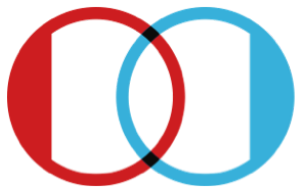

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Welcome Letter

Dear 2021 Amsterdam Fellows,

A virtual welcome to the Netherlands!

The Amsterdam Fellowship enables participants to examine contemporary questions around human rights, democracy, and inclusion from a Dutch perspective. Fellows examine patterns and mechanisms that underpin human rights related challenges today, by learning from historical examples. The program traditionally takes the Second World War and the Holocaust as a starting point - a devastating example of the collapse of democracy and the denial of minority rights. Furthermore, the curriculum dives into the Dutch colonial past, as well as post Second World War labor migration to the Netherlands.

The program repeatedly bridges historical narratives to more recent developments, rigorously exploring Dutch present-day societal challenges from different angles. We dive into the relationships between minority and majority populations, marginalized groups, the role of civil society, and phenomena of social (in)justice. We facilitate a collective exploration of the social, economic, and political roots of institutional racism in the Netherlands and provide a forum for the discussion of potential solutions. We ask ourselves: Why do some people resist while others remain bystanders?

We are in need of diverse new thinkers and doers from different disciplines and walks of life, who are committed to human rights, democracy, and social justice.

There is a concrete urgency to strengthen inclusive social cohesion and civic engagement among young people. Therefore, we consider dialogue between our transatlantic Fellows one of the most important elements of the Humanity in Action experience. Even - and in particular - in these times in which we still cannot meet physically. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Humanity in Action Fellowships kickoff will take place virtually from June 1 to June 23, 2021. We start and end the 2021 Fellowship kickoff with an international opening and closing program, with over 100 Fellows from across Europe and the United States. We are honoured to welcome the 2021 cohort and look forward to embarking on this virtual adventure together!

The Humanity in Action Amsterdam Fellowship exists because of our great supporters. We are deeply thankful to Democracy and Media Foundation, The United States Embassy in The Hague, Fred Foundation, and our individual sponsors for their continued and crucial support over the years. We are forever grateful to all Senior Fellows, friends, partners, speakers, volunteers, our Advisory Committee, and our Board for their continued engagement and support.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Humanity in Action The Netherlands team,

*Laura Lasance
Executive Director
Humanity in Action The Netherlands*

About Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Humanity in Action The Netherlands is an independent, not-for-profit Dutch organization. The organization was founded in 1999 and has since then been an active partner in the international Humanity in Action network, collaborating closely with Humanity in Action offices in Poland, Denmark, Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the United States. Humanity in Action The Netherlands is a non-partisan organization.

Humanity in Action The Netherlands empowers young people as leaders and agents of change in the fields of human rights, democracy, and an inclusive society. We develop intensive motivational education programs for adolescents, students, and young professionals. We also support integral civic engagement activities, organize public events, and develop tailor-made training programs.

We strongly believe in the power of diversity. We look to connect young talent from diverse social, political, religious, and cultural backgrounds. We challenge these young leaders-to-be to reflect critically on their context, privileges and positionality, to learn from each other's views, convictions, cultures, and identities. All with one goal: to take positive action in our society.

Humanity in Action The Netherlands boasts more than 240 Senior Fellows in the Netherlands - entrepreneurs, government officials, artists, academics, lawyers, journalists, politicians, and activists. In many different ways, they continue to contribute to an inclusive society personally, be it as an International Policy Director at Stanford University and former European Parliament Representative (Marietje Schaake), Alderman (Ufuk Kâhya, Den Bosch), anthropologist and activist (Mitchell Esajas, The Black Archives), or journalist (Anouk Eigenraam). Senior Fellows play an important role in the various programs that are organized by us.

Our Activities

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The Netherlands has a reputation for being liberal and tolerant: a model nation for the protection of minority rights. The Amsterdam Fellowship offers an opportunity to consider where that reputation is deserved and where there is deeper work to do. Fellows look at the nation's history—the Second World War and the Holocaust, as well as Dutch colonialism and slavery—to understand how democracy breaks down when minority groups are denied rights.

LANDECKER DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP

In partnership with the Alfred Landecker Foundation, Humanity in Action launched the Landecker Democracy Fellowship in 2020. Each year, the Fellowship brings together 30 diverse leaders from the European Union, the United Kingdom and the United States who spend one year on creating projects that reinvent democratic spaces, strengthen social cohesion and build connections across communities. With financial support, the second cohort of the #LandeckerFellows work together from November 7, 2021 to November 6, 2022.

HIA JUNIOR

Inspired by our flagship Fellowship in Amsterdam, HIA Junior was created to offer a similar collaborative learning & action opportunity on human rights-related societal topics, for engaged youngsters.

PUBLIC EVENTS

We organize public events on pressing societal challenges. Our public events include lectures, symposia, talks, campaigns, and video- and podcast series.

TRAININGS

Upon request, we design and run training programs for groups up to 25 people on the following themes:

- Inclusivity & Diversity
- Discrimination
- Human Rights in the Netherlands
- Youth Leadership

Code of Conduct

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



Meet our Founder



JUDITH GOLDSTEIN

Founder and Executive Director

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein received a Bachelor's 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.



Ombudsperson



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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 The Netherlands 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.

Lenka Hora Adema 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 and/or involve another professional to work on the case. Read more about Lenka via our [website](#).





FELLOWSHIP 2021

AMSTERDAM FELLOWSHIP

Introduction to the Theme

The overarching theme of the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship is *"Understanding the Dutch: Bridging Past and Present to Foster Solidarity."* Inspired by the global BLM protests of 2020, we acknowledge that the fight against institutional racism and exclusion of marginalized groups can only be successful if we show empathy and solidarity to all. It is therefore imperative that we know our history and local context to foster an inclusive future. The Fellowship virtual kickoff is divided into the following phases:

WEEK 1 - Building a Community and Our Global Shared History

The first week of the Fellowship is focused on getting to know each other and making agreements about our virtual collaboration. The virtual program offers the possibility to spend the introduction days with the Amsterdam Fellowship cohort as well as with the entire international Fellow cohort.

After the initial introductions, all Fellows jointly start the international program by reflecting on the current status of the COVID- 19 pandemic and a year after the global #BLM protests. Furthermore, the Fellows will dive into our shared Colonial History, the Second World War, and the Shoah from an international perspective. The Humanity in Action team is well-aware of just how challenging the process of collaborative learning can be, in particular virtually. Throughout the virtual kickoff program of the Fellowship, we have scheduled Fellow Discussions as daily group conversations, facilitated by our staff. On several occasions we have organized team building activities and the staff will schedule individual check-ins with the Fellows.

WEEK 2 - Our Shared National History

In the second week, the program continues to examine the Dutch historical context in more detail. Through webinars, film screenings of, and virtual tours at, amongst others, the Anne Frank House and the Rijksmuseum, the Fellows delve into the history of the Second World War and the Holocaust. Additionally, they further explore the history of the Dutch Colonialism in Indonesia, as well as the history of class, labor and migration to the Netherlands. We finalize the first week of national programming with the history of the Women's movement in the Netherlands.

WEEK 3 - Contemporary Social Injustices

In the third week, the attention of the curriculum shifts to contemporary social injustices in the Netherlands. Fellows are given the opportunity to engage in constructive and critical dialogue with front runners from different disciplines; individuals and collectives who are committed to an inclusive Dutch society.

The program continues to build further on the basic fundamentals of intersectionality that we have discussed during the International opening. We then explore the following sub-themes - all addressed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Gender and the LGBTQIA+ movement in the Netherlands;
- Racism, ethnicity, and religion: Solidarity between marginalized communities;
- Social change through law: The case of the climate justice movement.

WEEK 4 - International Closing

During the last days of the virtual international program, all Fellows and teams come together again to present - and reflect on - their experiences during the national programs. Also, the Fellows will be prepared to apply what they have learned through an Action Project. On the last day, there will be a closing keynote by no one other than Rev. Cornell Brooks.

Program Structure

The 2021 Fellowships kick-off starts with a virtual program of four weeks. There are four hours of programming per day and sufficient rest moments. Because of the different time zones, Fellows come together between 10:00 and 14:00 (EDT)/16:00 and 20:00 (CEST). The virtual program consists of:

- Sessions for the entire international 2021 - Fellows cohort;
Opening and closing sessions on topics of common interest such as the current state of the COVID - 19 pandemic, intersectionality, the Colonial Era, the Second World War, and the Shoa
- Sessions for the national Fellowship cohorts;
To address country-specific themes ranging from lectures to games and from virtual museum tours to film screenings
- Breakout sessions with groups of national Fellow cohorts;
To build a community
- Public virtual live events with top speakers.

Each program thus provides a virtual hybrid curriculum to explore the international and national historical and cultural context in which challenges to pluralism and democracy occur.

The programs are interdisciplinary, collaborative, and engaging learning experiences; they feature lectures and discussions/dialogues with researchers, journalists, politicians, activists, and artists and many other changemakers.

The goal of these programs is to foster cross-cultural understanding and an appreciation of different perspectives and approaches to assess past and contemporary social justice. After the four-week virtual hybrid program, Fellows will attend the Action Labs which will be in support of the development and implementation of their Action Projects to address social justice issues in their own communities.

>> Fellow Engagement & Action

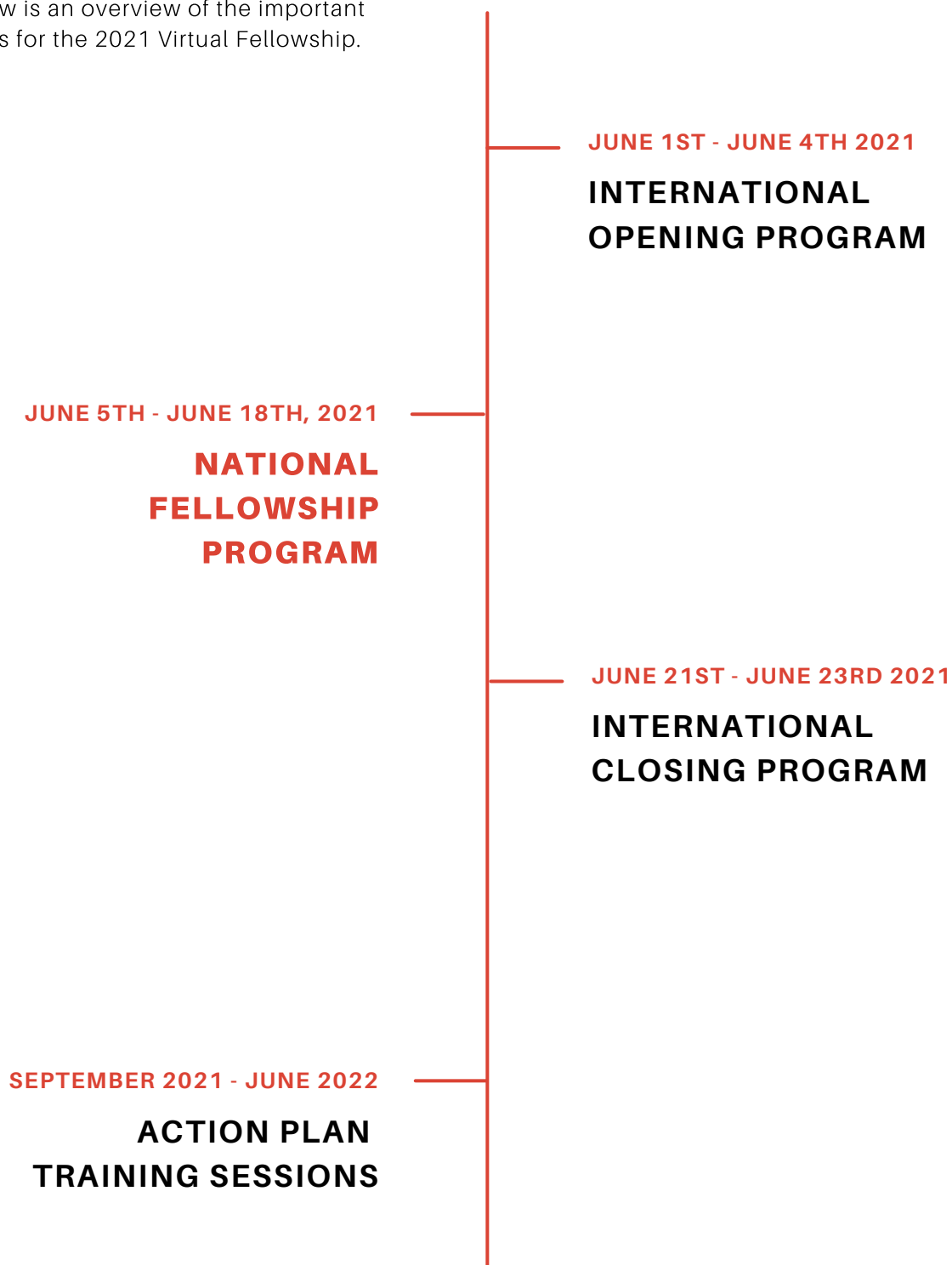
Humanity in Action The Netherlands pays close attention to supporting Fellows so that they can get into action, apply their acquired skills and knowledge, and give back to their communities. The personal contributions of the Fellows are invaluable to the learning experience that the Fellowship offers. Therefore, throughout the program, the Fellows are asked to contribute both individually and as a group.

Program Overview

10:00-14.00 (EDT)

16:00-20.00 (CEST)

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.

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

National Program

*Establish community guidelines and vision.
Welcome on behalf of Humanity in Action The Netherlands by Raissa Biekman & Laura Lasance*

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

INTERSACTIONALITY, 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.

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

National Program
Getting to Know Each Other

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 how the past continues to shape contemporary realities.

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: An Indigenous person's history, the United States and the structure of settler-colonialism
DeLesslin 'Roo' George-Warren (Artist, Senior Fellow and Landecker Fellow)

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.

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

>> WORLD WAR II AND THE HOLOCAUST

10:00-10:15 (EDT)
16:00-16:15 (CEST) Welcome & Check-In

10:15-11:15
16:15-17:15 Community Building

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

11:45-12:45
17:45-18:45 Holocaust from the Perspective of a Survivor
*Peter Hein, Retired as. prof. Obstetrics
& Gynaecology*

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

13:00-13:50
19:00-19:50 Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors
*David Hein, Head of Defence Office, Kosovo Specialist
Chambers & Senior Fellow*

13:50-14:00
19:50-20:00 Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 8th

Tuesday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM

>> DECOLONIZING THE DUTCH EMPIRE

10:00-10:15 (EDT)
16:00-16:15 (CEST) Welcome & Check-In

10:15-11:15
16:15-17:15 Fellow Discussion

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

11:45-12:45
17:45-18:45 Colonialism and the Independence of
Indonesia
*Wim Manuhutu, Lecturer History Dept. Vrije
Universiteit Amsterdam*

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

13:00-13:45
19:00-19:45 Getting into Action

13:45-14:00
19:45-20:00 Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 9th

Wednesday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM

>> CLASS, LABOR & MIGRATION

10:00-10:15 (EDT)
16:00-16:15 (CEST) Welcome & Check-In

10:15-11:15
16:15-17:15 Community Building

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

11:45-12:45
17:45-18:45 History of Class & Labor
*Ewout van den Berg, National Coordinator
International Socialists*

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

13:00-13:55
19:00-19:55 Fellow Discussion

13:55-14:00
19:55-20:00 Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 10th

Thursday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM

>> HISTORY OF DUTCH FEMINISM

10:00-10:15 (EDT) Welcome & Check-In
16:00-16:15 (CEST)

10:15-11:15 History of Dutch Feminism
16:15-17:15 Femke Zeven, *Legal Project Coordinator at Bureau Clara Wichmann* & Senior Fellow

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

11:45-12:45 Fellow Discussion
17:45-18:45

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

13:00-13:55 Community Building
19:00-19:55

13:55-14:00 Wrap-up
19:55-20:00

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 11th

Friday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM

>> TIME FOR REFLECTION AND THINKING BEYOND THE BINARY

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

Welcome & Check-In

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

Fellow Discussion: Open Sessions

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

Break

11:30-12:15
17:30-18:15

Reflection National Program Week 1

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

Break
Switch to International ZOOM

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

International Program

Beyond the Gender Binary

*Alok Vaid-Menon, Writer and Performance Artist &
Senior Fellow*

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 14th

Monday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM



SOLIDARITY AMONGST MARGINALIZED GROUPS

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

Welcome & Check-In

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

Community Building

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

Fellow Discussion

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

Break

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

Inclusive LGBTQIA+
Marie Ricardo, Executive Director COC The Netherlands & Senior Fellow

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

Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 15th

Tuesday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM



SOLIDARITY AMONGST MARGINALIZED GROUPS

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

Welcome & Check-In

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

Impairment Rights

Xandra Koster, Project Leader UN treaty

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

Break

11:30-12:30
17:30-18:30

An inclusive Jewish Community

*Lievnath Faber, Cultural Programmer &
2020 Landecker Fellow*

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

Break

13:00-13:55
19:00-19:55

Fellow Discussion

13:55-14:00
19:55-20:00

Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 16th

Wednesday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM



SOLIDARITY AMONGST MARGINALIZED GROUPS

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

Welcome & Check-In

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

Beyond Black Lives Matter

*Mitchell Esajas, Co-Founder The Black Archives
& Senior Fellow*

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

Break

11:30-12:30
17:30-18:30

Islamophobia

*Hanane Abouellotfi
Nawal Mustafa (TBC)*

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

Break

13:00-13:55
19:00-19:55

Getting into Action

13:55-14:00
19:55-20:00

Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 17th

Thursday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM

>> SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH LAW

10:00-10:15 (EDT)
16:00-16:15 (CEST) Welcome & Check-In

10:15-11:15
16:15-17:15 Climate Justice
Jelle Zijlstra, Community Mobiliser
Chaja Merk (TBC)

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

11:30-12:30
17:30-18:30 20th Anniversary Same Sex Marriage
Boris Dittrich, Senator in the Dutch Senate & Member
Committee of Recommendation HiA

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

13:00-13:45
19:00-19:45 Fellow Discussion

13:45-14:00
19:45-20:00 Wrap-up

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 18th

Friday,
NATIONAL PROGRAM



SOLIDARITY & INCLUSION

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

Welcome & Check-In

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

Getting into Action: Country
Presentations

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

Break

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

Reflection National Program Week 2

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

Break

13:00-13:45
19:00-19:45

Community Building

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

Wrap-up

June 21st

Monday,
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #2

>> 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!

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 Project 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

- 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)
- 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)
- Bidhi Mandal (Student Coalition for Nepal)

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

14:10-15:00
20:10-21:00

National Program

Optional: Roma Activism in Europe

Dr. Marius Taba (Board Member, Families, Friends and Travellers)

DAY-BY-DAY AGENDA

June 23rd

Wednesday,
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING #2

>> 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

Pub Quiz

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: When Unapologetically Inclusive
Ends Justify Radically Inclusive Means

*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

Benjamin Fro

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
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AMSTERDAM 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). 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 on 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 (2019 Amsterdam Fellowship)

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.): *Syberiada 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 (2006 Amsterdam Fellowship, 2009 Pioneer Fellowship)

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.

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.



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



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.



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

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.



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.



DISHA RAVI

Founder of Fridays For Future India

Disha is a 22 year old Indian youth climate change activist and a founder of Fridays For Future India. Her arrest on 13 February 2021 for an alleged involvement with an online toolkit related to Greta Thunberg and the 2020–2021 Indian farmers' protests gained international attention. The Indian government alleged that the toolkit, a standard social justice communications and organizing document, providing a list of ways to support the farmers' protests, fomented unrest and a form of sedition. The arrest was widely criticized both within India, and internationally.



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.



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).



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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EWOUT VAN DEN BERG

National coordinator
International Socialists

Ewout van den Berg is a Dutch revolutionary socialist involved in different campaigns. Over the last ten years he has been active in the solidarity movement of undocumented refugees in Amsterdam, in the movement for a free Palestine, and is a long-term member of anti-racist coalition Comite 21 maart. Recently he has been more involved in the climate-justice movement, focusing on the building of (local) united fronts and the importance of strategic debates. Ewout regularly writes for the website of the International Socialists, www.socialisme.nu



MITCHELL ESAJAS

Co-Founder
The Black Archives

Mitchell Esajas (the Netherlands, 1988) is co-founder of New Urban Collective, a network for students and young professionals from diverse backgrounds with a focus on the Surinamese, Caribbean and African diaspora. Esajas studied Business Studies and Anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. In 2016 he co-founded the Black Archives in Amsterdam, a cultural center based on a unique collection of books, documents and artefacts documenting the histories of Surinamese and Black people in the Dutch context. The Black Archives develops exhibitions and public programs based on the collections and urgent societal issues.



BORIS DITTRICH

Senator in the Dutch
Senate & Member of
Committee of
Recommendation HiA

Boris Dittrich is a Dutch senator since 2019. In that capacity he is also a member of the OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe). Previously, he has been a lawyer, a judge and a member of the House of Representatives in the Dutch parliament. In 2007 he became the global advocacy director in the LGBT rights program at Human Rights Watch in New York and Berlin until 2018. Dittrich is an author. He wrote six fiction books. His thriller W.O.L.F. was chosen as the best Dutch thriller of 2016. For his work on LGBT rights he received the Dutch Bob Angelo Award (2012), the Dutch Jos Brink State Award in 2013 and the Dutch Living Legend Award in 2018.



LIEVNATH FABER

2020 Landecker Fellow
& Cultural Programmer

Lievnath Faber is a Jewish scholar and programmer with a Friesian father and an Israeli mother of Tunisian and Egyptian descent. She is also a birth and death doula and advocates for bringing these lifecycle events back into communities. She holds a master's degree in Film Studies from the University of Amsterdam and is a facilitator for the Paradigm Project at the Paideia European Institute for Jewish Studies in Stockholm. She works on the intersections of Jewish culture and heritage, lifecycle and community, and cinema. Currently, Lievnath works on co-creating a Jewish hub, Oy Vey, in the city center of Amsterdam, right in the middle of the former Jewish quarter. This open, inclusive, and unapologetically Jewish hub aims to provide a safe and creative space for Jews and non-Jews to express, enjoy, celebrate, co-create, remember, and relate to cultural tradition and heritage.

She believes this to be essential for honest, civic, creative, and nurturing discourse as well as for the well-being of the community and for actively fighting Antisemitism. She strives to create a local space that is inclusive of all who wish to engage with, learn about, and experience the rich and diverse global Jewish culture.



DAVID HEIN

Head of Defence Office,
Kosovo Specialist
Chambers & Judge
Substitute Court of
Amsterdam

David P. Hein (1977) is the Head of Defence Office of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers, a court in The Hague established to try persons accused of (international) crimes in Kosovo in 1998-2000. Before that, he was a criminal defence lawyer with a well reputed law firm in Amsterdam. From 2004 until 2007 he helped to set up the War Crimes Chamber of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo. About his experience there he wrote a well-received book called 'Een oorlog die de mijne zou zijn' ('A war to call my own'). Until recently, he was the chairman of a foundation called 'Young Urban Achievers' that endeavours to create jobs and work experience in the cultural sector in countries in transition.

David holds an LL.M from the University of Groningen in The Netherlands and an LL.M from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Switzerland.



PETER HEIN

Retired as. prof. Obstetrics
& Gynaecology;
Now guest speaker,
writer and sculptor

Peter Hein (1939) is a retired associate professor in obstetrics and gynaecology (Univ. Nijmegen, The Neth.) As a Jewish child he was hidden in The Netherlands during WW II, as were his parents.

Many of their relatives were murdered by the Nazi's, but Peter and his parents survived. He wrote "The sixth year" about his own hiding and the first year after the liberation and "The hiding", on the dramatical hiding of his parents. The books were well received in The Netherlands. Today he is occupied in maintaining the memories of the fate of the Jews during WW II in The Netherlands and is disseminating knowledge concerning the Holocaust. He is guest speaker throughout the country on these topics and on the effects of war trauma's on his- and the next generations. Moreover, he is now writer and professional sculptor of bronze sculptures.



XANDRA KOSTER

Project Leader UN Treaty
'Niets Over Ons Zonder
Ons'

Xandra Koster is professionally involved with the implementation of the UN Convention on Disability in the Netherlands. She is interested in human rights and feminism and aims to raise awareness in her work and publications. She is also an activist in the field of disability justice and an expert by experience.



WIM MANUHUTU

Lecturer History Dept. Vrije
Universiteit Amsterdam

Wim Manuhutu (Vught, 1959) is a historian and a lecturer in the History Department of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He studied contemporary and colonial history at Utrecht University where he obtained his MA. From 1987-2009 he was one of the directors of the. Moluccan Historical Museum/Museum Maluku in Utrecht, one of the few museums established by a postcolonial community in the Netherlands. Manuhutu has published on Moluccan history and culture and participated in different committees aiming at more diversity within the heritage field.

His research interests include the colonial and postcolonial history of Indonesia, Southeast-Asia, anti-colonial movement, European history and multiculturalism and heritage in a comparative perspective.

Manuhutu has been engaged in various heritage and research projects, involving the Netherlands and Indonesia and is currently working on his Ph.D research regarding cultural policies of the Netherlands, Indonesia and Suriname from 1945.

Wim Manuhutu is married and lives in Utrecht.



CHAJA MERK

Communications specialist
at Friends of the Earth

Chaja Merk is an intersectional climate activist, currently focusing on empowering youth to get involved in the climate and social justice movement in her work for Friends of the Earth (Milieudefensie). She is a spokes person for Extinction Rebellion and in training for the climbing team of Greenpeace. She occupies coal mines and blocks streets, to give Mother Earth a voice - which polluting multinationals and governments have been ignoring too much and too long. Recently she became more outspoken in Jewish activism. "Jews are the forgotten vegetable of inclusion" Chaja states. She wants to make the climate & social justice movement more inclusive for Jewish people while at the same time getting Jews more visibly involved with the movement.



NAWAL MUSTAFA

Initiator of SPEAK, PhD
Candidate & 2014
Amsterdam Fellow

Nawal Mustafa has an undergraduate degree in International & European Law and an LLM Master in International Law and the Law of International Organizations with specializations in Human Rights Law from Rijksuniversiteit Groningen.

Currently, Nawal is a Ph.D. candidate at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. Her PhD research focuses on the historical regulation of interracialized relationships in the U.K. in 1950-1970. Before her PhD, Nawal worked for Amnesty International, Humanity in Action, and Critical Mass. She is also active as a board member for Bureau Clara Wichman, a legal feminist fund, and De GoedeZaak, a campaign platform for socioeconomic issues. Last year, together with three other activists, Nawal initiated SPEAK, a platform for Muslim women and their fight against racism, Islamophobia and sexism. Although an immense inequality currently characterizes the world, Nawal hopes that her efforts, as small as they may be, can contribute to the redistribution of power and help create a more just world. (Senior Fellow Amsterdam Fellowship, 2014).



MARIE RICARDO

Executive Director COC
The Netherlands
& 2012 Amsterdam Fellow

Marie Ricardo is the Executive Director of COC Nederland, the oldest still existing LGBTIQ organization in the world. Marie was born in Curaçao and studied Public International Law in Amsterdam and San Francisco. She has worked with LGBTI-movements in African and Caribbean countries. Marie has been working towards an inclusive LGBTIQ-movement throughout her career. They have been a board member at different LGBTI-initiatives, like PlanetRomeo Foundation and Pride Amsterdam. Marie currently sits on the Supervisory Board at Atria, the Institute on gender equality and women's history based in Amsterdam. They are also a board member of the Regional Center for Discrimination in Amsterdam.



FEMKE ZEVEN

2017 Pat Cox Fellow
& 2016 Amsterdam Fellow

Femke Zeven (she/her) is a cultural anthropologist and is currently in the process of becoming a lawyer. Alongside her studies, Femke is working as a legal project coordinator at Bureau Clara Wichmann: a foundation that does strategic litigation for women's rights and against other forms of gender discrimination. During her studies in cultural anthropology, Femke has had a focus on gender and migration studies. This made for a more inclusive approach to the law and in trying to change the existing gender roles in Dutch law and policy.



JELLE ZIJLSTRA

Community Mobiliser

Jelle Zijlstra (1988), is a Dutch-Jewish theatre director and actor. Last year, he switched careers and started working for Greenpeace in community mobilisation & movement building. Jelle is also an activist in both the climate and the anti-racism movement. His Jewish & Queer identity is deeply connected to his activism. He sees it as a historical and moral obligation to actively work towards creating a sustainable and dignified future for all of mankind.



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IMTINEN ABIDI

Imtinen Abidi has a Masters degree in Public Policies from UPEC (Université-Paris-Est-Créteil) and in Global Politics and Euro-Mediterranean Studies from the University of Catania. During her studies, she volunteered in several organizations, travelled to various countries and gained intercultural experience. She currently works as a communication officer for an NGO empowering young people. She was selected in February 2021 to participate in the #DiasporaVote programme and is working with her team on an own initiative called 'The role of culture, education, media and sport in the fight against racism'. Her passion for humanities and sensitivity to social and cultural issues has had an impact on her academic background. She hopes to work on projects aiming to create a better understanding between the European Union and its Southern neighbours. In her spare time, she enjoys learning new languages and discussing politics and history.

As a social scientist and activist, Fakiha believes in the power of academia to produce knowledge and hopes to translate this to influence policy actions that can reach all levels of society – the connected and the disconnected. With her involvement in the Humanity in Action program, she hopes to create tangible actions that will directly benefit others by bridging the gap between research and practice.



EDRIEËNNA BRANDAO (E3)

Edrieëna (E3) is a speaker and humanitarian with familial and cultural ties to St. Eustatius and Curacao. Her love of justice, discourse and academia form the foundation of her activism and community development. This drives her work as a social work teacher, advisory member of the UNESCO committee and student coach to BIPOC/Afro-Caribbean students studying in the Netherlands. As a young professional embarking further into the world of academia and social activism, E3 aims to one day be a champion for the causes that are close to the hearts of the most marginalized in our communities. Her most recent endeavor, sprouting from insights she gained doing research for her bachelor thesis, focuses on a community-based approach to promoting study success amongst students from the ABCSSS islands.



FAKIHA AHMED

Born in The Hague, with her roots in Somalia, the place of birth of her parents, Fakiha Ahmed is a firm believer in the resilience of people and has always felt a deep responsibility to uplift communities that are often underrepresented, overlooked or excluded. Fakiha holds a BA in European Studies and is currently finishing her Master of Social Sciences in Peace and Conflict Studies from Uppsala University, Sweden. She has developed a particular focus on women's rights, peacebuilding and democratic governance.



**DAIKIRA
BROWN-TURNER**

Daikira Brown-Turner is a journalist, activist, and storyteller. As native of Chicago's Southside, Daikira has a passion for being a voice for the voiceless and discovering unique perspectives for her audience. Daikira has dreams of writing for news publications such as the New York Times and the Washington Post or reporting for ABC World News. In the future, she aspires to start her own digital media company to showcase the authentic perspective of people of color.



**MAYUKH
DATTA**

Mayukh Datta is a junior at Mississippi State University studying Chemical Engineering with a minor in Environmental Economics. At Mississippi State, Mayukh is the founder of the Climate Reality Project Chapter, an organization that advocates for climate equity in Mississippi. He is also the founder and Director of Feeding the Future Mississippi, a nonprofit that combats food insecurity in the Mississippi Delta. He hopes to attend graduate school for environmental economics so that he can return to Mississippi to focus on environmental justice advocacy.



**IOANNIS
CHATZIIOSIF**

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, Ioannis (Yannis) Chatziiosif recently received his BA in International and European Studies. He is currently attending a postgraduate program in Human Rights at the University of Glasgow. His research interests have been largely oriented towards gender relations and the domain of power relations within society. One of his ambitions growing up was to travel around the world. So far, he has lived in several European countries in his attempt to gain professional experience and familiarize himself with new cultures. His interest in politics led him to accept two internship positions within the diplomatic bodies of Greece and Belgium. For now, he wishes to focus on the Human Rights realm. The Humanity in Action Fellowship will be a great opportunity for Yannis to develop his ideas on social justice as a separate aspect of the discourse on Civil and Political Rights.



**KACEY
FANG**

Kacey Fang is a MSc student at Oxford, where she studies the relationship between depression and suicidal behavior among psychiatric inpatients in China. Her work builds on independent research she conducted in China while on a Yale fellowship. Kacey graduated from Yale with degrees in History and Cognitive Science. Her theses investigated the xenophobic roots of US drug policy as well as the relationship between loneliness and age-related changes in the brain. Kacey also spent a semester studying public health in Vietnam, South Africa, and Argentina and intends to spend the next year studying refugee health in Malaysia on a Fulbright grant.

Outside of school, she tutors low-income immigrant youth, performed in a slam poetry group, and led health equity initiatives in New Haven. She is passionate about the intersection of health equity, migration, and social justice and hopes to continue working with refugee and immigrant populations in the future.



**LOTTE
GEBOERS**

Lotte is a Dutch graduate, passionate about issues that require an interdisciplinary approach, such as climate change, discrimination, mental health and a sustainable society. She is currently participating in multiple training programs related to sustainability consultancy and sustainable entrepreneurship.

Lotte has a BA in Liberal Arts & Sciences (2017) with a major in International Studies & Conflict Studies from Utrecht University and a Research Master African Studies (2019) from Leiden University. During her studies, she was able to go abroad multiple times, including for an exchange semester in Australia and as co-producer of a documentary in Israel. For her master's thesis she did fieldwork in Mauritius on the empowerment of female entrepreneurs. Next to her studies, she has volunteered for multiple (local and international) NGOs.

He received a BA in Design from the Utrecht School of the Arts and a MA from the Netherlands Film Academy. Equipped with a critical mind he reflects upon the conjunction between society, identity, technology, and media. From there a process unfolds in which he challenges himself to question assumptions, deconstruct universal understandings, and check his privileges in order to dismantle unconscious prejudices. This process is strongly informed by his experience of diverse (family) histories. It does not only permeate into his artistic activities on media, graphic design, filmmaking but also his different engagements into community, his care-work, and parenthood. At the moment, he develops a project based upon his research in Virtual Reality and the experience of discrimination, exclusion, and repression in a community in Amsterdam.



**SPENCER
GOLDBERG**

Spencer Goldberg is a rising fourth-year student at the University of Virginia double majoring in Political & Social Thought and Philosophy. Born in central New Jersey to Jewish parents, Spencer attended a science and engineering magnet program for high school before finding a passion for politics and applied ethics. In Charlottesville, Spencer spends much of his time engaged in historical education, pointing out the paradoxes in America's founding and showing how the legacies of history continue to inhabit our landscape. Beyond leading an organization that gives historical tours of the University of Virginia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Spencer has given tours of Monticello, the historic home and primary plantation of Thomas Jefferson, and a local African American Heritage Center.



**JAN-TIMO
GESCHWILL**

From the personal to the political. Born in Germany and currently living in Amsterdam, Timo is an artist, artistic researcher and filmmaker.

Spencer is interested in historical-political memory, human rights, and social inequality. After graduating, he plans to work in the non-profit or public service domains before attending law school.



**HANA
HODŽIĆ**

Hana Hodžić completed her BSE in the Program of Automatic Control and Electronics at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering in Sarajevo. She has volunteered with several associations: the Association of Students of Electrical Engineering of Europe (EESTEC LC Sarajevo), the Association of Students of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering Steleks Sarajevo, where she is an alumni member, and the Association Ruku na srce, where she is an active member. Currently, Hana is working with children on various projects in the Association Ruku na srce. In her free time, she learns about human rights, domestic violence, and is mostly interested in the issue of peer violence.



**MEDINA
MAHMIĆ**

Medina Mahmić graduated with a BA in Economics and is planning on applying to Master's programs in the field of Management. She is a former Erasmus exchange student and had the chance to experience dynamic way of life and studying. She is a reliable and responsible person willing to learn and improve her skills. She currently works in finance and accounting, and realized that they do not bring her as much joy as management does.

She also always finds it important to have something that motivates her and makes her happy. That is why she participates in various sport activities in her free time such as Bootcamp training and dance. She enjoys taking long walks and hiking. She loves to escape reality by reading good books with warm cup of coffee. Medina hopes that one day she will build a career where she can be the best version of herself in life and business and along with that to help people.



**ACHRAF
MANAR**

Achraf Manar is one of the organizers of the youth-led group Different Leaders, which aims to promote responsible, inclusive and sustainable leadership, and influence decision-makers towards building equitable and sustainable policies. Having grown up in both urban and rural working-class neighborhoods in France, Achraf was exposed to inequalities that fueled his need to be committed to the service of a society. He became a student representative, to defend the interests of nearly 35,000 students.

Engaged in the non-profit Article 1, (France's largest equal opportunity organization), he helped organize a consultation of french young people leading to 17 proposals against inequalities within the 2019 Youth 7 summit, and presented to french ministers. He contributed also to organize 3 editions of the International Day of Equal Opportunities in more than ten countries, to help his cadets in their academic and professional paths and raise awareness about equality of opportunities.



**ELISE
PÜTZ**

Elise Pütz is a 24-year old law graduate. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Dutch Law, a Minor in Criminology and a Master's degree in Public International Law from Utrecht University. During her master's degree she specialized in Human Rights Law. Her passion for human rights and her international mindset is also expressed through her volunteering at organisations dealing with issues such as integration and nature conservation. She has also done committee work for the Erasmus Student Network in Utrecht. In her free time, Elise is passionate about artistic gymnastics. She is a national judge and practices gymnastics at the association where she is also a former-president and committee member. Other interests include women's rights, politics, solo-travel and pop-culture. Currently, Elise works at the Utrecht regional Health Organisation as part of the COVID-19 response Department. In the future, she aspires to start a career in Human Rights Law.



**NINA
REIS**

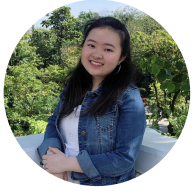
Nina Reis is a German student and aspiring advocate and writer. Besides pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics in Amsterdam, she currently works on providing public, alternative education by curating an online archive and facilitating events, such as an online conversation on intersectionality, mental health, or fat liberation, and curating an art show, for YOUTH ACT.

The intersections between culture, media, politics, and philosophy are of particular interest to her and she occasionally writes about these topics for PanDam magazine. Her involvement with various student groups of Amnesty International and working on the World Talks project of Stichting URGENT, creating a digital database of interviews with activists, has inspired her to continuously reflect on human rights, social justice, and decolonization. For Nina, "the personal is political"; she is currently figuring out her journey, with a focus on social epistemology, international relations, and queer studies and community.



**LEFKOTHEA
RIZOPOULOU**

Born and raised in a conservative Greek province, Lefkothea has been always inquisitive about human rights and social justice. Her passion was to raise challenges for breaking cycles and taboos. She moved to Athens, where she completed her BA studies in Social Work. Lefkothea's experience in grassroots movements and collective, solidarity actions in regards to refugee topic/immigration policies, and gender-based violence influenced her both personally and professionally. She served as social worker in shelters for unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors in Greece. Anti-oppressive practices, critical reflection, and intersectionality are at the core of her work. Adapting Simone de Beauvoir's quote "To name means to reveal and to reveal means that one is already acting", she continues defending social justice. Lefkothea aims to hold a Master's degree in "Social work as a Human Rights profession" and to focus on critical research.



ASHLEY TAN

Ashley Tan hails from sunny Singapore, and is currently pursuing a dual degree between Columbia University and the Paris Institute of Political Studies. An advocate for gender parity and racial justice, Ashley is currently a member of Young Feminist Europe and serves as Youth Ambassador at OnePeople.sg, a ground up advocacy body for inter-racial and inter-religious understanding in Singapore. She has also served as a judge for The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition and is currently the Creator and Managing Editor of Policy 360, a foreign policy roundtable under Columbia Political Review. She is most drawn to stories pertaining to international affairs and social justice, with her written work being featured in publications including The Diplomat, Southeast Asia Globe, UNICEF and MTV. As a lover of music, Ashley has also previously worked to raise funds for underprivileged children seeking educational opportunities with charities such as World Vision.

For her Master research, she immersed herself in questions around humanitarian aid and grassroots resistance against Sexual Violence and Femicide in South Africa. Her studies have shaped her into a highly motivated and critical thinker. Now she is ready to bring theory to practice! In her free time, she enjoys vegetarian cooking, yoga, long bike trips and walks in nature and reading novels.



MIKAYLA VIEIRA RIBEIRO

Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro is a student, educator, translator, and poet from Curaçao, and of Portuguese-North American descent. After receiving her BA in Black Studies and English from Amherst College (USA), she returned to Curaçao to teach middle school math and English. She is now doing her MA in Literary Studies at the University of Amsterdam where she focuses on (Dutch) Caribbean literature. She is a part of and has been highly influenced by several global grassroots communities fighting for social justice in education including Liyang Network (The Philippines and USA), Catalytic Communities (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Akshara (Maharashtra, India), and Korsou Kontra Rasismo (Curaçao). Mikayla dreams of decolonial knowledge building and sharing, grounded in territory and community, especially within the Caribbean and its diaspora.



PAULA VERMUË

Paula Vermuë is an Anthropologist with a passion for gender and youth justice. Paula is currently a junior lecturer at the Anthropology Department of the University of Amsterdam. She is assisting an Anthropological research on intersectional fatherhood practices in the Netherlands. Paula has a Research Masters in Social Sciences from the University of Amsterdam. She is specialized in Ethnographic Research, Conflict Studies and Gender-based Violence.



DONOVAN WILLIAMS

Born and raised in Bronx, New York, Donovan received his BA in Philosophy from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 2019. Having a keen interest in challenging human rights and criminal justice issues, Donovan taught incarcerated individuals competitive debate as a volunteer for Rikers Debate Project, took part in grassroots canvassing for Amnesty International, and organized an event on his school's campus calling for an end to solitary confinement in state prisons. He has also done preliminary research focused on identifying racial disparities in policing as a research assistant for the Center for Policing Equity, and assisted with civic-engagement and social justice projects as an intern for FPWA, including drafting city-wide police reforms. Donovan's work is driven by a vision of a society free of systems that punish and oppress marginalized groups, which is why he's pursuing a Master's degree in Public Policy to spearhead policies that promote structural equity.



LILIAN WRIGHT

Lily Wright is a third-year student studying English & French. Passionate about immigration and the Appalachian identity, Lily is pursuing an independent oral history project that seeks to amplify disenfranchised immigrant narratives in West Virginia, her home state. The project is set for completion in Spring 2022 and will partner with the West Virginia ACLU.

Previously, she contributed research to a work entitled "The Criminal Body: Italian Racialization and Erasure in the Dime Novel" which explores the depictions and language surrounding Italian immigrants in the 19th century dime novel. She also volunteers with local immigration specialists, assisting in programming for undocumented West Virginia residents and international students. As a product of the humanities, Lily is fascinated by the intersection of arts and activism, and her belief is that telling a story is one of the most powerful ways to spark empathy and a grassroots movement.



MÁTÉ ZSÉDELY-HOLLER

Máté Zsédely-Holler was born in Győr, Hungary, and is currently studying Political Science at the University of Amsterdam.

Máté is a Jewish student professional who has partnered with a number of organizations around the world to represent and advocate for Jewish people. He is currently a Ronald S. Lauder Fellow at the World Jewish Congress, the world's largest diplomatic federation of Jewish communities and organizations. Besides his studies, he created the Campus branch of Oy Vey, an organization that connects people, ideas, and different expressions of contemporary Jewish culture regardless of religious denominations by providing a vibrant, progressive, and inclusive environment for university students. His research interests include religious polarization, forms of contemporary political anti-Semitism, and the history of political thought.



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**MARIE-LOUISE
BEEKMANS**
Intern
Communications

Marie-Louise is a recent graduate from Maastricht University with a BA in Liberal Arts & Sciences. She majored in Sociology and Diversity Studies and more specifically commits herself to the critical study of social issues in their construction, deconstruction, and reconstruction. During her studies she had the opportunity to go on exchange to the United States where she pursued a minor in Africana & Women's Studies. For her bachelor's thesis she conducted qualitative research on how to expand Afro-Dutch Studies within Dutch Higher Education most effectively and meaningfully. Next to her studies, Marie-Louise is active within various anti-racist and feminist organizations such as Maastricht kan het, Zuid-Limburg BIJ1 and Wonda Women.



LUIZA BRAGA
Communications &
Community Officer

Luiza has a bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Houston and a master's degree in Multimodal Communication from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Since 2018, Luiza has dedicated her Communications expertise to non-profit organizations seeking social change. Volunteering, education, and media fairness are some of the causes she has embraced through her work.



LAURA LASANCE
Executive Director

Laura is a strong advocate for the empowerment of youth to contribute to positive change, social justice, and sustainable development. Over the last decade, she has gained comprehensive experience in managing organizations and projects in the fields of human rights, advocacy, children and youth leadership across the globe. She has expertise in fostering leadership among highly diverse teams of (young) professionals. Laura worked at the Centre for Conflict Studies (Utrecht University), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, and served as Executive Director of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality. She successfully developed the collective advocacy platform of the International Children's Peace Prize winners. Laura served as Supervisory Board member of dance4life international and is Chair to the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. Laura has a Masters degree (cum laude) in Conflict Studies and Human Rights (Utrecht University).



RAISSA BIEKMAN
Program Manager

Raissa Biekman holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in Political Science, and a masters degree in Public Administration. She specializes in International Relations. After her graduation in 2013, Raissa worked in higher education in Surinam as a lecturer and education coordinator. Her passion for international social issues has always been a common thread in her career. In the past, Raissa also served as a moderator for local political events, delegation visits from international organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund, and international conferences. In addition, she worked as a consultant and political analyst for local media (STVS) and international organizations.



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Training support

Wessel is dedicated to building safe, inclusive and resilient societies by supporting motivated individuals to contribute to peace, justice and strong institutions.

Over the last decade, Wessel has gained professional experience in research, program management and communications on security, development and humanitarian affairs in Sub-Saharan Africa and the MENA region. His expertise lies in skills development, personal effectiveness and capacity building for organizations and practitioners in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict prevention and the rule of law.



WIETZE VEENSTRA

Intern Educational & Public Programs

Wietze is a third-year Communication and Information Sciences student at the University of Utrecht. Before starting his studies he wrote about the emergence of populism in Europe and the United States for his high school graduation research project. For his Bachelor's minor, Wietze focused on History and International Relations. This minor provided him with the theoretical and analytical tools to link history and human rights to current issues regarding digitization, polarisation, and unrest. As such, he for example analyzed the Dutch parliamentary motives for military interventions in Indonesia between 1945-1950, the British abolishment of slavery, and speeches from extremist leaders in current-day contexts.

Next to volunteer experience in event organizations and external relations, Wietze was also involved with a search engine scale-up in Utrecht.

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Beyond the Fellowship

>> LETTER TO THE BOARD

Apart from the obligation to 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!
- ▶ Optional but much appreciated: leaving a short testimonial for external communication purposes.

To become a Senior Fellow, you must plan and implement an Action Project: a hands-on initiative inspired by your Fellowship experience. Action Projects give you the opportunity to apply what you have learned during the Fellowship and address real-life issues in your own communities.

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

>> WHAT ARE ACTION PROJECTS?

As a Humanity in Action Fellow, you get the opportunity to enrich yourself and get empowered through the Fellowship program, the other Fellows and the network as a whole. 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.

>> ACTION LABS

In addition to the virtual program, we organize a series of ACTION LABS from October 2020 until May 2021 for the Fellows. You will meet bi-weekly for workshops in support of their Action Projects, but also webinars and community building sessions. Each office has an Action Project Mentor who will provide you with individual coaching from September on throughout the entire period of the Fellowship.

>> ACTION PROJECT EXAMPLES

STORIES OF WOMANHOOD

*Sophia Blijden &
Sharona Badloe (Fellows 2017)*

Stories of Womanhood was founded by Sophia Blijden and Sharona Badloe, on the occasion of the Fellowship of 2017. With Stories of Womanhood, they offer performers a platform to share personal stories about "womanhood" through the creative arts (spoken word, theater, poetry, etc.). They want to address (political) discussions where the left is often opposed to the right and offer a way to discuss social issues in an accessible way. In 2019 the fourth and fifth editions took place in Utrecht.

REFUGEES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Sascha Wijnhoven (Fellow 2018)

To meet, connect and learn from each other: That's what the Travelling Language Café in Utrecht is about. As of March 2018, 13 meetings took place with newcomers, Dutch students and teenagers to explore the Dutch language and society together. Various topics were addressed addressed through play, challenges and interaction.

MUSIC & SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Caitlin Schaap (Fellow 2018)

During the 2019 Amsterdam Dance Event, Fellow Caitlin Schaap participated in - and performed at one of the seminars on protest music and social activism. With her creative performance, Caitlin aims to be a voice for the indigenous communities in the Amazon region. The colonial and imperialist domination, the reclamation of natural resources and now climate change are having a profound impact on indigenous communities whose voices have been marginalized for centuries.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Lianne Cluistra (Fellow 2018)

The United Nations have declared November 25 as International Day Against Violence Against Women. To raise awareness about this issue, in 2019, several buildings around the world were colored orange. Lianne was involved in this awareness initiative in Haarlem. The South Tower of the St. Bavokerk was colored orange for 16 days. During these days, different women's women's rights organizations provided sessions and workshops to end violence against women.



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