMMANUELLE HERMAN**

Head of Education and Inclusion at Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

Emma Harjadi Herman is Head of Education and Inclusion at Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam. Bringing the voices of artists and activists to a wider audience is a constant theme in her endeavours, both professional and voluntary. Prior to joining the Stedelijk, Emma worked for global feminist fund Mama Cash, the Dutch and European civil service and several non-profits. Emma was a Fellow in the Amsterdam program of 2006 and has continued to draw inspiration and friendships from Humanity in Action through the years. Emma has lived and worked in New York, Paris, Cotonou and Brussels. She is now back in her hometown Amsterdam where she lives with her partner and two children.



## **HIEU HANH HOANG TRAN**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2019 John Lewis Fellowship)

Hoang Tran Hieu Hanh (Hany) is a Berlin based community activist who worked with stateless communities in Malaysia and Cambodia/Vietnam. As a reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, Hany co-initiated a group for the Asian Diaspora of Europe with the aim of virtually connecting with one another by hosting artist and community talks on the notions of home, mobility, and the politics of care. As a panelist at the Women\* of Colour Europe Conference, she spoke about the future of female\* identified activism, the sense of solidarity and conflicting interests in Communities of Colour. As part of the Misplaced Women project, Hany organised a collaborative intervention with large mirrors in Berlin's underground

confronting the practice of manspreading, and was also an active performer in Berlin's theatre scene. She worked at MSO inklusiv!, a project overseen by the Migration Council Berlin, that applies an intersectional concept for enhancing visibility and promoting sexual/gender diversity in self-organised migrant associations. Currently, she works as a consultant on migration, environment and climate change.



## **KERIM HODŽIĆ**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2020 John Lewis Fellowship)

Born and raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kerim Hodžić currently studies marketing management at the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo. As a member of NGOs such as the Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Bosnia) which strives to heal post-conflict societies through intentional and inclusive dialogue, Kerim seeks to address and raise awareness about human rights inequalities through innovative and creative ways. Kerim organized a project known as "Paint your Culture" where he hosted workshops on human rights and utilized street art to encourage expression. In his spare time, Kerim paints and volunteers in local humanitarian non-profit organisations. After obtaining his Bachelor's degree, Kerim plans to pursue an MSc in product design and marketing management.



## **PANINGUAQ IKIMALEQ**

Traditional practitioner of Kakiernerit, writer and filmmaker

Paninnguaq is a Greenlandic Inuk and a traditional practitioner of Kakiernerit and tunniit, author of children's books, and filmmaker. She is working with cultural dissemination through her practice and creative work and raising awareness of cultural traditions within the Inuit culture and people.





## AASTHA KC

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow (2020  
Copenhagen Fellowship)

Born and raised in Kathmandu, Nepal, Aastha is currently residing in Malmo, Sweden. Her academic background is in human rights studies specializing in anti-discrimination laws. She is currently pursuing a Master's of Science programme in Sociology of Law at Lund University also with a focus on human rights and the socio-legal implications of anti-discrimination laws. She is currently engaged with Copenhagen 2021 as their human rights intern for the LGBTI+ event combining WorldPride, EuroGames, an arts and culture program and LGBTI+ human rights forum happening between 12-22 August 2021 in Copenhagen.

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.

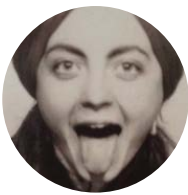


## ZUZANNA KRZȳTAŁA

Projects Coordinator at HIA  
& Humanity in Action Senior  
Fellow (2019 Warsaw  
Fellowship)

Zuzanna Krzȳtała is a Warsaw-based activist and feminist advocating for reproductive rights and gender equality. She is a graduate of the New School for Social Research in New York and a Fellow at Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility. She gained her experience in the third sector at the International Rescue Committee, a global relief agency, where she worked directly for president David Miliband, former British Foreign Secretary. She was involved in drafting a feminist humanitarian policy, which addressed sexual and gender-based violence in conflict and humanitarian settings. Through her fieldwork with refugees in Rwanda, Jordan, and the Greek island of Lesbos, she focused on women-empowerment initiatives. She lived and worked in New York for over a decade, where she advocated for labor rights of fashion models and protection from sexual harassment in the workplace with an organization Model Alliance. In 2018 it was successful in passing the Stop Sexual Harassment Act, which was signed into law by NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio. At the height of the #MeToo movement, she was involved in the investigative report from The Boston Globe's Spotlight team that shed light on the abuses in the fashion industry.

Since her return to Poland in 2019, she has been involved in numerous social initiatives, from a campaign promoting HIV testing with the Social Education Foundation to advocating and fundraising for the Women's Rights Centre together with Wysokie Obcasy Foundation, a prominent feminist newspaper. Her journey with Humanity in Action began in 2019 as a Warsaw Fellow. In her current role at HIA Poland, she is responsible for communication and project coordination.



## KATARZYNA KORYTOWSKA

Humanity in Action Senior  
Fellow (2018 Berlin  
Fellowship) & board  
member HER Docs

Katarzyna Korytowska 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 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



## NITZAN MENAGEM

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow (2020  
Warsaw Fellowship)

Nitzan Menagem is a pedagogical coordinator, trainer and speaker 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. Nitzan has served as representative in the student union of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, while coordinating the Jewish-Arab coalition "Campus4All", and has been long involved in the peace project Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem. Since 2020 Nitzan is the chairperson of Hashomer Hatzair Germany, a progressive Jewish youth movement, which was re-established in 2012 after being prohibited during the Second World War. She is the founder and director of ROSBOT, a non-confessional and multicultural initiative, promoting "Fearless Education for a Hopeful Future", concentrating on political education for educators and youth workers.



## GILBERTO MORISHAW

Humanity in Action Senior  
Fellow (2019 John Lewis  
Fellowship)

Gilberto, born in Curacao and currently living in the city of The Hague is a Master's student of Public Administration at Leiden University. This past year he launched a thinktank about food security in the Dutch Caribbean for the Dutch ministry of Agriculture. He also launched the Demcoratic Innovator's network together with the US Embassy. He is a Global Shaper of the World Economic Forum where he is leading a project on inclusion. Furthermore he is an Ambassador for the African Caribbean Pacific Young Professionals Network where he focuses on fighting inequities. He also co-founded his own political party in the Hague and was also president of a student-party. Next to all of this he also sings, plays the piano, does poetry and gives workshops about improvisation and project management and is launching his own consulting company on the Future of Work.



## ALOK-VAID MENON

Artist & Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow (2011  
Amsterdam Fellowship)

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 a Humanity in Action Fellow (2011) in Amsterdam.



## LISA NUSSY

Humanity in Action Senior  
Fellow (2019 Amsterdam  
Fellowship)

Lisa is born and raised in Castricum, the Netherlands. She studied Public Administration & Organization Sciences at Vrije Universiteit (VU) in Amsterdam, went abroad for a semester in Istanbul, and took two years in between studies to work and travel solo throughout Central America. Two years ago she started the Master Culture, Organization & Management program at VU again, and went to Central Java, Indonesia, for her master's research on Ecofeminism in the Batik industry. She has volunteered for Amnesty International for several years and has a passion for activism against racism and for gender equality. Recently she started volunteering for Bij1, a newly found political party which stands for radical equality and

economic justice. Bij1 is lead by Sylvana Simons, a black woman and inspiration to Lisa. She also joined the Decolonization Network Former Dutch-Indies and has learned a lot about her own Javanese-Moluccan roots and how to decolonize the world.



### **SARA OSMAN**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2017 John Lewis Fellowship)

Sara Osman is currently a law student pursuing her J.D. at Berkeley Law. Sara is from Minneapolis, Minnesota and she is a product of the thriving Somali community in the city. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where she studied African American/African Studies and Global Studies with a concentration on human rights in sub-Saharan Africa. Through her time as a local community organizer, she has worked on issues relating to immigration, governmental surveillance, and Islamophobia. In law school, she has been recently selected as a 2021 fellow by the Human Rights Center at Berkeley Law and is also the incoming editor-in-chief of the Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Law. Sara hopes to use her legal education to serve her community and is interested in topics relating to international human rights and migration.



### **PROF. DR. NIVEDITA PRASAD**

Professor, Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin

Dr. Nivedita Prasad is a Professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, where she focuses on advocacy-based practise in (social work) and Intersectionality. She is also the director of the (German) MA Programme "Social Work as a human rights Profession". Born in Madras, India, Nivedita Prasad studied Social Pedagogy at the Freie Universität in Berlin and received her PhD at

the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg. In 2012, she was awarded the first Anne Klein Women's Award from the Heinrich Böll Foundation for her ongoing dedication to the human rights of migrant women. She has been teaching at various universities in Germany, the Netherlands and Austria since 1993 and has led training programs for police officers and judges, prosecutors and lawyers. Nivedita is also an Advisory Board Member for Humanity in Action Germany.



### **KUSH RAITHATHA**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2019 John Lewis Fellowship)

Born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, Kush is a MA candidate at Aalborg University, Copenhagen in Development and International Relations with a major in Global Refugee Studies. He also was part of the LLM programme at the University of Copenhagen specializing in International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. Prior to this, he graduated with a BA of second class honours in International Relations from the United States International University-Africa. As a vice chairman of the inter-university delegation team, Kush led an inter-university diplomatic negotiation that focused on poverty eradication, human rights and armed conflict in Africa. Kush has experience working with several research and development organisations like the Department for International Development (DFID), where he started off as an intern, and Tethered Up, a Kenya based American consultancy that connects potential entrepreneurs in war zones like Somalia and Sudan to development partners like the IOM and USAID to build resilience and courage. Kush also writes monthly humanitarian papers and opinion polls for a student-run Irish news agency called STAND.



**RODOLFO RIBEIRO  
COUTINHO  
MARQUES**

Teaching Assistant at the Graduate Institute, Geneva (IHEID) & PhD candidate in International Law

Rodolfo is a PhD candidate in International Law and Teaching Assistant at the Graduate Institute, Geneva (IHEID). Before starting his doctoral studies, he interned with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), both in Geneva and in Brazil. His research interests range from legal theory, international refugee law, international human rights law, and laws of war to forced migration studies more broadly. Rodolfo holds a master's degree in international law from the Graduate Institute and an LL.B (Dean's list) from the Federal University of Paraíba (Brazil). He is also a Research Affiliate with the Refugee Law Initiative (University of London).



**MAJA  
SZYDŁOWSKA**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2018 Berlin Fellowship) & board member HER Docs

Born and raised in Warsaw, Maja Szydłowska is a graduate law student at the Jagiellonian University of Cracow. She specializes in the international protection of human rights and international criminal law, which she has also studied during her year abroad at KU Leuven in Belgium. She has previously worked for several Polish and international NGOs, including the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, the Gender Equality Observatory, and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court office in Brussels. Maja is passionate about the power of documentary filmmaking and visual storytelling for human rights advocacy. In April 2018 she co-organized the first edition of the Arab- European Documentary Convention aiming to create a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and resistance for the documentary community of the Arab region and Europe.



**YANNIK ROSCHER**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2020 Berlin Fellowship) (tbc)

Yannik Roscher graduated from the Universities of Frankfurt and Darmstadt with a MA degree in International Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies. During his studies, he focused on post-conflict societies and conflict transformation and has researched in Ireland, Tunisia and Jordan. Yannik has worked at several government institutions such as the regional centres for civic education in Hesse and Bremen, which are focusing on strengthening democracy and encouraging democratic participation in Germany. In 2017, he founded "mehr als wählen", a local NGO focused on democratic innovations, participation and the inclusion of people. In this context, he established the first Citizen Assembly in Frankfurt am Main, in which participants are randomly selected by lot and accompanied by those who are underrepresented in the discourse.



**JENNIFER TOSCH**

Founder/CEO of Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam

Jennifer Tosch, is a cultural historian, founder of Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam (Netherlands), and New York State; co-author of 3 guide books on Dutch colonial history: Amsterdam (2014), New York (2017) and the Netherlands (2019); co-founder of Sites of Memory Foundation (2019) and a member of the Mapping Slavery Project Nederland (2014). Jennifer was born in Brooklyn, New York to Surinamese parents. Jennifer founded the Black Heritage Tour in Amsterdam in 2013 and in 2017 the Black Heritage Tour in New York State. The tours make the 'hidden history visible' as you explore the cities' early Black presence and colonial history.





## **PROF. DR. MIRJAM WENZEL**

Director of the Jewish Museum Frankfurt

Prof. Mirjam Wenzel studied general and comparative literature, political science, and theater studies in Berlin and Tel Aviv. Afterward she worked as a research assistant at the Institute of German Philology at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München and earned her doctorate with a dissertation on the Holocaust discourse in Germany in the 1960s. Mirjam Wenzel is the author and co-editor of various books and exhibition catalogs on German-Jewish art and cultural history. Her publications include essays, articles, and blog entries on questions of cultural theory, aesthetics, and museology, on representations of the Holocaust in the visual arts, photography, and film, on critical theory, and particularly on the life and works of Siegfried Kracauer, Theodor W. Adorno, and Hannah Arendt. She also works as a curator and has developed several international exhibitions. From 2007 to 2015, Mirjam Wenzel directed the media department of the Jewish Museum Berlin, where she was responsible for the presentation of Jewish history and culture in digital and print media. She has been recognized as an international expert on the digital transformation of museums ever since. She has directed the Jewish Museum Frankfurt – Germany's oldest Jewish museum – since 2016 and has been an honorary professor at the Department of Jewish Studies at Goethe University Frankfurt since 2019. She will serve as a visiting professor at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar for the 2020/21 winter semester.



## **JUNE THALIN WORM GIBBA**

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2019 John Lewis Fellowship)

June Thalín Worm Gibba is a Thai-Danish activist, event creator, and scholar. She is also a professional communicator, consultant and speaker. Her activist work has surrounded raising awareness of structural racism in Denmark through topics of decolonizing education curriculums and by hosting workshops and presentations about white saviorism for NGO's. Currently, June is studying for her Master's degree in Economic Development at Lund University in Sweden where she is focused on bringing awareness to issues inhibiting women's development in the global south, such as gender inequality in educational opportunities and the inclusion of women's voices in developing Democracy. June is also one of the founders of 'Asian Diaspora in Europe'; a Facebook collective created for people of Asian descent (and who are seen/read as Asian) living in Europe. The group allows for members to network and is a space of empowerment; through creating events, conversations about common experiences, and through shared art and cultural creatives.

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**KAFILAT ADEOLA  
NAOMI ADEREMI**  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Adeola Naomi Aderemi is a multilingual, multilocal, AfroGreek, and multi-format artist, scholar, curator, and healer. She received her Masters of Science in Public Health at Birmingham City University, her master's thesis focuses on the socioeconomic impact of violence against women of Sub-Saharan Africa. All whilst working as a curator, yoga therapist, and editor in chief of Distinguished Diva. She is currently working on her debut documentary film on the lives and lived experiences of Greeks of Africa descent (AfroGreek). She utilizes the integration of holistic healing practices in policy places and modalities of care available on issues around Black women's liberation, gender justice, women's health, and equal representation for voices of women of Africa descent in global media. Her work in various media has been featured in publications such as Women Under Siege, New York Times, Ms. Magazine, New Museum New York, Forbes, E-flux, Elle, and Vogue.

and discrimination in the German state of Thuringia. As a policy officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he coordinated, co-wrote and presented the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2013-2015). As a member of the board of advisers for the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), he contributes both policy analysis and advocacy, e.g. for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, from serving as associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana's first voter advice application for the December 2012 election.



**JOSHUA KWESI  
AIKINS**  
Political Scientist,  
University of Kassel

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist and Ph.D. candidate at University of Kassel. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development,' cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, equality data, coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany. As an academic and an activist, Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana. Currently he serves as expert member of a parliamentary commission of inquiry on racism



**HENRY ALT-  
HAAKER**  
Chair of the Board,  
Humanity in Action  
Germany

Henry Alt-Haaker is the Chairman of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the German Program of 2005. He currently heads the International Relations Programs & Liaison Work at the Berlin Representative Office of the Robert Bosch Stiftung as Senior Vice President. He joined the foundation in the role of program officer in August 2013, becoming a senior project manager in October 2016 and serving in his current position since September 2017. His primary expertise encompasses the foundation's activities in conflict transformation and programs with German policymakers. He supervises projects

in various regions including the Caucasus, the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He is furthermore responsible for the liaison mandate of the Berlin Office with public and private partners. Before joining the foundation, Henry Alt-Haaker headed the parliamentary office of German Minister of Justice Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger as chief clerk, served as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and worked for Humanity in Action in Paris. His expertise includes migration and integration, German politics as well as European and transatlantic affairs. He is an alumnus of several German foundations, including the German National Academic Foundation. After having studied German literature and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin, Sorbonne University in Paris and Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.



**EMINE ASLAN**  
Consultant and  
Trainer

Emine Aslan is an award-winning activist and self employed consultant and trainer on intersectionality and anti-racism for more than seven years now and has been publishing various academic papers and essays on intersectionality, postcolonial theories, anti racism and political analysis for contemporary Germany as well as organising rallies (Women's March Frankfurt, Ein Europa für Alle Frankfurt) facilitating and giving Workshops and lectures for various national and international Organisations and NGOs and initiating trending campaigns (#ausnahmslos, #CampusRassismus) that have been about challenging racism, sexism and various other forms of oppression and social injustices. Emine is also currently working as a student research assistant with the Mentoring programme of the "Akademie für Islam in Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft" (AIWG)



**CHRISTIANA  
BUKALO**  
Founder, Statefree;  
2020 Landecker  
Fellow

Christiana Bukalo is a Senior Program and Business Development Manager at Global Digital Women. Her current role focuses on supporting the company in growing and driving their efforts around empowering women in technology. This role fits perfectly with the strong interest for new technologies and digital entrepreneurship that Christiana developed during her master's degree. Having been an active member and volunteer of the Evangelical church community in Puchheim, Christiana was appointed as a member of the board in 2019. She is now responsible for the implementation of new initiatives and structures in the church community. Christiana grew up stateless in Germany. She has recently joined the European Network of Statelessness and also works in close collaboration with the Institute of Statelessness and Inclusion to create awareness about this global issue. Outside of her work, Christiana dedicates her time to music. She was an active singer and dance instructor in the past.



**PROF. DR. NICOLE  
DEITELHOFF**

Executive Director,  
Peace Research  
Institute Frankfurt  
(PRIF)

Nicole Deitelhoff has held the Chair for International Relations and Theories of Global Order at Goethe University since 2009. She is the designated director of the research alliance "The Formation of Normative Orders", Spokesperson of the Research Institute Social Cohesion (RISC), as well as the Spokesperson of its Frankfurt Branch. Additionally, she is the designated Co-Speaker of the Hessian excellence promotion initiative "ConTrust: Trust in Conflict". Since 2016, she is the executive director of the Leibniz Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF). Currently, she is heading the research department II 'International Institutions' as well as co-heading research department III 'Transnational Politics' at PRIF. Before coming to Frankfurt, she held positions at the University Bremen and Technical University of Darmstadt and was a Visiting Professor at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Her research interests cover contestation and crises of institutions and international norms; the foundations of political rule and its legitimization; forms of international resistance, opposition and dissidence; as well as democracy and social cohesion. She received the Heinz Maier-Leibniz Prize of the German Science Foundation (DFG) for her publication "Überzeugung in der Politik" (Suhrkamp 2006). In 2017, the Schader Foundation bestowed her the Schader Award.



**MATHUSA  
EMMANUEL**

Student and Volunteer,  
Bildungsinitiative  
Ferhat Unvar

Mathusa Emmanuel was born in Bonn, Germany. Her parents are from Sri Lanka. She is working in a voluntary capacity at the Bildungsinitiative Ferhat Unvar. Besides that she is studying social work at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences. She would like to focus on anti-racist educational work in future, so the Bildungsinitiative Ferhat Unvar is the best opportunity for her. Ferhat Unvar was a really good friend of hers. She is doing this for him, for his justice.



**BİŞENK SÜRGÜN  
ERGIN**

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Bişenk is studying "International Studies/ Peace and Conflict Studies" with a focus on the Middle East at Goethe University in Frankfurt am Main, where she already finished a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Political Science. Some parts of her studies were at Aix-Marseille Université in France and at Sabanci University Istanbul in Turkey. In her Bachelor thesis, she focused on the knowledge and experiences of the victims of the NSU-Complex in Germany. Bişenk is an activist for social justice since many years and she gives workshops in the field of political education, e.g. for "Anne Frank Educational Center" or "BiLan- Bildungsinitiative Lernen aus dem NSU-Komplex". Her parents fled from Turkey when she was a baby and today as a Kurdish woman, she dedicates her political life to fight against discrimination, fascism and



wars. The solidarity with refugees, migrants and the freedom of movement is a big part of this. Bişenk writes poems or does spoken word for example in the transcultural German and Syrian collective "Literally Peace". Her dream is to publish a book of poems.



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### **GÜLAY GÜN**

Consultant, Ministry of Culture and Sport Hamburg; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

Gülay Gün works as an advisor in the museum department of Hamburgs Ministry of Culture and Media. She engages in the discourse of remembrance, museum and migration since 2009 as speaker, curator and project manager. Chapters as a collection manager in Berlin and freelancer as museum consultant for diversity and change management followed. Her work is framed by a constant critical perspective on the issues of racial inequalities and collective memory within a post-migrant society. She is also the founder of the initiative "KADERSchmiede", which aims at empowering young people from her childhood neighborhood in their career choices.



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### **INA HOLEV**

Co-Founder, Jüdisch & Intersektional

Ina Holey (\*1994 in Mykolajiw/Ukraine) is a freelance journalist, author, performer and educator. She is a graduate student in media cultural analysis at the University of Düsseldorf. Her research interests include film and other audiovisual media, gender theories and issues of Jewish media representation. Ina Holey is co-editor of defrag zine for feminist\_utopian thought experiments.

Together with Miriam Yosef, Ina Holey founded Jewish & Intersectional. As part of this project Ina Holey is also working as a curator and speaker.



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### **CHRISTINE KINDLER**

PhD Student, Howard University; Humanity in Action Fellow

Christine Kindler is a doctoral student at Howard University in the Clinical Psychology program. Her research and clinical work focus on how cycles of violence are created and sustained through the intergenerational transmission of trauma and how they can be interrupted with community-based interventions, both in the U.S. and internationally. In particular, she is interested in partnering with communities to contextualize and increase access to evidence-based programs that facilitate reconciliation in conflict and post-conflict settings.



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### **FRIEDER KURBJEWIT**

Research Associate, German Institute for Human Rights; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

Frieder Kurbjewit is a disabled scholar and activist from Cologne. Until Fall 2020 he did research on disability and employment at the International Research Center for Disability Studies at the University of Cologne. His research interests include the political economy of disability, the disabled people movement as a political actor and political participation of disabled people. He is also active in the independent living movement, where his primary goal is the integration of

disability into the larger frameworks of progressive politics. At the moment he is part of an activist group building a network for the political education of disabled people. Frieder currently works at the German Institute for Human Rights.



**SAAD MALIK**  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Saad Malik is a freelance consultant and trainer for Social Justice, with race being a key factor in his analytical approach and practical work in this field. He combines concepts of Diversity, Intersectionality and Postcolonialism, which he then translates into a case-specific empowered capacity to act towards a socially just world. Saad holds a degree in social and cultural anthropology as well as urban geography.

terror attack in Hanau 2020 Walid was appointed as an adviser to the task force "group-focused enmity and anti-Muslim racism" at the Hessian Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration. Walid initiated the human rights working group and the anti-discriminatory council of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation's scholarship holders. Currently, he is a Researcher and Policy Adviser at the German Institute for Human Rights in Berlin, the national human rights institution (NHRI) of Germany. There, Walid monitors, promotes and provides human rights education and training for police and victims of racial profiling.

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**TONNY NOWSHIN**  
Campaigner, 350.org  
Deutschland



**WALID AHMED KHAN MALIK**  
Researcher and Policy  
Adviser at the German  
Institute for Human  
Rights; Humanity in  
Action Senior Fellow

Walid Ahmed Khan Malik is a human rights educator, decolonial activist and HIA Senior Fellow, who was born and raised in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Walid received his Master's degree in International Studies and Peace and Conflict Research at the Technical University Darmstadt and at the Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, where he studied (International) Public Law and Political Science as an undergraduate as well. Walid is now pursuing a PhD in Critical Police Studies. His major research interests are resistance practices against police and migration regimes in Europe. After the racist

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## **BARBARA ORTH**

Research Associate,  
Free University Berlin;  
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Senior Fellow

Barbara Orth is a Research Associate and Ph.D. candidate at Free University (FU) Berlin. Prior to joining FU, she conducted research on queer support structures in Berlin's labour market and labour market access for refugees and asylum seekers. Outside of academia, Barbara has several years of professional experience in the nonprofit sector working with migrants and refugees. Barbara studied International Relations in the United Kingdom, Japan, and China, focusing on issues of international trade policy, global inequalities, and migration. She was a full-scholarship recipient of the University of Oxford, where she graduated with an M.Sc. in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. Barbara is member of HIA Germany's Board of Directors and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin Fellowship 2016).

for Digital Cultures. She is also currently a lecturer at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. From October 2018 to May 2019 she was a Doctoral Fellow at the Global Emergent Media Lab at Concordia University, Montréal. In 2019, she organized the first Stanford Leuphana Summer Academy on Media Studies. Her latest publication is Critique and the Digital co-edited with Erich Hörl and Lotte Warnsholdt (2020) published by diaphanes Verlag, Zurich and Chicago University Press. Nelly is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow and Part of the Steering Committee of the German Forum Antiracism Media Studies (FAM).



## **PROF. DR. NIVEDITA PRASAD**

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## **NELLY Y. PINKRAH**

Research Associate,  
Lecturer & Writer;  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Nelly Y. Pinkrah is a cultural and media theorist and political activist, mainly involved in anti-racist, empowerment, and community-building projects. In addition to writing about racism, gender, and media (&) technology for mainstream media newspapers and magazines, Nelly also gives workshops on these topics. She is working on her doctoral thesis about Édouard Glissant and cybernetics at Leuphana University Lüneburg. Nelly is the assistant to the Chair of Media Theory and History here, and is associated with the Centre





## **STACEY REIMANN**

Civil Legal Advocate,  
Bronx Defenders;  
Humanity in Action  
Fellow

Stacey Reimann (they/he) has a background in education, LGBTQ rights, food service, and legal services. Stacey was born in Texas, raised in Alabama, and studied in Chicago. Their studies focused on investigating how racist US legal strategies created barriers for effectively integrating public schools, including a case study on their hometown in Alabama. Stacey also spent a school year as an English Teaching Assistant in Galicia, Spain through the Fulbright Scholars Program, where they organized a school program for students to share their stories as immigrants and refugees. Stacey has recently started working with the Bronx Defenders as a Civil Legal Advocate, working with folx from the Bronx community to preserve their right to social services, housing, and employment as a result of interaction with the criminal legal system. They plan to pursue a career as a clinical social worker, focusing on physical and mental health healing from police violence and gender violence. Stacey is based in Brooklyn and has dreams of spending time in Berlin after participating in the virtual Berlin Fellowship program in 2020.

investigate how trans and non-binary activists deal with precarity by building networks of mutual care. Together with Journalist Brigitte Theißl they will make the first German-language anthology on anti-classism available.



## **DR. ASTRID SÉVILLE**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Political  
Science, LMU Munich

Astrid Séville is an Assistant Professor ("Akademische Rätin a.Z.") at the Chair of Political Theory at the Geschwister-Scholl-Institute of Political Science at the LMU. She studied Political Science, French Philology and Historical Anthropology at the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg and at the Université Denis Diderot Paris. In 2015 she gained her PhD with a thesis on the political rhetoric of "There is no alternative"; her dissertation was awarded the German Study Prize in 2016. Her current project is dedicated to current "varieties of populism" as a challenge to liberal democracy. Her research develops a phenomenology of anti-populism and discusses the relationship between democracy and populism, compares relevant debates in Europe and examines how societies and social agents describe and articulate themselves as liberal democratic. In this context, she also works together with partners from civil society such as NGOs, initiatives and organizations - such as HiA.



## **FRANCIS SEECK**

Antidiscrimination  
trainer, author, PhD  
candidate; Humanity in  
Action Senior Fellow

Francis Seeck is an author, anti-discrimination trainer and PhD candidate based in Berlin. Francis is giving trainings and talks on classism and gender diversity. As a queer academic from a poverty class background they are excited to organize empowerment trainings for students and academics who face classism in academia. In their dissertation they



**DR. NAKEEMA STEFFLBAUER**  
Founder & CEO,  
FrauenLoop

Dr. Nakeema Stefflbauer is a Brooklyn native and a long-term Berlin resident with a background in research, technology transformation and social entrepreneurship. She holds an Executive MBA from the disruptive Quantic School of Management, as well as degrees from Brown University and Harvard University. As the founder and CEO of the German non-profit organization, FrauenLoop, Nakeema leverages her decades of digitalization experience to address the marginalization of immigrant, refugee, and workingparent women from the technology industry. She is passionate about the urgency of broadening access to technology and her work has focused, in particular, on the impact of artificial intelligence adoption on marginalized communities. Most recently, Nakeema has spoken about automated decisionmaking software and discrimination at the European Parliament, at Heinrich Böll Foundation (Germany) and at the 2019 Re:publica conference, among others.

book "Beautiful Brains change tomorrow... today." She is also a cofounder at Unit Ventures, building the stakeholder economy of the future built on blockchain technology. At PEOPLE consulting, she is responsible for SDG consulting, blockchain & stakeholder economy models, and mindfulness & wellbeing at the workplace.



**JASAMIN ULFAT-SEDDIQZAI**

Lecturer, University of  
Duisburg-Essen;  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Jasamin Ulfat-Seddiqzai is a lecturer at the University of Duisburg-Essen, teaching British literature in a postcolonial context. Her research includes topics such as orientalism and oriental stereotypes, gender and masculinity studies, and Afghanistan as a space of British military intervention and male bonding. Her Ph.D. focuses on the use of race concepts in the Anglo-Afghan conflicts of the 19th century. She occasionally writes journalistic texts about Islam, xenophobia and the headscarf and has been published in German magazines and newspapers. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2009 Berlin Fellowship).



**THY-DIEP TA**  
Well-Being & Trainings,  
PEOPLE Consulting

Thy-Diep (Yip) Ta offers services to bring peace to the mind, to organizations, to society and the world. She is a trained management consultant (ex McKinsey project lead), MBA graduate (INSEAD business school), executive coach (C-Suite leaders), mindfulness & meditation trainer (Zen Buddhist and Neurofeedback trained as well as Search Inside Yourself certified), and author of the



**SINTHUKAN  
VARATHARAJAH**  
Essayist & Political  
Geographer

Sinthujan Varatharajah is a political geographer and essayist based in Berlin. Their work focus on forced displacement, statelessness and geographies of power. Varatharajah's exhibition "how to move an arche", on refugee movements through the divided city of Berlin, was part of the 11th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art. Their first book will be published in German next spring.

is co-editor of Spheres, an online magazine about digital cultures, and a member of kritnet, a network for migration research. She is a board member of Humanity in Action Germany and participated in the Fellowship program in Berlin in 2010.



**DR. CAROLIN  
WIEDEMANN**  
Ombudsperson;  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Dr. Carolin Wiedemann works as a journalist and author for various German Media Outlets such as Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Missy Magazine. In her articles she addresses new forms of power and resistance, asylum policy, racism, and (anti-)feminism. After studying Journalism, Communications, and Sociology in Paris and Hamburg, she got a scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation, wrote a PhD thesis about the question of subversion in times of digitization and worked as an editor at Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly. Her publications include the book "Selbstvermarktung im Netz" in which she analyzes Facebook, and Depletion Design: A Glossary of Network Ecologies (with Soenke Zehle), the dossier "Welcome to Germany" published by Heinrich Böll Foundation and the book based on her PhD „Kritische Kollektivität im Netz“. Her new book "Zart und frei" about the persistence of patriarchy and ways to overcome it will be published by Matthes&Seitz. Ms. Wiedemann



**MIRIAM YOSEF**  
Co-Founder, Jüdisch &  
Intersektional;  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Miriam Yosef is a doctoral candidate at the Justus-Liebig University, a research fellow at ELES, and is currently undertaking her PhD research on human rights & intersectional justice. As an educational facilitator, curator, writer, and creative director, Miriam Yosef focuses on power asymmetries and empowerment. She is a co-founder of the initiative Salon der Perspektiven and co-editor of the magazine "Yallah Salon". In early 2020, Miriam Yosef co-founded the Institute for Affirmative Sabotage with Hoài Tran and is currently developing a production on Jewish, feminist & migrant resistance at the state theater Nuremberg. Together with Ina Holey, Miriam Yosef founded the educational initiative Jewish & Intersectional - Initiative for Critical Educational Work.



# **BERLIN FELLOWS**



**MNEERA  
ABDULLAH SAUD**  
(SHE/HER)  
Brown University

Mneera recently graduated from Brown University and will be starting a graduate program at the Oxford Internet Institute this fall. She is interested in examining how digital platforms have facilitated social movements and devising ways to counter computational propaganda online. She enjoys learning ancient and modern Middle Eastern languages as well as exploring how language informs power dynamics. While at Brown, she assisted lawyers and legal representatives in their representation of asylum seekers and worked to support the self-empowerment of refugee youth resettled in Providence. Mneera hopes to pursue a career in immigration and technology law.



**JALEN BELGRAVE**  
(HE/HIM)  
Elizabethtown  
College

Jalen Belgrave is sophomore legal studies and social work dual major at Elizabethtown College. He is also a student athlete on the track and field team, the Vice President of the class of 2023, and the founder and President of the Elizabethtown NAACP College Chapter. Through various advocacy groups and sports involvement, his overall goal at Elizabethtown College is to empower people of color to be agents of change through nonviolent activism by working toward inclusive excellence through peacemaking.



**EHSAN ALLAHYAR  
PARSA**  
(HE/HIM)  
Justus Liebig  
University Giessen

Ehsan is a polyglot, a Speaker, and the Founder and Managing Director of @Rootify.me. He speaks 10 languages and has travelled to 30+ countries, of which the postgraduate - spread over 3 continents - has already worked in 9. He turned his passion into his company Rootify, for whose social & political commitment he has already been honoured by the Chancellor. As a sought-after international speaker, he has already spoken out for social entrepreneurship on numerous stages - most recently at the United Nations in NYC.



**ERMIRA BERISHA**  
(SHE/HER)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Ermira Berisha is a Muslim Kosovo-Albanian-German student, activist and intersectional feminist. She is currently finishing her BA in political science and American studies at the Goethe University, Frankfurt. There, Ermira concentrates on Gender, decolonial practices in the Development sector and international studies. She accomplished her mandatory internship at the Ministry of European Integration in Kosovo, where she deepened her knowledge about her personal history and mother tongue. Besides studying, she does political-educational work regarding anti-discrimination, racial justice activism and human rights. For this, she is working for the Bildungsstätte Anne Frank and the Jewish Museum Frankfurt. When Ermira isn't supervising workshops, she guides people through the Jewish Museum Frankfurt. Ermira is fluent in German, Albanian, English and Spanish and looks forward to learning more.





**MAREEN BROSINSKY**  
(SHE/HER)  
University of  
Southern Denmark

Born and raised in Berlin, Mareen's passion for cultural and social exchange has driven her to live and work in various countries, including the United States, Denmark, Australia, Belgium and Spain. Mareen obtained a BA in Political Science with a focus on Peace and Conflict studies from Potsdam University in 2016 and a MS Sc in International Security and Law from the University of Southern Denmark in 2019. Her passion in international human rights and criminal law has led Mareen to work with research institutes in Australia and Cambodia where her work focused on the prevention of grave human rights violations. Mareen will commence her PhD at the University of Wollongong in Australia this year and will be joining a project on seeking accountability for forced displacement. She has worked and closely engaged with refugees and rights activists from Syria and Myanmar to raise awareness on their situation and promote justice.



**ALEXANDRA  
CLAMAN**  
(SHE/HER)  
Tufts University

Allie Claman grew up in Los Angeles. Her love of the Spanish language inspired her to study International Relations, Spanish, and Peace and Justice Studies at Tufts University, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2019. Following a semester in Madrid, her Senior Honors Thesis investigated collective memory and its connection to strong democratic institutions in Spain and Latin America. Her Jewish heritage, with its strong tradition of storytelling, encourages her to continue studying collective memory and reconciliation to seek out stories of injustice and prevent future atrocities. Her civic engagement projects have included leading a Girl Scout troop, phone banking for political campaigns, and implementing digital libraries in Ecuador. Allie currently works in international fellowship programming, and she has previous experience in voter advocacy, social media, and government. Allie hopes to continue advancing human rights throughout her life through a career in Foreign or Civil service.



**ZHIHAN CHEN**  
(THEY/THEM)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Zhihan Chen is a university student majoring in sociology and is currently applying for graduate studies. Zhihan focuses on issues related to sexual minorities, race, and migration. They volunteer with several sexual minority NGOs in China while also working in the publishing industry. Zhihan hopes to work to promote gender equality, fight against racial discrimination, raise awareness of the intersectionality and diversity within sexual minority communities, and provide a voice for transgender communities in Asia.



**CELINE COJOCAR**  
(SHE/HER)  
Sciences Po Paris,  
Free University Berlin

Celine Cojocar is a German-Romanian activist and student enrolled in a dual BA degree between Sciences Po Paris and the Freie Universität Berlin, studying Social and Political Sciences from an interdisciplinary perspective. She is particularly interested in learning how to fight discrimination, social exclusion, and inequalities through policy making and has produced a diverse range of

coursework on topics such as sex worker's rights, intersectionality, and gender-sensitive Roma inclusion strategies. Celine considers intersectional, bottom-up approaches to be a precondition for creating long lasting societal change. She has volunteered and conducted internships at several NGOs located in France, Germany, and Romania. The most formative experience on the field was an internship in Bucharest working with people suffering from multiple vulnerabilities. Besides her interest in social justice she is also dedicated to contribute to more equality and understanding between Western and Eastern European countries. Celine speaks six languages, four of them fluently.



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**FOGHA MC  
CORNILIUS REFEM**

(HE/HIM)

Alice Salomon  
University of Applied  
Sciences Berlin

Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem is a Cameroonian, a student, a learner, and a self-described drapetomenia 'patient', from which he does not want to be cured. He is currently studying for a master's degree in Social Work as a Human Rights Profession. Fogha, passionate about decolonization and equality, has been working on a podcast about these topics. Fogha works on social media hate speech mitigation, looking at how online incitement to violence affects offline violence. He is a member of the Youth Bulletin, a collective of young people focused on community building, research, and providing access to information on climate change and human rights.



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**MATTHEW FAM**

(HE/HIM)

Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Matthew Fam is a Singaporean interdisciplinary theatre-maker, educator, and content strategist in Advertising. He is currently an MA student in Anglophone Literatures, Cultures, and Media at Goethe University Frankfurt, with a research focus in Transcultural Memory Studies. He is also a Theatre Studies alumnus at the National University of Singapore. As a youth community artist, Matthew uses Process Drama as a pedagogical tool to excavate social issues, and uses performance as a platform for dialogue and mutual understanding. He is passionate about the intersectionalities of social justice, and how its message can be better communicated in an increasingly polarized society. In 2017, he acted in T:>Works' Grey Matters Community Tour across secondary schools and technical colleges, advocating mental health awareness in a series of plays. This was part of a wider lobby effort towards the eventual enactment of more mental health lessons in Singapore's Character and Citizenship curriculum, in 2021.



**SARAH HORWITZ**  
(SHE/HER)  
University of  
Pennsylvania

Sarah Horwitz is a 2020 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where she majored in Linguistics and minored in French & Francophone Studies. She is passionate about leveraging insights about languages and literacies to forge a more just world. To that end, Sarah is currently completing her MS Ed in Reading, Writing and Literacy at Penn's Graduate School of Education. Research has played a consistently meaningful role in Sarah's education and community work, and she is currently supporting projects about youth civic engagement and entry rate disproportionality in Philadelphia's child welfare system, beyond writing her master's capstone about how educators can integrate learners' intergenerational storytelling practices into classroom writing exercises to problematize dominant discourses about national belonging. Sarah will soon be applying these studies as a secondary French teacher. Beyond these academic pursuits, Sarah loves reading, hiking, and trying new recipes. She hopes (one day soon!) to adopt a cat.

She decided to pursue her MSc in Neuroscience at the Goethe University in Frankfurt, following one of her greatest interests, understanding more about the brain. At the same time, she wants to continue investing her time in social causes related to refugees. Lea's hidden passion since school has been drawing and painting anything from her imagination. This skill gives her a creative outlook into life.



**ROSA-LENA LANGE**  
(SHE/HER)  
Free University Berlin

Born and raised in the south of Germany, Rosa-Lena Lange studied Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University College in Freiburg. She finished her BA with a thesis on the role of antiziganist protests and resistance movements from a theoretical perspective. During and after her year abroad in London, Rosa became interested in documentary filmmaking and its nexus with political activism. She is currently in a Master's program in Political Science at the Otto-Suhr Institute in Berlin where she continues to focus on resistance and liberation movements, primarily in the context of postcolonial and decolonial studies. Meanwhile, she is planning her next film project and spends her evenings working at the theatre.



**LEA KËRÇIKU**  
(SHE/HER)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Lea Kërçiku was born in Albania and moved to Germany to continue her Bachelor studies in Biology. While studying she soon became an active volunteer in groups involved in the integration of refugees, one of them being Refugees Welcome Bonn. It was through her work in the group where she soon learned about not just the difficulties that refugees face in Europe, but also about the great network of people involved in helping them.



**LIAM LI**  
(HE/HIM)  
Hertie School of  
Governance

Liam is a recent Master of International Affairs graduate from the Hertie school where he specialized in development and human rights. He holds a BA in International Relations and previously studied at Jacobs University, Bremen, and the University of Edinburgh.



In recent years, he has worked as an Associate Fellow at the United Nations System Staff College (UNSSC) on facilitating accessible learning for a global community of development practitioners and managing knowledge products around the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Previously, he also worked on cross-sectoral development cooperation on good governance and transparency at a local civil society in Bratislava, Slovakia. Liam's fields of interest include refugee protection and migration policy, participatory development, and intersectional advocacy. Liam finds great inspirations from a plethora of culinary traditions and he is also a digital artist in experiment photography that critically examines and reimagines the construction of identities.



**AMY NDIAYE SOW**  
(SHE/HER)  
Technical University  
of Munich

Amy Ndiaye Sow is a Spanish-Senegalese student, language lover and dancer. After completing a Master in Management in France, Amy worked at Airbus as an employment Marketing specialist where she gathered experience in project management. She is currently pursuing a MSc in Entrepreneurship and Computer Engineering at the Technical University of Munich and she is doing research on the importance of humanity in the development of new technologies. Amy is fluent in Spanish, French, English and German and currently learning Portuguese. Amy is passionate about racial and gender equality as well LGBTQ+ rights and interested in exploring the continuities of German, French and Spanish History in contemporary societies.



**IDA PARASKEVA**  
(SHE/HER)  
Free University of  
Brussels

Ida Paraskeva is a Greek political science scholar and environmental activist. She also has a background in theatre and interactive performance, where she became certified in drama therapy and meditation healing techniques. During her academic years as a psychology student in Athens, Greece, she became experienced in preparing action plans, coordinating teams, and evaluating projects aiming to increase public awareness around human rights and environmental protection. Ida was one of the co-founders of Extinction Rebellion Hellas, the Greek branch of the global activist green movement, and one of the main mediators in its extension into the Balkan region. She has also worked with asylum-seekers and isolated communities (homeless, sex workers, refugees) in several NGOs and projects with the objectives of battling social injustice and promoting human rights. She is currently situated in Brussels, Belgium where she is completing her MA in Political Science and International Relations.



**MARQUE PHAM**  
(SHE/HER)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Marque Pham is a Vietnamese-American artist, performer, writer and scholar based in Germany. She is the founder of MSG & Friends, a queer-led artist collective, dedicated to curating community spaces and professional showcases for the Asian artist diaspora in Europe. Currently, Marque is researching the intersections of art, science and technology in order to use its influence and power to support progressive movements of social-political change. Her writing has been internationally featured in magazines

and publications such as Lodown, DADDY Magazine, and STATE Studio. Performance-wise, she had the opportunity to work and perform with a wide variety of cultural institutions such as ARTE, English Theater Berlin, Gorki, and Gessnerallee Zürich. She is a Goethe Goes Global scholar for her studies at Goethe Universität in comparative dramaturgy and performance research.



**JANINE  
RÖTTGERKAMP**  
(SHE/HER)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Janine Röttgerkamp is an equality and human rights advocate from Germany. She considers herself a feminist, holds a BA in Cultural Theory and Economics, and is currently pursuing her MA in Culture and Migration Studies focusing on International Relations. She has volunteered for an NGO in Peru, interned in German and Peruvian Foreign Policy, researched with the Cuban Cultural Research Ministry, and has lived in Germany, Cuba, and Nicaragua. She is active with refugee organizations and is a member of an anti-discriminatory student group. In her past, she has been part of a congress planning team on South American Politics and co-founded an inclusive self-help student group.

Janine has zero-tolerance for injustices and is constantly learning more to discover possibilities to make creating a more just society her profession. She is passionate about animals, nature and loves good food. You can most probably find her sitting in the sun reading books about ways of re-imagining our world.



**LUCAS SCHUCHT**  
(HE/HIM)  
Goethe University  
Frankfurt

Lucas Schucht is a German sociologist and political scientist. He analyzes transnational right-wing narratives and frameworks in the current times of political, ecological, social and health crisis. His geographical focus is on the US, Brazil and Germany. Lucas is currently working in the Cornelia Goethe Center for Gender Studies at the Goethe University in Frankfurt, where he organizes lecture series, workshops, and summer schools on topics connected to Gender, Decolonization, Queer Studies and Intersectionality. His activism is centered on local processes of decolonization and a critical engagement with masculinity.



**BRENDAN SCHULTZ**  
(HE/HIM)  
Pitzer College

Brendan Schultz is the founder and director of United by Love, a non-profit that works on grassroots social development for inter-ethnic cooperation among youth in Southeastern Europe, Nepal, and Hawai'i. Leading United by Love, he has received grants from the United States Department of State and Davis Projects for Peace. In addition to his work leading United by Love, Brendan has worked in humanitarian response, from teaching English in the West Bank to coordinating food insecurity response in Los Angeles. Brendan is a former Hansen Leadership Institute Fellow, a Davis Fellow for Peace, and a YES Abroad Scholar to Macedonia. Born in Hawai'i, Brendan grew up as the son of a U.S. Military Officer and has lived on five continents. He currently resides in the world's most isolated city - Honolulu. Despite living thousands of miles away from any suitable mountains, Brendan is an avid skier.



**JIANNAN SHI**  
(HE/HIM)  
New York University  
Shanghai

Jiannan Shi will be graduating from New York University Shanghai in 2022. With a major in Social Science and a minor in Interactive Media Arts, Jiannan has a deep interest in exploring how media influences society. He has produced extensive media content to advocate social inclusion and an art installation to promote gender diversity in China. Moving from a small city in northern China where he grew up to metropolises including Shanghai, New York City, and Prague, he saw how much media varied and how it could be controlled while media consumers remain unaware. Amidst the booming information flow and the widening digital divide, he sensed how crucial media literacy is for today's citizens. Since Fall 2020, Jiannan has served as an education volunteer in a rural high school in central China for a year with an NGO. There, he empowered so-called "left-behind" students by initiating a participatory media literacy education program.

experiences have allowed her to find that her passion lies with providing immigrant communities with access to the resources needed for their mental and physical wellbeing, such as adequate housing and access to health care. Ultimately, she hopes to pursue a career in public interest law and public policy advocacy.



**RAFAEL TSANTES**  
(HE/HIM)  
Royal Conservatoire  
of Scotland

Rafael Tsantes is a visual artist, studying at Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in the program Contemporary Performance Practice. His specialization is in multimedia performance, utilizing mediums such as film and photography. He is fond of installation art and anything visually stimulating. He is interested in materiality and the meeting point of contemporary performance with graphic design. He is interested in humanitarian work and how contemporary performance can be translated within marginalized groups. Rafael is Greek, gay, white, and cisgender. He speaks Greek, English, and Spanish, and loves playing games, doing crafts, and drinking 'christmas tea'.



**ALICIA TERRERO**  
(SHE/HER)  
Providence College

Alicia Terrero is an engaged and passionate leader with a commitment to helping low-income, people of color. As a first-generation immigrant from the Dominican Republic, she has witnessed first-hand how much policy can be used to shape people's quality of life, either for better or worse. Much of her time in college has involved advocating for the needs of other students of color and organizing events to educate the campus community about issues like mass incarceration and discrimination in academia. Alicia's internship



# **FELLOWSHIP TEAM**



**FRANZISKA  
BOENISCH**  
(SHE/HER)  
Project Assistant

Franziska grew up in Halle and Cologne, Germany and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Organizations at Leiden University in The Hague, Netherlands. She first came into contact with politics when living abroad in Berkeley, California where she experienced her High School's Black Lives Matter protest. Her experience living abroad quickly developed into a strong interest for cultural diversity, justice, and politics. After graduating High School in Germany, she traveled to Chile with the goal of gaining new perspectives on the world and fostering intercultural exchange by working in various local institutions. Her current studies have further strengthened her interests in global affairs, cultural diversity, feminism, and human security. She is actively engaged in the student community and as an Honors student at a different university faculty, constantly seeking to broaden and deepen her understanding of the world.

She holds a M.Sc. in Cultural and Social Anthropology from the same university with a thesis on statelessness in Germany. Besides teaching, she is a founding member and writer for Statefree, an online community connecting stateless people and their allies. Before moving to Amsterdam for her Masters, she worked for a network for political education in Berlin and was a member of the Lisbon-based collective Humans Before Borders. Margarida was born and raised in Lisbon, Portugal and has studied and lived in Germany, Argentina and the Netherlands. Margarida is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2018 Berlin Fellowship).



**JOHANNA  
SALOMON**  
(SHE/HER)  
Social Media  
Coordinator

Johanna is an M.A. candidate in Curatorial Studies at the University of Frankfurt and the Academy of Fine Arts - Städelschule. She has worked as a curator and researcher in museums and other cultural institutions, specializing in post-1945 (Jewish) history in Central and Eastern Europe, critical museum and memory studies and artistic and curatorial practices in the aftermath of conflict and mass violence. She earned her BA in History and Philosophy at the University of Freiburg, spent two years in Poland as a scholar in the Metropolises in Eastern Europe Program by the German National Academic Foundation and studied toward an M.A. in Eastern European Studies at Free University Berlin. More recently, Johanna has become very passionate about mental health advocacy and hopes to foster closer collaboration between the cultural (heritage) and health-care sectors. Johanna is also a ballet and modern dancer and a photographer. She has produced several short films and documentaries and has most recently discovered her love for horses.



**MARGARIDA  
FARINHA**  
(SHE/HER)  
Program Coordinator

Margarida Farinha is this year's Humanity in Action Germany's Program Coordinator. The rest of the year she works as a junior lecturer and mentor at the University of Amsterdam, teaching courses in anthropology and sociology. Before the start of the pandemic, she also hosted monthly events for sharing anthropological research and exchanging ideas between students, researchers and professors at the Anthropology Department.





## **LISA AMA SCHRADE**

(SHE/HER)

Program Director

Lisa Ama Schrade is Humanity in Action Germany's Program Director. She holds a Masters in International Affairs from the Hertie School in Berlin and previously studied at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and Sciences Po Paris. While she was born and raised in Munich, Germany, and part of her family is from Kumasi, Ghana, Lisa spent ten years studying and working in the United States. After earning her BA in Cultural Studies and International Relations, she worked on progressive public policy issues in Washington, DC, focusing on migration and criminal legal reform – most recently as a Policy Associate for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). Passionate about ensuring access to justice for marginalized communities, she is also engaged in anti-discrimination and racial justice activism. Her fields of interest include social movements, migration, human rights and intersectional advocacy. Lisa is a Humanity in Action Fellow (2020 Berlin Fellowship).

on the political potentials of pleasure for queer world making. Queering Sex-Ed is a transnational platform they co-founded to not only make such theory more accessible, but to democratise and decolonise the ways in which knowledge about intimacies and identities is being produced and transmitted. While enjoying to work analytically, they also love to bring theory into the realm of the everyday life with playfulness, care, and the whole body. The approaches they work with understand human beings as interconnected, complex wholes and encompass somatic, non-violent, and needs-based methods. Whether in their research, workshops, or in their own community, they are dedicated to the imagination and cultivation of better modes of relating to one another to enhance everyone's wellbeing and to bring about social and political change.



## **PAULINE SPRANG**

(THEY/THEM)

Emotional Support  
Coordinator

Pauline is this year's Humanity in Action Germany's Emotional Support Coordinator. They move in the interstices of academia, facilitation, and political organising, thereby holding the importance of intimate, body centred transformation as key to healing and justice. Holding a MA in Gender Studies from SOAS University of London, they are inspired by queer theories of utopianism and radical political imagination. Such a critical yet hopeful spirit also informed their dissertation



# **BERLIN TEAM**



## **JOHANNES LUKAS GARTNER**

(HE/HIM)

International Director  
of Strategy and  
Organizational  
Development

Johannes Lukas Gartner is our International Director of Strategy and Organizational Development. He is also a certified facilitator of Search Inside Yourself, a retreat-like mindfulness and neuroscience-based emotional intelligence leadership training, a certified coach, and a leadership trainer at key2advance. Until December 2018, he served as Germany's Director of Programs at Humanity in Action. Previously, Johannes worked in strategy consulting for public sector clients at Roland Berger after gaining work experience at various other places ranging from the Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social, a press freedom and civil society communications non-profit in Mexico City, to Lilofee, an independent children's toy store in Berlin-Kreuzberg. He completed internships and research visits at places including the HIV/Aids Program of the United Nations Development Program in Panama City, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna, and multinational law firms in Istanbul and London. Johannes is a law graduate of King's College London as well as Humboldt University Berlin and an international relations graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. His research interests have centred around LGBTQ issues in Europe. His most recent work was published in the Global Encyclopaedia of Lesbian, Gay, Transgender and Queer History ("LGBT Migration to Europe," 2019). Johannes was born and raised in Vienna. He is an alumnus of the American Field Service (Panama, 2004-05) and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Diplomacy & Diversity Fellowship, 2014).



## **JANINA LEHMANN**

(SHE/HER)

Project Coordinator

Janina joined Humanity in Action as an intern and quickly became a precious team member. Since December 2020 Janina has worked as project coordinator for the Berlin office. She is from Berlin and studies Politics and Law at the European-University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) close to the Polish border. Previously she worked for the foundation Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung that is dedicated to achieving educational justice and equal opportunities. In addition to this, she was the Chairwomen of the General Students Committee at the Viadrina University and the Chairwomen of the Viadrina Model United Nations university group. Janina's main focus in her studies is international public law and human rights protection. Currently she is writing her Bachelor Thesis about the Right to Education for Refugees in Greek camps.



## **ANTJE SCHEIDLER**

(SHE/HER)

National Director &  
International Director  
of European  
Programs

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2001, when she became Program Director of the, then new, German Program. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived for almost her entire life in Berlin, where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. Antje studied English and American Studies and Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin and the University of Toronto, and became very interested in immigration related issues and matters of social cohesion.



She worked as a researcher at Humboldt University at the Department of Demography from 2000-2007 and as editor-in-chief of the newsletter "Migration and Population" from 2000-2011. Apart from being the National Director of Humanity in Action Germany she also oversees the international programs of the organization.

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# BEYOND THE FELLOWSHIP

**BERLIN FELLOWSHIP**

# Beyond the Fellowship – Action Projects



## WHAT ARE ACTION PROJECTS?

Action Projects are the means of enabling Humanity in Action Fellows to initiate projects that extend their Humanity in Action experience beyond the Fellowship. Action Projects promote individual civic engagement and social responsibility. They can represent many different forms of action—from public lectures and policy advocacy to service projects and social entrepreneurship—but the common thread is that the Action Project is your platform to apply what you have learned in your fellowship to real-life human and minority rights issues in your home communities or abroad. Action Projects serve as the gateway to ongoing participation in the global network of Humanity in Action experts and Senior Fellows.



## SUPPORT

As a Fellow, you will have one year to plan, complete, and report on your Action Project. The tools available to help you successfully complete your Action Project include guidance from your local Humanity in Action office, examples of previous Action Projects highlighted on our website and access to the Senior Fellow Network through HIA Connect for support, encouragement, advice and even participation in your project. We strongly encourage you to reach out through the Bulletin Board and through other means to connect and engage with the Humanity in Action community as you undertake your Action Project. Applying and spreading your acquired knowledge and skills in an Action Project is a core element of the Fellowship experience. It allows each Fellow to put theory into practice and act for an inclusive society.

The projects reflect each Fellow's unique experience and interests. Action Projects may take many different forms, including community service, public advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences and social entrepreneurship.

During the 2021 Berlin Fellowship, you will get all the information and guidance you need to get prepared and ready to act!



## ACTION LABS

In addition to the virtual program, we organize a series of ACTION LABS from September 2021 until spring 2022 for all 2021 Fellows.



## EVALUATIONS

Apart from the obligation to attend Action Labs and implement your Action Project, Humanity in Action expects you to evaluate the program by:

- ▶ Contributing to the project evaluation (sharing your observations in a constructive manner, completing the evaluation survey, etc.)
- ▶ Writing a letter to Humanity in Action Board Chairs in which you share your impression of the Fellowship. Please comment on the positive aspects, but also give critical insights on what should be revised. In order for us to improve, we need your honest feedback!



## REACH OUT

Feel free to reach out to us at any time:  
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## ACTION PROJECTS ROADMAP

Here is an overview of the action projects process with the dates for the Action Labs and the Webinars....





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