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# 2021

## HUMANITY IN ACTION

### ACTIVITY REPORT

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# OUR MISSION



Humanity in Action is a transatlantic non-profit organization that supports liberal democracy, pluralism and human rights through unique educational programs for college and university students, recent graduates and young professionals with additional programs for high school students and teachers.



We **educate** tomorrow's leaders on past and present human rights challenges through critical historical as well as contemporary inquiries and cross-cultural dialogue.



We **connect** an ever-growing international community committed to strengthening liberal democracy, human rights and pluralism.



We **inspire** civic engagement to advance social equity, responsibility and justice.

## Through our work:

- > We affirm the importance of strengthening democratic values.
- > We foster environments in which individuals of diverse backgrounds and identities can engage openly and respectfully with contentious and challenging ideas and each other.
- > We support a vision of pluralistic societies that embrace differences and negotiate their boundaries through constructive political, social and personal dialogue and relationships.
- > We build a multinational, intergenerational community of emerging and established leaders who share values including justice, equity, anti-racism, anti-discrimination and pluralism.



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# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

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**JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN**

For Humanity in Action, 2021 was a year of challenges, commitment and resolve. More than a year into the pandemic, the organization was able to continue its virtual approach to programming, building upon and improving the impacts of Fellowships even while the Fellows were unable to come together in person. In the face of these challenges, Humanity in Action proudly continued its mission of strengthening the commitment to our network of Fellows and Senior Fellows to democratic values, while increasing their knowledge of human rights challenges past and present. In spite of these continued challenges, the year was a great success, as Humanity in Action furthered its cross-cultural and collaborative learning programming, leading to strong impact and action from students and professionals from the United States, Ukraine, Poland, the Netherlands, Greece, Germany, France, Denmark, Bosnia and Herzegovina and various other countries.



In addition to our Fellowships, Humanity in Action expanded the scope of its educational work in 2021. Allow me to share some of these exciting initiatives: We released the final two films, *Two Trees in Jerusalem* and *My Father's War*, in our animated short film trilogy *Traces: Portraits of Resistance, Survival, and Resolve*. We also proudly continued our Racial Equity Grants and Detroit Community Grants, awarding funding to US-based Senior Fellows to further their work. We continued our partnership with the ACLU of Georgia in funding a full-time Policy Fellow. We prepared to launch an expansive new project, *Untold Stories*, in partnership with Foundation EVZ and the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), to tell the forgotten stories and memories of the Nazi regime's injustices. And much more.

All the while, our Fellows, Senior Fellows, staff and supporters continue to reckon with the challenges facing our democratic institutions - from the horrors of the insurrection attempt at the Capitol in Washington, DC to the continued erosion of social and human rights in Poland. We are committed to continue evolving our programming and initiatives to meet these challenges. We are indebted to everyone involved in this effort - from staff, boards, Fellows and Senior Fellows, and generous supporters of the organization. We look forward to taking the lessons of 2021 into the years ahead, with immense gratitude to all those who help make our mission a reality.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith S. Goldstein".

**Judith S. Goldstein**  
Founder and Executive Director



# FELLOWSHIPS, KNOWLEDGE, ACTION, AND ALUMNI OPPORTUNITIES

## Humanity in Action Fellowship

The Humanity in Action Fellowship is a year-long endeavor with a month-long intensive period followed by eleven months of individual Action Project implementation. The Fellowship explores issues of liberal democracy, pluralism, and human rights. For a month, our Fellows study a specific national context and hear from local experts with various focus areas and insights while engaging in critical transatlantic dialogues with one another. Our Fellows are challenged to understand the host country's unique history of injustice, its present struggles to uphold human rights, and the potential future of its democratic values.

## Professional Fellowships

We create professional opportunities for Humanity in Action Senior Fellows, the alumni of the Humanity in Action Fellowship, who remain engaged with us and our mission. Professional Fellowships are opportunities to gain experience in policy making, advocacy, and social entrepreneurship.

## Knowledge and Action

Through our programming and alumni engagement, we foster a network of human rights leaders who critically reflect on and engage in the social justice challenges of their own local communities. As an organization, we collaborate with our Senior Fellows and larger network to create content that educates our community and the larger public.

## International Conferences, Seminars, Study Trips and Workshops

We organize conferences, seminars, study trips, lectures, and training for the Humanity in Action network and the broader public. These programs promote sustained engagement in Humanity in Action issues such as human rights and civic leadership.





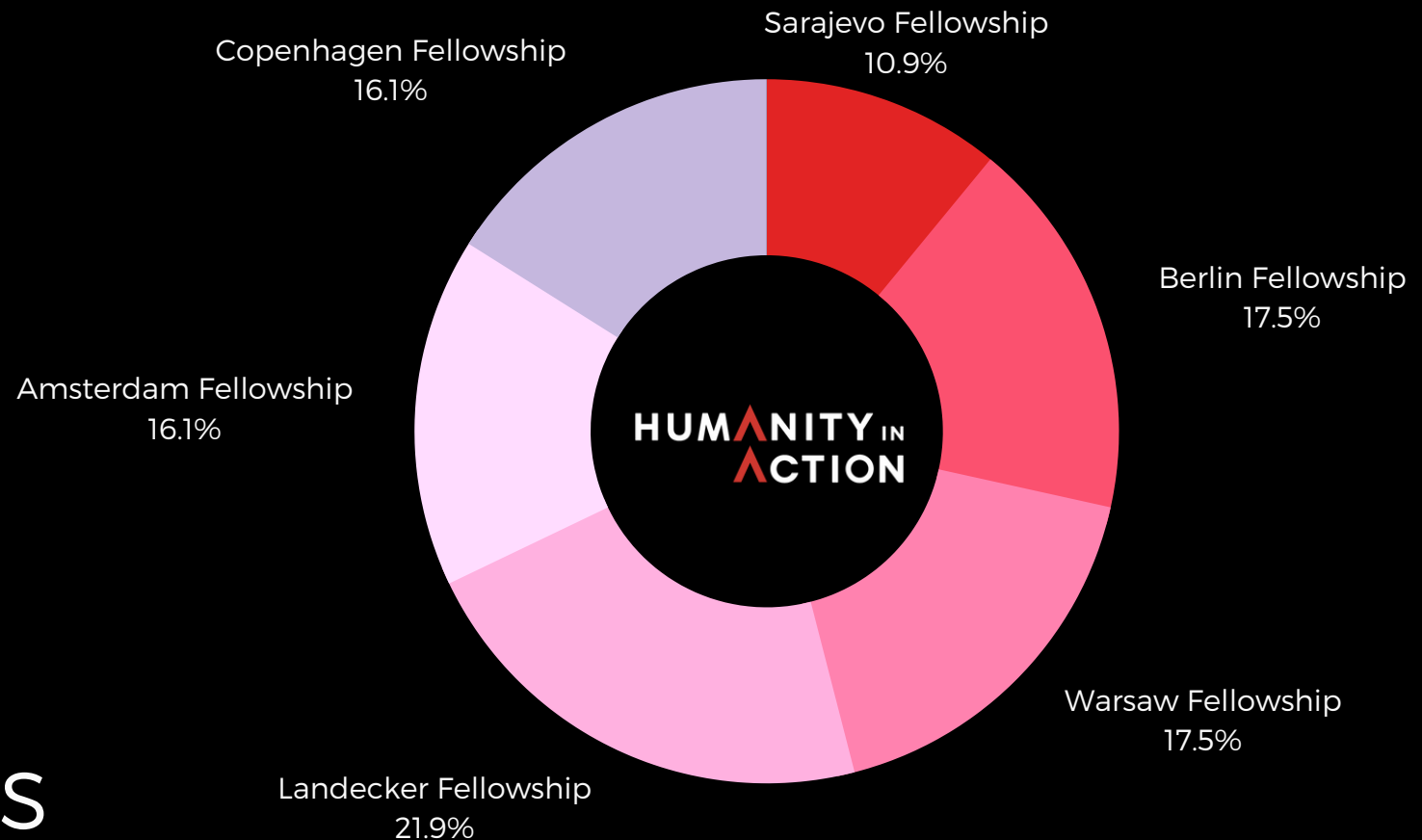
# BY THE NUMBERS

**137+**  
FELLOWS

**358+**  
SPEAKERS

**3783+**  
PARTICIPANTS

BREAKDOWN OF OUR 2021/2022 FELLOW COHORT





# THE HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP



The Humanity in Action Fellowship explores issues of **human rights**, **pluralism**, **democracy**, and **social justice**. Each program is tailored to its location. Fellows are challenged to understand their host country's unique history of injustice, its present struggles to ensure the rights of minority groups and the future of its democratic values.

### **Month-long intensive program**

For four weeks, Fellows engage with local experts and community members, visit museums and historical sites and engage in constant discourse with one another and program leaders. Each program has a cohort of 20-30 college students and recent graduates. Fellows come from many different backgrounds — academia, the arts, advocacy and activism — but share common interests. Humanity in Action Fellows are collaborative, passionate and open people, willing to examine and challenge their personal preconceptions and biases. Though typically on site, the 2020 Fellowship was virtual to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Eleven months in their own communities**

For the following eleven months, Fellows work on their Action Project: an independent venture focused on promoting democratic values in their own communities. Fellows apply their new knowledge and perspectives to the communities they impact — in whatever format they find meaningful. Past Action Projects have included documentaries, arts festivals and new organizations that serve the public good. Planning for the Action Project begins during the study portion of the Fellowship through workshops and collaborative discussion. An Action Project is a part-time commitment that Fellows plan and execute once they have returned to their primary work or studies.

### **Senior Fellows network**

After Fellows complete their Action Projects, Fellows — now alumni — are invited to join the Humanity in Action Senior Fellows network. The Senior Fellows network is the heart of the Humanity in Action community. More than 2650 Senior Fellows work around the world, across many different industries. You can find Humanity in Action Senior Fellows working in government, journalism, medicine, law, education, the arts, business and grassroots action. Senior Fellows stay engaged with Humanity in Action through conferences, workshops, grants, seminars and study trips we offer. Senior Fellows also support and collaborate with one another. Connections made during Fellowship last for years and many Senior Fellows find professional opportunities through the community.





# 2021/2022 FELLOWS

## AMSTERDAM

Imtinen Abidi  
Fakiha Ahmed  
Edrieëna Brandao  
Daikira Brown-Turner  
Ioannis Chatziiosif  
Mayukh Datta  
Kacey Fang  
Lotte Geboers  
Jan-Timo Geschwill  
Spencer Goldberg  
Hana Hodžić  
Medina Mahmić  
Achraf Manar  
Elise Pütz  
Nina Reis  
Lefkothea Rizopoulou  
Ashley Tan  
Paula Vermue  
Mikayla Vieira Ribeiro  
Donovan Williams  
Lillian Wright  
Máté Zsédely-Holler

## BERLIN

Mneera Abdullah Saud  
Ehsan Allahyar Parsa  
Jalen Belgrave  
Ermira Berisha  
Mareen Brosinsky  
Zhihan Chen  
Alexandra Claman  
Celine Cojocar  
Fogha McCornilius Refem  
Matthew Fam  
Sarah Horwitz  
Lea Kerciku  
Rosa-Lena Lange  
Liam Yao Li  
Amy Ndiaye Sow  
Ida Paraskeva  
Marque Pham  
Janine Röttgerkamp  
Lucas Schucht  
Brendan Schultz  
Jiannan Shi  
Alicia Terrero  
Rafael Tsantes  
Johanna Kocks

## COPENHAGEN

Conrad Aminak  
Cintia Bartus  
Imane Bellaadem  
Kaila Bolton  
Augusta Bork Larsen  
Kanita Buljubašić  
Meriem-Hadia Charif  
Usha Dahal  
Tukuma Egede  
Carla Florio  
Terese Bersenaite Freltoft  
Siri Haarløv-Johnsen  
Sofie Malm Henriksen  
Joakim Holmgaard  
Sara Monggaard  
William Nielsen  
Julie H. Nielsen  
Josephine Ravnkjær Nielsen  
Jimena Rincon  
Lasse Sørensen  
Anabel Soriano Oliva  
Lisa Trebs

## SARAJEVO

Anisha Ariff  
Sara Barac  
Viktor Clark  
Minja Čulić  
Grace Ellis  
Ronak Gandhi  
Melina Kalem  
Majken Kiaby  
Elma Kodro  
Estephanie Liendo Hoyos  
Nour Moazzen  
Benjamin Nurkić  
Marta Pych  
Vladica Radonja  
Aaron Spitler

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Martyna Bagińska  
Karolina Biedroń  
Celine Burke  
Karolina Ćwiek  
Katherine Dildy  
Michael Elizabeth Gasior  
Hope Hack  
Lauren Hull  
Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz  
Michelle Lo  
Weronika Matecka  
Cassandra Meador  
Paulina Naumenko  
Magdalena Nowacka  
Zuzanna Piekarz  
Katarzyna Sałata  
Tamila Shvyryda  
Diana Sosa  
Agnieszka Spyt  
Natalia Sudoł  
Talea von Lupin  
Brianna Watson  
Daniela Werbeniec  
Veronika Wesolowski

# >> BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA







In 2021, Humanity in Action BiH implemented the highest number of projects in its organizational history. Throughout the year, the Bosnian office hosted the **fifth Sarajevo Fellowship** virtually and implemented the ninth cycle of the Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Amongst Youth Fellowship.

The team also spent time finalizing the implementation of international projects that had begun in late 2020, including the program New Democratic Wo/Men of the Western Balkans and Mitigating Online Hate Speech and Radicalization.

Diverting from research, Humanity in Action BiH was also busy creating a women's empowerment podcast series as well as board games that tackle gender equality, peace-building, and reconciliation.

Finally, the team partnered on several other projects where it provided expertise, conducted research, and hosted in-person educational training.

**IN 2021,  
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234 PARTICIPANTS  
AND 67 SPEAKERS  
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# SARAJEVO FELLOWSHIP

No two wars are alike. Nonetheless, the images of Kyiv's siege have instantly prompted countless traumatic memories of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sarajevo, reminding them of the dark days in a besieged city between 1992 and 1995. Massacre in Bucha, and mass destruction of Mariupol and numerous other cities in Ukraine have inevitably woken up the deep emotions and suffering the BiH's citizens experienced across the country, most notably in Srebrenica, Prijedor, and many other places.

The words like “safe areas”, “no-fly zone”, or “humanitarian aid and corridors” do not mean the same to all people; to those who lived to see their effects in the 1990s, in the Balkans, and nowadays, in Ukraine or other places; to those who read about them and to those who experience their effects in real life.



There are some important lessons from Bosnia and Herzegovina worth examining in relation to the ongoing conflicts in the world. The 2022 Humanity in Action Sarajevo Fellowship, however, did not focus on the effects of the features of the conflict itself, but on the post-conflict reconstruction process and its dynamics. It dove deep into the topics related to and connected with the role of local leadership, the role of the international community, the responsibility of neighboring countries, the properties of power-sharing schemes and legal reforms, and many other qualities of localized post-conflict peace operations.





# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## SARAJEVO FELLOWSHIP



**JASMIN MUJANOVIĆ**

*Political Scientist specialized in the politics of post-conflict democratization*

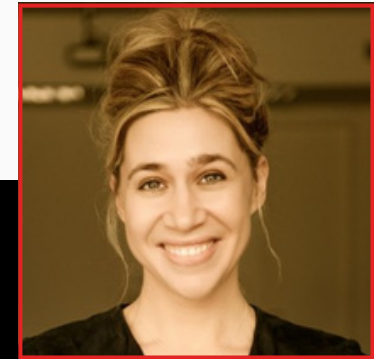
Jasmin Mujanović is a political scientist and policy expert of Southeast European and international affairs specializing in the politics of post-authoritarian democratization. During the 2021 Sarajevo Fellowship, Mujanović delved into BiH's state building and democratization policy following the 1992-1995 war.



**JESSIE BARTON HRONEŠOVA**

*Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Oxford University, Department of International Development*

Jessie Barton Hronešova is a postdoctoral research fellow at the Oxford Department of International Development. Her research focuses on political transitions and transitional justice. During the 2021 Sarajevo Fellowship, Barton Hronešova's talk highlighted the major successes and failures of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



**SABINA ČEHAJIĆ-CLANCY**

*Associate Professor and Dean of the Political Science and IR Department of SSST, Stockholm University*

Cehajić-Clancy is an associate professor of social psychology at the Stockholm University and affiliate with the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology. Her presentation focused on youth identity in post-conflict societies. Elaborating on the Bosnian context, she delved into the country's struggles with transitional justice and the process of post-conflict reconciliation.

# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## **HUMAN RIGHTS REALITY**, Civic campaign

Organized by **Minja Čulić**, **Vladica Radonja** and **Elma Kodro**, *2021 Sarajevo Fellows*

Human Rights Reality is an innovative Action Project developed by a group of enthusiasts passionate about reality shows, human rights, and democracy. The project gathered young people coming from all parts of BiH, providing them with a safe space to discuss various topics related to human rights and fundamental freedoms of citizens while being filmed on camera. Fellows selected in the first round of talks discussed topics related to ecology and environmental issues alongside LGBTQIA+ rights challenges in the country. Through this format, the project team sought to actively involve youth in the process of lobbying in policy-making, encouraging them to freely express their opinions and attitudes towards current human rights realities in BiH.



## **365 FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**, Civic campaign, filmmaking, and educational campaign

Organized by **Melina Kalem**, **Benjamin Nurkić** and **Kanita Buljubašić**, *2021 Sarajevo and Copenhagen Fellows*



Through this project, Fellows sought to remind society of their human rights and the way they tend to be at stake daily, especially in times affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Their goal has been to create a design template featuring a quote, picture, or information on endangered rights in BiH. After creating the design, their aim was to find corporate companies whose products are popular on the Bosnian market to convince them in using their design on product packaging. The plan was to launch the product packages with the stickers for commercial use at the start of December 2021 to coincide with Human Rights Month.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## VRŠNJAČKO NASILJE KROZ VRIJEME

Civic campaign, awareness campaign, and community building initiative

Organized by **Hana Hodžić, Medina Mahmić, Imane Bellaadem**, 2021 Amsterdam and Copenhagen Fellows

“Vršnjačko nasilje kroz vrijeme” was a project that raised the awareness of parents, teachers, and students regarding intergenerational peer violence. Relying on a specific timeline of events, the project demonstrated to children around the country how violence is never the right way of responding to conflict.

During visits across multiple cities in BiH, the Fellows invited students, teachers and parents to donate symbols reminding them of moments where they experienced peer violence. Using a time capsule technique, the team buried the received objects. The Fellows’ plan is to invite all participants who donated objects after 15 years to join the objects' excavation.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



## ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AMONG YOUTH

Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth (EDVACAY) is a ten-month long program with the goal of training and encouraging young activists to employ critical thinking on sensitive topics. The initiative includes a nine-day in-person training, individual and group research projects, and a final debate tournament for all its program participants.



## THE NEW DEMOCRATIC WO/MEN OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

The New Democratic Wo/Men of the Western Balkans was a project supported by Višegrad Fund. The initiative sought to increase the awareness of democratic processes among the youth of the Western Balkans. Through workshops, participants were involved in various political issues that challenge the nation.



## MITIGATING ONLINE RADICALIZATION AND HATE SPEECH

Implemented in partnership with the Strategic Analysis from Slovakia and Aie Serve from Lebanon, Mitigating Online Radicalization and Hate speech addressed the process of radicalization and violent extremism in the online sphere. The project's objective was to train young leaders in building their capacities to act as multipliers against radicalization in their communities.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

## THINK BALKANS

This research project aims to pilot an instrument for the permanent cooperation of Western Balkan think tanks by strengthening their partnerships in V4 countries through people-to-people links between institutions across the region.

## GAME CHANGERS

This educational and participatory project uses an innovative educational tool — board games to involve and educate youth in BiH about gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in the context of civic and democratic engagement within various local communities and in other spheres of public-policy making.



## WOMEN AND POWER

This project enables new generations of female leaders who create media content to promote gender equality and gain knowledge in creating audio and video podcasts — an increasingly popular format in domestic and regional public spaces.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

## DEFENDING EURO – ATLANTIC VALUES

This NATO funded project aims to increase the resilience of BiH democracy by strengthening the capacity of local NGOs, think-tanks, employees of state institutions, journalists, and young leaders in addressing the factors undermining the country's democratic cohesion.

## SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIZATION AND RECONCILIATION IN WESTERN BALKANS

The project aims at supporting the democratization and reconciliation process in the region by engaging and raising the capacities of young professionals and journalists from the six Western Balkan countries, with the goal of enhancing trust and peace-building efforts in societies.



## YOUTH ACCESSING PUBLIC INFORMATION

This initiative is part of the WeBER 2.0 project financed by the European Union, it contributes to increasing the knowledge of youth regarding access to public information, ways to exercise this right in everyday life, and the benefits of such civic control of public institutions.

## #JAKEŽENEZAPROMJENE

Humanity in Action BiH has partnered up with the Academy for Women and the European Union to implement a project on strengthening women's engagement in politics and EU integration processes in BiH.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOW HUMANITY IN ACTION BiH



## FOLLOWER COUNT

**5465**

Total Followers

4.3K

Facebook

806

Instagram

171

Twitter

188

LinkedIn



# OUR FUNDERS

The following are the institutions that have trusted in our vision and made the above-mentioned programs a reality. Thank you.

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European Union

The German Marshall Fund

International Visegrad Fund

NATO PDD

National Endowment for Democracy

UK Government





# OUR PARTNERS



Academy for Women

AIE Serve

ALFA Centar



ATA Macedonia

Be International



School of Economics and Business in  
Sarajevo

Strategic Analysis

Western Balkans Initiative

# >> DENMARK







The COVID-19 pandemic is among the most poignant examples of a global challenge that can only be solved through international cooperation. If not bridging in 2021, then when? Hence, Humanity in Action Denmark stood firm — within all the applicable COVID-19 restrictions — and chose to implement an in-person Fellowship in Copenhagen.

The **2021 Copenhagen Fellowship** focused, for the second year out of three, on The Unity of the Realm and Human Rights, with the participation of Fellows from a wide range of countries. For the first time ever during a Copenhagen Fellowship, the Danish office took their cohort on a study trip to the Faroe Islands, a trip which was an immense success and a milestone in the history of Humanity in Action Denmark.

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# COPENHAGEN FELLOWSHIP



For the second year, the Copenhagen Fellowship delved into the complex issues of Rigsfællesskabet — **the Unity of the Realm** — through the lens of Human Rights. In Denmark, the Unity of the Realm refers to the relationship between Denmark, the Faroe Islands, and Greenland, collectively known as The Danish Realm. From 1380 and 1721, the Faroe Islands and Greenland have been under the Crown of Denmark. Since then, the relationship between Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands has been changing rapidly. Climate change, the increasing focus on Denmark's colonial past, and a growing political independence are shaping new possibilities for the future of these three countries. These developments – not to mention the increasing focus on the Arctic region by the world's super powers – create an urgent need for enlightened and democratic conversations.

The 2021 Copenhagen Fellowship examined the union's complex history from a human rights perspective, the relationship between the majority in Denmark, and the country's minorities across the North Atlantic, as well as the union's place in a globalized world. Moreover, the Fellowship dealt with the changing nature of globalization, modernity, identity, and democracy. Their aim with this theme was to ensure that more people can take part in the urgent conversation on the future of the Unity of the Realm and the Arctic region in respect of democratic values and human rights.





# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

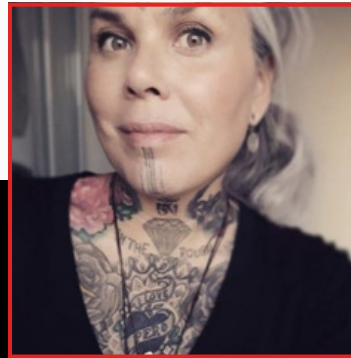
## COPENHAGEN FELLOWSHIP



### RACHAEL LORNA JOHNSTONE

*Prof. of Law at the University of Akureyri, Iceland and Illisimatusarfik, University of Greenland*

Rachael Lorna Johnstone specializes in Polar law: the governance of the Arctic and the Antarctic under international and domestic law. She has published widely on the rights of indigenous people, international human rights law, and international environmental law.



### MAYA SIALUK JACOBSEN

*Traditional Inuit Tattoo Artist, Private Researcher, and Lecturer*

Maya Sialuk Jacobsen is a traditional Inuit tattoo artist with over 20 years of experience. In 2010, she founded Inuit Tattoo traditions, a research project she shares through her Instagram account. Through this project, Sialuk Jacobsen explores and revives native Inuit tattooing traditions across all Inuit territories in the circumpolar North.



### MORTEN KJÆRUM

*Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*

Morten Kjærum is Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and chairperson for the UN Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights and of the Universal Periodic Review Trust Fund for Financial and Technical Assistance. Kjærum has written on numerous human rights issues, particularly on refugee protection and inclusion.

# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## UNDER THE SKIN - A PODCAST ABOUT INUIT TATTOOS, SPIRITISM, AND WOMENS POWER, Podcast

Organized by **Emilie Helene Holm** and **Mahela Nilsson**, *2020 Copenhagen Fellows*

Inspired by Maya Sialuk Jacobsen, Emilie Helene Holm and Mahela Nilsson created a podcast series where Jacobsen could share her research on the historical background of traditional Inuit tattoos, culture, and spiritism. For the project, the two Senior Fellows visited the speaker in Greenland to conduct interviews and create the podcast. The podcast was created in cooperation with Københavns Kommune, Nørrebro Lokaludvalg and was published in cooperation with **RESPONS media**. It is now available on their website by clicking [here](#).



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**RAISE  
YOUR  
VOICE**

## THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL, Workshop

Organized by **Eiko Oguchi**, *2020 Copenhagen Fellow*

Political participation and activism in Japan is particularly low amongst the country's youth. For Eiko, this is a societal issue that is deeply connected to low self-esteem. In order to raise awareness of the importance of political participation and the way lives are inter-related to politics, Eiko, in collaboration with Development Education Association and Resource Center, organized a five-day online workshop for high school students in Japan. She invited a young Japanese activist as a guest, discussed how to lobby and held a mock election. The student filled out psychological questionnaires before and after the workshop, which showed a large improvement in the perspectives of self-efficacy or interests in politics.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## LECTURES ON THE ARTIC, High School Program

Organized by **Trine Pejstrup**, 2020 Copenhagen Fellow

Senior Fellow Trine Pejstrup was surprised by the general lack of knowledge on and insight into the topic of **the Unity of the Realm**. Therefore, she saw no other option than to have her project address this exact issue in hopes of raising awareness on the topic within Danish youth.

Trine partnered up with RIKO – Rådet for International Konfliktløsning, as they were interested in engaging youth in the issues of Arctic security. A volunteer from RIKO collaborated with Trine to plan and facilitate a lecture for high school students in Copenhagen on the topic of The Unity of the Realm, the state of the Arctic and Arctic security.

Danish high school students learned basic history of the Unity of the Realm and the relationships between the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Denmark throughout time. This project also exposed them to the international political landscape in the Arctic.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



## THREATS TO DEMOCRACY IN A POST-COVID WORLD

On August 18 2021, renowned TV anchor, editor, and public speaker Clement Kjersgaard visited a full Borups Højskole to talk about current threats to democracy. In light of recent events in Afghanistan – the Taliban takeover and the withdrawal of US forces – the debate quickly focused on an analysis of the consequences of these events for Afghanistan and European democracies.

## NORTH ATLANTIC RAINBOW DAYS

During the Copenhagen Pride Week, Nortatlantens Brygge (The North Atlantic House) and Humanity in Action Denmark co-organized the North Atlantic Rainbow Days. In a series of debates, lectures, and film screenings, Fellows and audience discussed LGBTQIA+ rights and challenges in Greenland, the Faroe Islands, and Iceland and watched the documentary *Eskimo Diva*.

## REFUGEES ON TEMPORARY STAY – FOCUS ON SYRIANS IN DENMARK

Michala Clante Bendixen and Syrian refugee, activist, and Humanity in Action Fellow, **Nour Moazzen** drew a full house at Borups Højskole. Bendixen talked about her work at Refugees Welcome and discussed the consequences repatriation has on refugees. Moazzen shared her personal story of flight and rescue and the way she works to increase awareness of the situation of Syrians in both Denmark and Syria.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

## SENIOR FELLOW ACTION DAY

An event to leverage our community's strengths. The 2021 Fellows and Senior Fellows got together to strengthen the Humanity in Action network through workshops and lectures by Senior Fellows for Senior Fellows.

## THE POLITICAL APOLOGY

The webinar discussed political apology as a tool, specifically in light of the Danish Prime Minister's recent apology to a group of Greenlanders who in the 1950's, as children, were removed from their homes and families and brought to Denmark to spearhead the Danification process of Greenland.



## "SKÁL": FILM SCREENING AND DEBATE IN TÓRSHAVN, FAROE ISLANDS

Upon visiting the Faroe Islands, Humanity in Action Denmark invited local Faroese, as well as all Fellows, to watch the award winning documentary Skál at Nordens Hus in Tórshavn. The protagonists of the film were present to discuss their experience with and visions for the film.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



## PANEL DEBATE WITH FAROESE POLITICIANS

While visiting Tórshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands, Humanity in Action organized a panel debate with three young Faorese politicians: Steffan Klein Poulsen from the party Miðflokkurin, Hervør Pálsdóttir from the party Tjóðveldi, and Bjarni Kárasen Petersen from Framókn. Each politician offered their perspectives on the most pressing issues Faroese society face today. The debate turned into an open discussion about abortion and transgender rights, independence, immigration, and the impact of internet on Faroese youth.

## THE OCTOBER '43 TRAVEL GRANT

On November 2021, Humanity in Action Denmark awarded its third (out of 10) October 43 Travel Grant of DKK 30000 (€ 4029). This year's recipient was Senior Fellow **Conrad Aminak**, who received the grant for his podcast focused on the geographical differences amongst young Greenlandic citizens in regards to suicide rates and suicide attempts.





# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



**AYDIN SOEI**

*Sociologist, Journalist, and Author*

Aydin Soei is a Danish author and journalist specializing in society's vulnerable youngsters, social mobility, and risk factors in relation to criminality and youth. As a sociologist, Soei investigates why young individuals in vulnerable communities become attracted to radical movements and violence extremism.



**MARTIN BREUM**

*Journalist, Arctic Expert, and Lecturer*

Martin Breum, a renowned Arctic expert, is Denmark's only independent journalist with a full-time focus on the Danish Realm consisting of Denmark, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands.



**ANNA KNYAZEVA**

*Minister-Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in Denmark*

Anna Knyazeva is the Minister-Counsellor of the Russian Embassy in Denmark. With the increased geopolitical interest given to the Arctic over recent years, Knyazeva was invited to present Russian perspectives on ways to maintain a peaceful and cooperative environment in the region. During her talk, she also addressed ways to balance economic potential and climate obligations between Arctic nations.

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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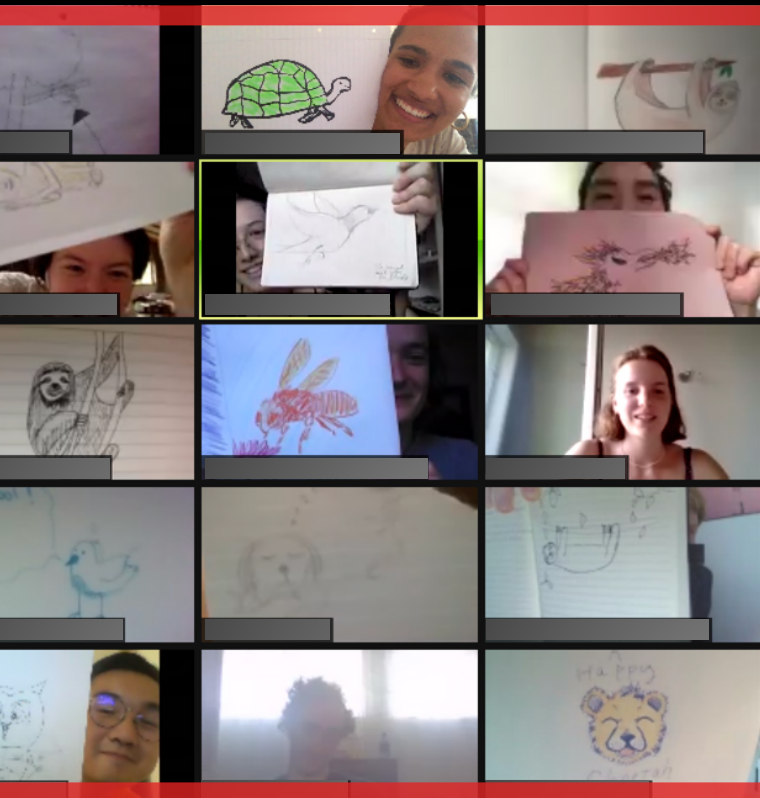
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# >> GERMANY





In 2020/21, Humanity in Action in Germany entered the animation film world – an exciting new endeavor. We produced and released the animation film “Social Cohesion and Combustion.” In addition, we launched two animated documentaries as part of the film trilogy **Traces – Portraits of Resistance, Survival and Resolve**: the films were **Two Trees in Jerusalem** and **My Father’s War**. Films aside, we worked hard on our efforts to build a community of Fellows during a virtual Humanity in Action Fellowship and other programming for Senior Fellows.

IN 2021,  
HUMANITY IN  
ACTION GERMANY  
ENGAGED **OVER**  
**155 PARTICIPANTS**  
**AND 67 SPEAKERS**  
THROUGH THEIR  
FELLOWSHIP AND  
PROJECTS.





# BERLIN FELLOWSHIP

The 2021 Berlin Fellowship program was an interdisciplinary exploration of historic and contemporary human rights and social justice issues in Germany, specifically placing Germany's human rights realities today into the context of its colonial history and the Holocaust. There was a strong focus on highlighting various **minority populations** in Germany and their **counter-strategies to racism and discrimination** through an **intersectional lens**. Some topics that were featured prominently were conspiracy theories and right-wing movements, as well as the issue of right-wing extremism within the country's security apparatus.



Another important pillar was the engagement with Germany's contemporary discourses around its **culture of remembrance** and the debate about who gets to partake in and shape this space. Further, interdisciplinary contributions on structural racism, the climate crisis, and remembrance culture allowed for reflections on global contexts and their local manifestations. This included complex and nuanced debates on racism, colonialism, structural inequalities, and the treatment of personal and national histories amongst our Fellows on both sides of the Atlantic. Through engaging experts and important voices in various fields, Fellows gained a better understanding of how the past has translated into present structural injustice. They imagined and tested what collective action based on intersectional solidarity can look like.

# BERLIN FELLOWSHIP

Due to the ongoing pandemic, our 2021 programs had to take place virtually. No physical meeting of our 2021 Fellows in Berlin and Frankfurt/Main was possible. However, the virtual nature of the 2021 Berlin Fellowship opened up new opportunities. An international kick-off and closing program was possible online and brought together the entire international cohort of **107 Fellows**. In addition to the Fellows in the Berlin Fellowship, it included participants of the parallel programs of the Humanity in Action Fellowships organized in Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Sarajevo, and Warsaw. The expansion of the program enabled Fellows to become part of a larger network right from the start, as they could learn together. The virtual format also allowed us to open the lecture by Dr. Nakeema Stefflbauer on "Discriminating Algorithms" to our alumni network and thus also strengthen the exchange between cohorts. Moreover, participants who otherwise would not have been able to attend an in-person Fellowship in Berlin were now able to be an active part of the 2021 group.

To meet the challenges of the virtual format, an Emotional Support Coordinator was an integral part of our Berlin team.

This allowed us to create strong bonds among group members despite the online interaction and to be especially supportive of the well-being of our participants, which was particularly valuable in times of a global pandemic.

The Fellowship was implemented in partnership with Goethe University Frankfurt/Main. For this cooperation the Goethe University was generously supported by the VolkswagenStiftung. We thank our partners and funders!





# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## BERLIN FELLOWSHIP



### WALID AHMED KHAN MALIK MIRIAM YOSEF AND INA HOLEV

*Researcher and Policy Adviser, German Institute for Human Rights | 2018 Berlin Fellowship*

*Co-Founders, Jüdisch and Intersektional | Miriam: 2018 Berlin Fellowship*

This session focused on the far-right terror attack in Hanau, Germany on February 19, 2020 and included a conversation between Mathusa Emmanuel (who works with the *Bildungsinitiative Ferhat Unvar*, a grassroots anti-racist educational initiative established following the Hanau attack) and political educator and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow Walid Malik. They spoke about remembrance and the importance of youth education on historical racism and discrimination in Germany.

Ina Holev and Miriam Yosef addressed the problematic neglect of Antisemitism as a structural category in many intersectional feminist activisms during the Berlin Fellowship. Jewish people, perspectives, and experiences are often rendered invisible in intersectional analyses, which in turn leads to further exclusion of Jews from activist spaces. Yosef and Holev advocate intersectionality as an important tool to dismantle Antisemitism and understand its specificities as well as interconnectedness with other forms of systemic violence.

### SINTHUJAN VARATHARAJAH

*Essayist and Political Geographer*

Sinthujan Varatharajah prompted the Berlin Fellows to think about the material continuities of the Nazi past in Germany. Such continuities include the way Germany speaks about its past on a symbolic level, while the wealth German perpetrators acquired through appropriation of Jewish property continues to silently manifest those past injustices in the present. Justice, Sinthujan reminded Fellows, demands more than saying sorry. Unfortunately, the way that mainstream German media dismisses marginalized perspectives in contemporary debates about the Nazi past shows just how historical continuities and links between colonialism, the Nazi-era, Antisemitism, and racism today are not sufficiently accounted for.

# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## A DISCUSSION SPACE FOR THE WHOLE CITY

### Community Building, Event, and Workshop

Organized by **Yannik Roscher**, 2020 Berlin Fellow

We live in a time of echo chambers and disconnect between politics and civil society. Particularly on the local level, we see on the one hand the possibility for a more democratic environment, while on the other the lack of political participation. Yannik Roscher's Action Project is an extension of an existing project: the **DemokratieWagen**, the name being a word that means both "to dare democracy" and "democracy wagon". In this project, a public bus was transformed into a space for living democracy. Yannik organized a workshop and provided a space for people to decide what living democracy could – and should – look like.



## BROADENING OUR SCOPE: TRAINING FOR LOCAL NGO VOLUNTEERS IN THESSALONIKI

### Community Building, Training Seminars, and Awareness Campaign

Organized by **Sofia Koudouni**, 2019 Berlin Fellow



Coming from a largely homogeneous Greek community, Sofia Koudouni rarely found differing perspectives and diversity of voices in public discussions in Greece. She believed that in her society minorities were simply overlooked and left marginalized without any structured efforts of integration. Within her Action Project "Broadening Our Scope," Sofia organized training seminars for volunteers of local non-governmental organizations. The trainings raised awareness and created common ground among community members on various topics, such as zero and low waste tactics, work ethics, and life in the Roma community.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## HEIDELBERG BLACK FEMINIST BOOK CLUB

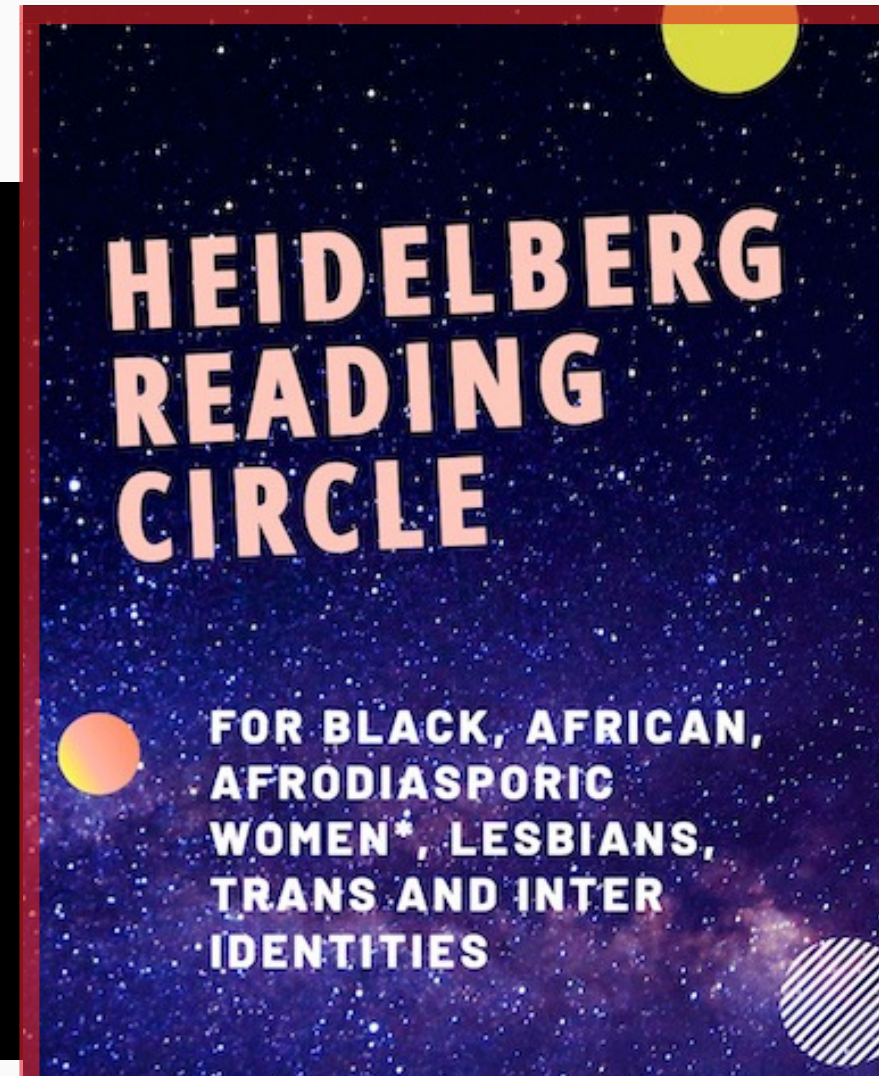
Community Building, Event, and Workshop

Organized by **Akilah Silke Guïc**, 2019 John Lewis Fellow

When Akilah Silke Guïc moved from Berlin to Heidelberg, she noticed a lack of visibility of its diverse queer and feminist community. Although there was a feminist movement in Heidelberg, it lacked queer perspectives alongside those from People of Color. Seeing that this important space was lacking, Akilah started a reading circle to give Black feminists the opportunity to come together to discuss feminist issues from an intersectional perspective.

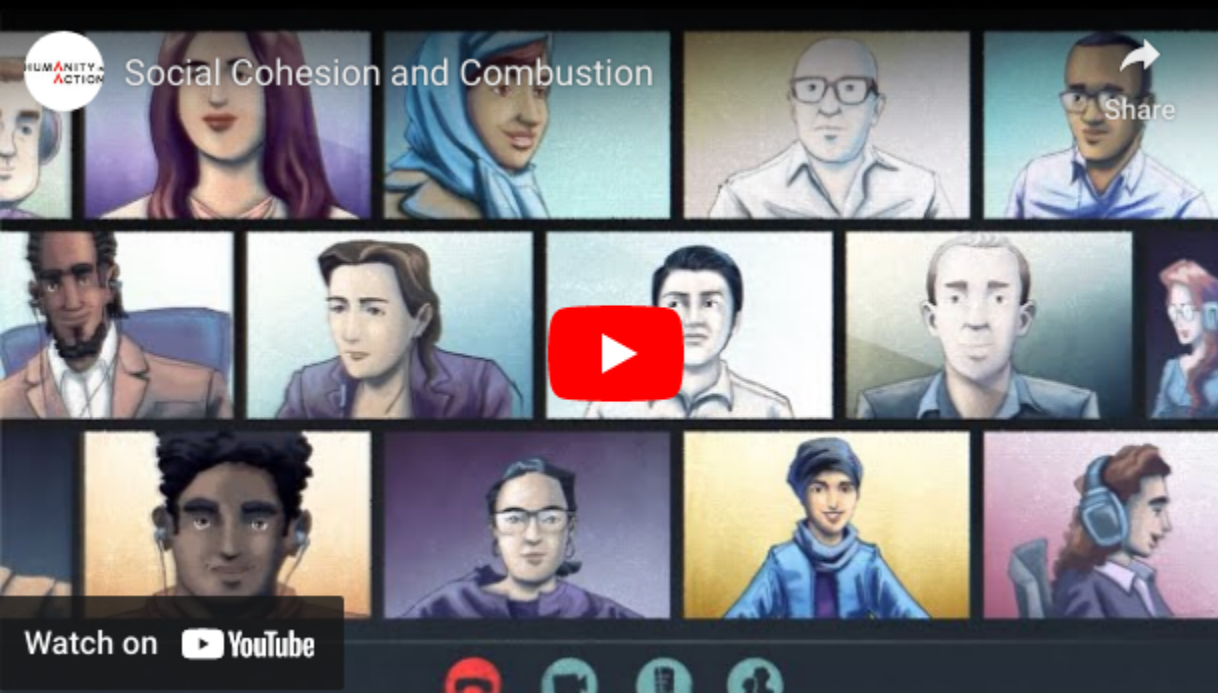
Akilah had already had an interest in grassroots organization against racist structures before she created this reading group. Two years ago, she co-translated a text by Angela Davis for a Black feminist anthology published in Germany. That project refined her engagement for Black feminist politics.

In a span of months, she was able to create an intersectional space for open discussion and share resources both on and offline. Looking ahead, Akilah hopes this project can become available for more people living in Heidelberg and surrounding areas.



# ANIMATED FILMS AND VIDEOS

The first animation film we produced, **Social Cohesion and Combustion**, tells the story of Humanity in Action Senior Fellow **Bill De La Rosa** and has been viewed more than 12,000 times. In 2009, Bill's mother was separated from her family and barred from re-entering the United States for ten years due to her immigration status. After her separation, Bill became passionate about immigration reform and fighting for immigrant rights. In this ten minute short film, Bill narrates his family's story and links it to questions of belonging, social cohesion, and the policies of exclusion of contemporary migration policy regimes.





# ANIMATED FILMS AND VIDEOS

Our latest films, **Two Trees in Jerusalem** and **My Father's War**, share first-hand testimonials from the time of the Holocaust, seeking to safeguard lessons learned during one of humanity's darkest chapters while highlighting their relevance today.

**Two Trees in Jerusalem** is the second part of Humanity in Action's new animated documentary film trilogy **Traces – Portraits of Resistance, Survival, and Resolve**. It is based on a book of the same name by Humanity in Action Germany's Honorary Chair Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen. The film profiles the remarkable history of Cornelia's parents, Donata and Eberhard Helmrich, who together saved the lives of countless Jews during the Holocaust. The pair worked as a husband-and-wife team in the eye of the storm, in Berlin and in Eastern Europe, devising ever-more daring gambits to save any life they could, even as death surrounded them.

In December 2021, **Two Trees in Jerusalem** received an Honorable mention from the Budapest Film Festival. The film was produced with the generous support of the Alfred Landecker Foundation.



# ANIMATED FILMS AND VIDEOS

**My Father's War** is the third and last part of Humanity in Action's new animated documentary film trilogy **Traces – Portraits of Resistance, Survival, and Resolve**. The film brings to life the experiences of **Peter Hein** and his son **David Hein**. As a Jewish toddler in the Netherlands in the 1940s, Peter was separated from his parents and whisked from hiding place to hiding place to escape deportation. The film explores the hereditary trauma of the Holocaust: the deep emotional wounds of forefathers passed on to children and grandchildren.

**My Father's War** won the title of "best animation short" at the Cannes Shorts Festival. The film was produced with the generous support of the Alfred Landecker Foundation.





# ANIMATED FILMS AND VIDEOS

In 2021, we partnered with the Bertelsmann Foundation North America on our joint project **Wunderbar Together**. We co-created a collection of digital animations portraying how young Germans and US-Americans see common global challenges and how the future can be shaped best by working together.



The video series includes **four episodes**, all authored and narrated by Humanity in Action Senior Fellows from Germany and the United States. Each episode explores a current, pressing issue: social cohesion, climate change, the digital revolution, and the future of democracy.

**Wunderbar Together 2021** is a comprehensive and collaborative initiative funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and implemented by the Goethe-Institut.



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOW HUMANITY IN ACTION GERMANY



## FOLLOWER COUNT

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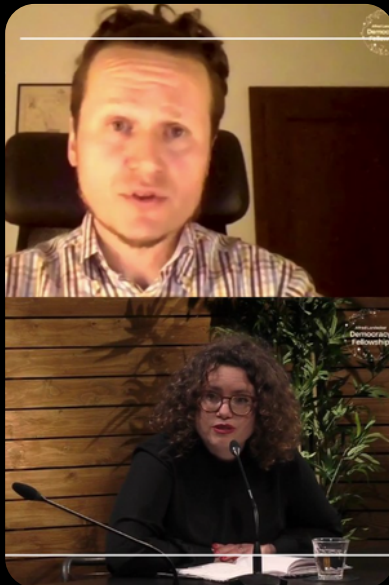
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# >> THE NETHERLANDS



Left photo: Ufuk Kâhya during 'PAX Power to the People X HIA Talks: Conflict as Opportunity' (2021). Photo by Lize Kraan.  
Centered photo: Screenshot of the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship.  
Right photo: Speakers during The Invaluable Power of Women: The Heritage of Joan Ferrier (2021). Photo by Tirza Lempers.



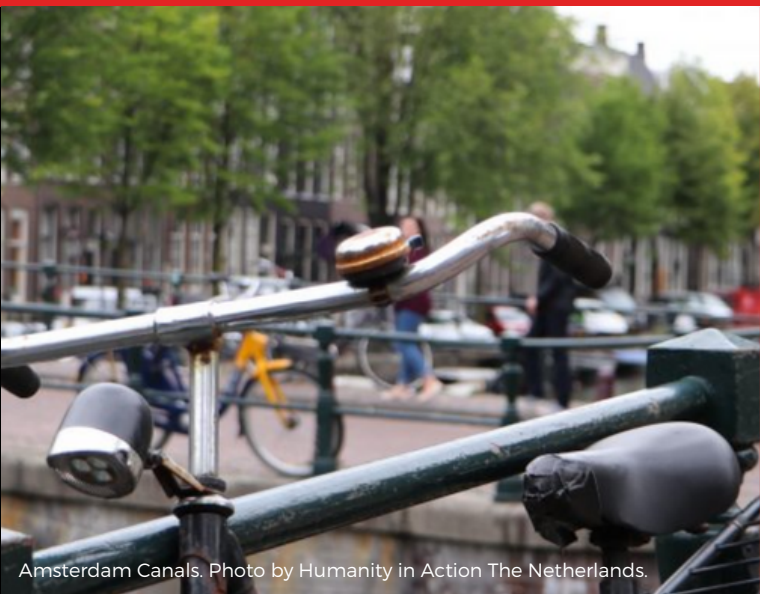


Humanity in Action The Netherlands looks back at an eventful year, characterized by inspirational programming with our (Senior) Fellows and partners as well as organizational growth and reflection. Through the **Amsterdam Fellowship** and the **Landecker Democracy Fellowship**, we encouraged future and established leaders to be engaged and responsible decision makers. Our growing team also co-facilitated **tailor-made training programs and public events**. We were greatly supported by an external impact assessment, focused on our recurring Fellowships and Senior Fellow Network in the Netherlands since 1999. From April 2022 onwards, the outcomes of the assessment will co-guide the development of our strategic framework 2022-2026. We are proud to highlight our achievements of 2021 in this report.

**IN 2021,  
HUMANITY IN  
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141 PARTICIPANTS  
AND 53 SPEAKERS  
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FELLOWSHIP AND  
PROJECTS.**



# AMSTERDAM FELLOWSHIP



Though typically on site, the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship took place virtually in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The 2021 Amsterdam cohort consisted of 22 carefully selected college and university students and recent graduates, of which 10 were based in the Netherlands. The program welcomed 13 speakers to support national programming. An additional 27 international speakers were engaged in sessions with all international cohorts together. They included Senior Fellows, artists, academics, journalists, and entrepreneurs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, and the US.

Screenshot of the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship.

The 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship was titled **Understanding the Dutch: Bridging Past and Present to Foster Solidarity**. Inspired by the global #BlackLivesMatter 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. To this end, the Fellowship facilitated a collective exploration of the historical, social, economic, and political roots of institutional racism and discrimination in the Netherlands. Additionally, Fellows explored contemporary societal challenges and discussed potential strategies to promote an inclusive future.







I was very proud to be part of this incredible cohort. I am very much looking forward to staying connected with the team members and the Fellows, and building lifelong friendships.

Achraf Manar  
in 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship

# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## AMSTERDAM FELLOWSHIP



**MARIE RICARDO**

*2012 Amsterdam Fellowship*

Marie Ricardo (she/they) is the Executive Director of **COC Nederland**, the oldest still existing LGBTQIA+ organization in the world. Marie studied Public International Law in Amsterdam and San Francisco and has worked with LGBTQIA+ movements in African and Caribbean countries. They have been a board member at **PlanetRomeo Foundation and Pride Amsterdam** and is currently a board member of the **Regional Center for Discrimination in Amsterdam**.

Marie Ricardo has been working towards an inclusive LGBTQIA+ movement for years and engaged our Fellows during the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship in a conversation about how this inclusive movement can be fostered.



**FEMKE ZEVEN**

*2016 Amsterdam Fellowship  
and 2017 Pat Cox Fellowship*

Femke Zeven (she/her) is a cultural anthropologist and is currently in the process of becoming an attorney-at-law. Femke currently works as the general director at **Bureau Clara Wichmann**: a foundation that does strategic litigation for women's rights and gender equality. During her studies in cultural anthropology, Femke has had a focus on gender and migration studies. This made for a more inclusive approach to law and in trying to change the existing gender roles in Dutch law and policy.

During the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship, Femke guided our Fellows to explore the history of Dutch feminism and challenged them to discuss current gender-related social issues.



**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 he is a founding member of the new antiracist coalition **Platform Stop Racisme**. Recently, he has been more involved in the climate-justice movement, focusing on the building of (local) united fronts and strategic debates in order to draw lessons and shape perspectives. Ewout regularly writes for the website of the **International Socialists**.

During the 2021 Amsterdam Fellowship, Ewout elaborated on the history and evolution of class, labor and migration in the Netherlands. With our Fellows he examined how these historical constructs have shaped our present-day society.

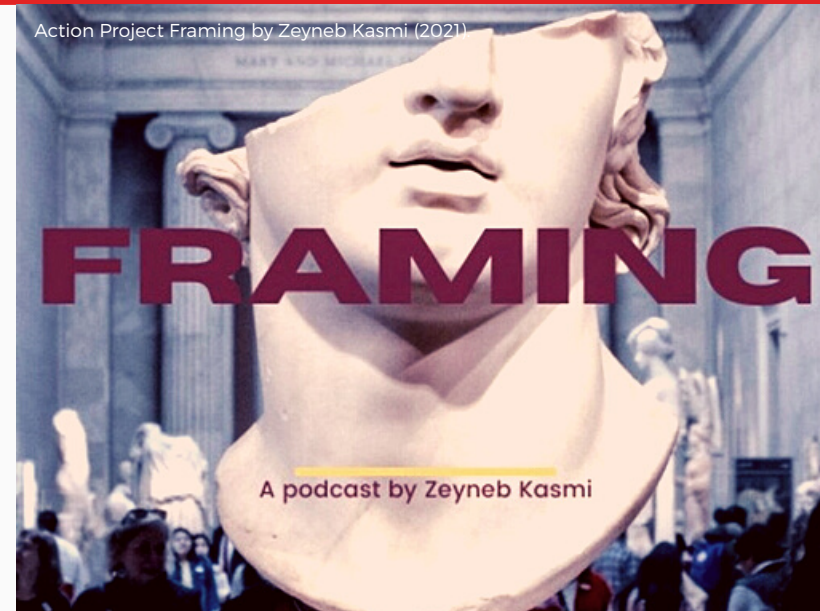


# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## FRAMING, Podcast

Organized by **Zeyneb (Zee) Kasmi**, 2020 John Lewis Fellow

In September 2021, the court in The Hague determined that people can be profiled and screened on the basis of ethnicity at Dutch airports. For Zeyneb Kasmi, a 2020 John Lewis Fellow, this was the starting point for thinking about an institutional dilemma and its solutions. As an Action Project, Zeyneb developed the podcast series 'Framing', an audio documentary with the aim to better understand institutional racism. The first episode addresses the impact of the colonial past and the second episode deals with the court case against the military police for ethnic profiling.



Action Project Drink Café by Valerie Ntinu (2021).

## drINK Café

by Valerie Ntinu

Creating brave spaces through shared spaces

Monday, 8 November 2021  
20:00 - 22:00

This event is a Safer Space for Black and brown femmes and non-binary folks

Sign-up through Google Form to receive address

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## DRINK CAFE: CREATING BRAVE SPACES THROUGH SHARED SPACES, Event and Workshop

Organized by **Valerie Ntinu**, 2020 Amsterdam Fellow

From her own experience as a black womxn navigating predominant spaces, Valerie Ntinu sought to create a virtual event addressing the double burdens of racism and misogyny placed on black women. She created drINK Café, a virtual 'brave space' that held up to five gatherings with self identifying black women and non-binary individuals. In order to make the events possible, she collaborated with two separate organizations that catered to her audience of choice – **Association for Black Artists** and **Netherlands Black Women**. With her partnerships, she leveraged contacts and existing social media presence to bring participants to her sessions. Being a virtual artistic project, Valerie required painting canvases and paint. For Valerie, this was an opportunity to provide participants with a rare space to express their grievances.

# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## **CONSENT: ALWAYS, ENTHUSIASTIC, INFORMED**, Campaign

Organized by **Suzanne Vink**, 2020 Amsterdam Fellow

Through her Action Project, Suzanne Vink sought to create an independent campaign in her conservative countryside and home city of Zwolle. Through her large network of students and ties at the Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, she began working on a grassroots campaign to normalize consent. Suzanne partnered up with **Amnesty International**, **Fairspace** (an organization creating safe and inclusive public spaces) and **Windesheim Honours College**. Throughout her Action Project, she initiated an educational Instagram account and worked with students on a weeklong collaborative graffiti project and a two-week exhibition that visualized and explained sexual violence and consent.



Action Project Consent: Always, Enthusiastic, Informed by Suzanne Vink (2021).



## **THE INVALUABLE POWER OF WOMEN: THE HERITAGE OF JOAN FERRIER**, Hybrid event

Organized by **Tamara Hartman**, 2020 John Lewis Fellow

Tamara Hartman studied the archive of Joan Ferrier as part of her Action Project. This resulted in a hybrid event that was facilitated by Humanity in Action The Netherlands and hosted by Atria Institute on Gender Equality and Women's History. During this event various speakers paid tribute to Joan Ferrier's work and life, in which intersectionality and emancipation were a common thread. The event had 261 participants: 217 via livestream and 44 physically present. The recording of this event can be viewed **here**.

The Invaluable Power of Women: The Heritage of Joan Ferrier - Action Project Tamara Hartman (2021).



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



## PAX POWER TO THE PEOPLE X HIA TALKS CONFLICT AS OPPORTUNITY

As part of the Landecker Democracy Fellowship, Humanity in Action The Netherlands co-hosted the Amsterdam Action Academy. One of the events of this multi-day virtual training was the Livecast 'Reinventing Democratic Spaces: The Importance of Freedom', organized for Liberation Day (May 5). In this Livecast, four Dutch Landecker Fellows gave their vision on freedom, democracy, and the role of history in the way we shape and perceive a day like Liberation Day.



## LIVECAST REINVENTING DEMOCRATIC SPACES: THE IMPORTANCE OF FREEDOM

During the Peace Week, PAX and Humanity in Action The Netherlands organized the event 'PAX Power to the People x HIA Talks: Conflict as Opportunity'. Ufuk Kâhya (Alderman in Den Bosch and 2012 Amsterdam Fellow) shared in a personal story his own experiences of a polarized society. Ufuk Kâhya and authors Abdelkader Benali and Natascha van Weezel gave an analysis of the current polarization in the social debate and what opportunities this can also provide. The event was moderated by Mirthe Frese.



## INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

In October 2021, Executive Director Laura Lasance attended the International Round Table Conference as part of the Revolutionale – Festival for Change in Leipzig, Germany. The Stiftung Friedliche Revolution invited 100 civil society representatives and socio-political activists from all over Europe and beyond to exchange ideas in an attempt to underline the importance and effects of civil society engagement and promote democratic, human rights-based change processes.

# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

## WORKSHOP: DO YOU RECOGNIZE AND ACKNOWLEDGE EVERYDAY RACISM?

As part of the 2021 'Week against Racism' in Amsterdam, Humanity in Action The Netherlands and the Regional Center for Discrimination Amsterdam organized a workshop on the practice to address everyday racism.

## INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE TRAINING

A tailor-made Inclusive Language Training: Introduction Level provided by Humanity in Action The Netherlands to a charitable foundation.

**WEEK  
TEGEN  
RACISME**

15 T/M 19 MAART 2021

**TALKS  
FILMS  
WORKSHOPS  
SPOKEN WORD**

Screenshot of the 'Everyday Racism' workshop zoom session.



## TAILOR-MADE TRAINING: THE WHAT, WHY, AND HOW OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

A tailor-made introduction training: The 'WHAT, WHY, AND HOW' of Diversity and Inclusion, to improve participants' understanding, knowledge and skills, on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for Stichting Fulbright Commission The Netherlands.



# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



**GLORIA WEKKER**

*Professor, Gender, Sexuality, African American, and Caribbean Studies*

Em. Prof. Dr. Gloria Wekker (she/her) is a socio-cultural anthropologist and Emerita Professor of Gender and Ethnicity at Utrecht University. Her specializations are in the fields of Gender Studies, Sexuality Studies, African American and Caribbean Studies. To mention a few, she wrote books named: 'The politics of passion; women's sexual culture in the Afro-Surinamese diaspora' and 'White innocence; paradoxes of colonialism and race'. In 2017, her awards included a Black Achievement Award in the field of science. She delivered the keynote at the 'The Invaluable Power of Women: The Heritage of Joan Ferrier' event, the Action Project of 2020 John Lewis Fellow Tamara Hartman. Gloria Wekker spoke about the underexposure of the Black, Migrant and Refugee women's movement and advocated for a more inclusive history of the Dutch women's movement.



**UFUK KÂHYA**

*2012 Amsterdam Fellow*

Keynote speaker Ufuk Kâhya (he/him) at the 'PAX Power to the People x HIA Talks: Conflict as Opportunity' event, is an alderman for Sustainable Mobility, Talent Development and Wellbeing in Den Bosch, the Netherlands. From 2015 to 2018, Ufuk Kâhya was involved with Humanity in Action as Associate Program Director for the John Lewis Fellowship. He also worked for United World Colleges Netherlands from 2008 to 2017 as a senior trainer for leadership, conflict transformation, community building and inclusiveness. Ufuk Kâhya's work focuses on intersectional approaches to social change and inclusiveness. His keynote consisted of a personal story of his experiences in a polarized society, explaining how he remains hopeful in spite of this. In addition, Ufuk Kâhya shared his insights regarding polarization. The keynote by Ufuk Kâhya during the event 'PAX Power to the People X HIA Talks: Conflicts as Opportunity' can be watched [here](#) or read [here](#).



**ABDELKADER BENALI**

*Writer and TV Producer*

Abdelkader Benali (he/him) is a writer and tv producer. He writes novels, stories, plays, essays, literary letters, reviews and columns. He won the Libris Literature Prize in 2003 for his novel 'The Long Expected'. Abdelkader Benali writes, among other things, about the multicultural society and the double cultural identity of the migrant. Some of his recent books are 'The Foreigner: Racism Explained to Ourselves' and 'Traveller of a New Time', both published in 2020. At the 'PAX Power to the People x HIA Talks: Conflict as Opportunity' event, he was a panelist discussing the current polarization in the social debate and what opportunities this polarization can offer.

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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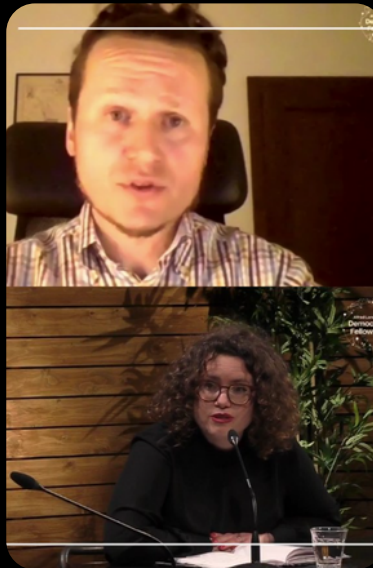
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> I always have an impairment, but my impairment plus the environmental barriers - so **the society that is not accessible** - is what makes me disabled.



> This notion of ruthless pragmatism is very much a characteristic for the Dutch form of imperialism; you can't beat them, so we will actually play along with their rules. The ruthless part is when the drive for profit 'necessitates' to actually perpetrate, mass kill, and murder.



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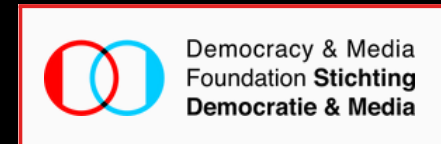
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# >> POLAND







In the second pandemic year, Humanity in Action Poland implemented three major projects: the **“Break the Vicious Circle”** Project, the **Landecker Democracy Fellowship**, and the **Human Rights Academy** (HIA Fellowship). In response to the nationwide movement against the government activities violating constitutional, civic, and reproductive rights, the **Warsaw Fellowship** focused exclusively on women’s rights from an intersectional perspective.

Thanks to the “Break the Vicious Circle” project, HIA Poland developed a **first-of-its-kind digital educational tool: a mobile application called “10 STAGES”**, which features stages of genocide that gives young people the possibility to learn more about the steps leading to a genocide, heroes who resisted to the oppressors, and historical places where the Holocaust was committed.

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2630 PARTICIPANTS  
AND 38 SPEAKERS  
THROUGH THEIR  
FELLOWSHIP AND  
PROJECTS.**



# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

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## AGNIESZKA GRAFF

*Scholar, Media commentator and Activist*

Agnieszka Graff is a scholar as well as media commentator and activist: co-organizer and speaker of Congress of Polish Women, collaborator of Batory Foundation, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Political Critique. She has authored several books of feminist essays: *Świat bez kobiet* (World without Women, 2001, new edition 2021); *Rykoszetem* (Stray Bullets – Gender, Sexuality and Nation, 2008), *Magma* (The Quagmire Effect, 2010), *Matka Feministka* (Mother and Feminist, 2014). Her presentation during the Fellowship focused on antigender politics in the populist moment.



## MAGDA SZAROTA

*Member of the Management Board and Director of Communications*

Magda Szarota is a disability and human rights advocate, disability studies researcher, and NGO executive. She is considered one of the pioneers of the disabled women's movement in postsocialist Poland. Magda co-authored the first shadow report to the UN CRPD Committee on the situation of Polish girls and women with disabilities. During the Fellowship, she focused on disabled people, the discrimination and activism surrounding the world's largest minority.



## KAMILA FERENC

*Graduate and Attorney at the Warsaw Bar Association*

Kamila Ferenc is a graduate of the Law Faculty at the University of Warsaw and an attorney trainee at the Warsaw Bar Association. She is a lawyer at the Federation for Women and Family Planning where she provides legal assistance, conducts advocacy at the national and international level and coordinates strategic litigation concerning reproductive justice. She also co-established the Foundation Against Rape Culture and works there as a pro bono lawyer. For the Fellowship, she joined other speakers in a panel discussion on reproductive rights.



For the anti-gender movement, "gender ideology" serves as a stand-in for their fear and frustration with modernity, instability, the social construct of identity, the turn toward individualism and the erosion of community.

Prof. Agnieszka Graff  
in 2021 Warsaw Fellowship



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## **THIS IS MENTAL (HEALTH)**, Advocacy, Article, and Publication Awareness Campaign, Podcast

Organized by **Karolina Ćwiek**, 2021 Warsaw Fellow

Mental health issues are still a taboo in Polish society, preventing many from seeking help or being open about their condition in fear of being stigmatized. For her Action Project, Karolina sought to put a different spin on mental health by creating a social campaign that is joyful and fun, at odds with what we are used to seeing: gloomy, dark and “depressing” itself. Her goal was to show that mental health disorders can be treated like any other health issue. Through her organization “Można Zwariować”, Karolina gathered a team of psychologists and media specialists (some of whom she met through modeling work) bridging different worlds together.



TWOJA BAZA DANYCH

## ZORIENTOWANY KRAKÓW

wszystkie przydatne krakowskie adresy  
dla osób LGBTQ+, ich rodzin i przyjaciół

## **MAPPING OF QUEER-KRAKOW**, Awareness Campaign

Organized by **Krzysztof Skwara**, 2019 Warsaw Fellow

In the first such initiative in Poland, Krzysztof Skwara, queer activist and 2019 Warsaw Fellow, has collected all the useful LGBTQIA+ addresses in his hometown of Krakow, Poland's second largest city. The Well-Oriented Krakow (Zorientowany Kraków) website is a great resource to queer folks as well as their families, friends, and allies. When the state does not protect all its citizens and denies them their fundamental rights and services, the NGOs and grassroots initiatives step in to fill the gap. Mapping of the queer city is also somewhat a revolutionary project as it (re)claims the public space, especially for a city known to be quite as conservative as Krakow (although, as Krzysztof points out, it was in Krakow that the first openly transgender Polish MP was elected).

# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

Senior Fellow Marcelina Rosińska named one of "25 under 25" by Forbes Magazine, McKinsey, and Company Warsaw!

## MENTAL HEALTH BUDDIES NETWORK

Awareness Campaign, Event, and Workshop  
Organized by **Marcelina Rosińska**, 2019 Warsaw Fellow

In 2021, Marcelina was recognized for the Mental Health Buddies Network, which is a grassroots project with the core objective to ensure that every person struggling with a mental health problem receives the necessary support.

Mental Health Buddies Network has become a widely recognized and award-winning grass-roots project. It offers a series of trainings conducted by professionals (including psychologists, educators and lawyers) on how to communicate with people struggling with mental health difficulties.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

## HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT (ONLY) HISTORY

At the end of the year, during a virtual panel discussion, Humanity in Action Poland met with fantastic speakers to talk about the importance of historical education and how to combine history with human rights education. Our guests shared some good practices that can help others to start or develop their own activities in this field.



## ACTION PROJECT ACADEMY AND SF NETWORKING

Polish Fellows of the 2021 Humanity in Action Warsaw program had the opportunity to meet offline for the first time on October 16, during the Action Project Academy. The team started with a round of Action Project pitching and feedback, where every Fellow shared their idea for implementing social change in their communities.

## GENOCIDE: DEFINITION, HISTORY AND PREVENTION

In May 2021, Landecker Democracy Fellow, historian, political scientist, and guide at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Dr. Tomasz Cebulski gave a talk about the origins of the term "genocide", attempts to prevent and protect against crimes undertaken by the international community, contemporary legal regulations, and the theory of steps leading to genocide.

*I moved from activism into politics because I wanted to be effective. I think a lot of social activists feel frustration at the fact that they lack tools.*

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NINA GABRYŚ



## SENIOR FELLOWS NETWORK MEETINGS

In March 2021, Humanity in Action Poland launched a series of inspirational and educational meetings with Senior Fellows who have considerable achievements in various sectors of social and professional life in Poland. Together, the team wants to create a space where they can share good activist practices, inspire each other, and motivate one another to act.



# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

Together with Humanity in Action Germany, HIA Poland implemented the “**Break the Vicious Circle**” project from January 2021 to March 2022. It aimed to deepen the knowledge of high school students about National Socialism, World War II, and the Holocaust, as well as to provoke a reflection on the historical conditions that led to the Shoah, based on

Prof. G Stanton's concept of multiple stages leading to genocide. It was important for us to create a digital tool that would enable us to restore the memory of those forgotten or lesser known individuals who did not remain indifferent and helped others through their courageous actions during World War II.





In 2021, Fellows of the 2020 Humanity in Action Warsaw Fellowship, Austin Wu, Joanna Matera and Joanna Biedrzycka created this informative and visually stimulating knowledge board on taking action against Antisemitism.



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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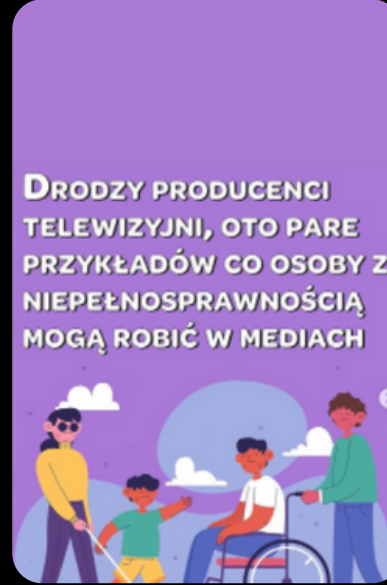
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# >> UNITED STATES







2021 was a year of change, growth, and expansion for Humanity in Action Inc. While the pandemic continued to affect our in-person programming, we successfully strengthened our network and adapted opportunities to suit the times. We welcomed 25 new Fellows, who joined virtual Fellowship programs “in” Amsterdam, Berlin, Sarajevo, and Warsaw. Six years of the **John Lewis Fellowship** culminated in a July conference, a hybrid event hosted in Atlanta and online for our network and the greater Atlanta community. We also offered a professional Fellowship at the ACLU of Georgia and awarded six **Racial Equity Grants** and four **Detroit Grants** to Senior Fellows.

We hosted Community Conversations that addressed contemporary issues that Senior Fellows were passionate about and also continued our Authors in Conversation series. Finally, our team expanded, as we hired a Communications and Community Manager as well as a Coordinator of Operations and Admissions. 2021 was a successful, meaningful, and inspiring year at Humanity in Action USA and we look forward to building on this momentum in 2022.

**IN 2021,  
HUMANITY IN  
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145 PARTICIPANTS  
AND 44 SPEAKERS  
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# CONFERENCE

**UNAPOLOGETIC: The John Lewis Legacy and the Fierce Urgency of Now** was a four-day virtual event inspired by John Lewis' activist journey, political philosophy and practical ethics. This program featured performances, talks, film screenings, and a public commemoration. The convening was local and international in reach and also served as the capstone conference of the John Lewis Fellowship program, operated by Humanity in Action and the Center for Civil and Human Rights since 2014.

## Unapologetic: The John Lewis Legacy and the Fierce Urgency of the Now

A virtual gathering inspired by civil rights icon John Lewis and movement-makers of the past and present

**JULY 8 – 11, 2021**

Presented by Humanity in Action, Inc. with generous funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

**CELEBRATING 7 YEARS OF THE JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP!**  
Free and open to the public | Pre-registration required for all events



### The goals of the virtual event were:

- > To re-connect the global network of John Lewis Fellows by exchanging ideas, igniting collaborations, and invigorating commitment to the legacy of John Lewis;
- > To memorialize John Lewis through the public recognition of his contributions to American history and the global human rights movement;
- > To gain knowledge of the work of Atlanta-based thought leaders, artists, and activists whose fire fuels the Black freedom movement today.

# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

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UNAPOLOGETIC: The John Lewis Legacy and the Fierce Urgency of Now



**MAURICE HOBSON**

*Professor, Historian, Author of "Legend of the Black Mecca"*

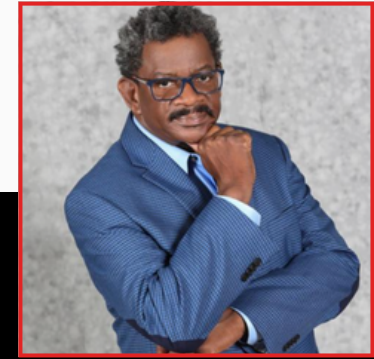
Dr. Maurice Hobson is an Associate Professor of African American Studies and Historian at Georgia State University. He earned a Ph.D. degree in History, focusing in African American History and 20th Century U.S. History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are grounded in the fields of African American history, 20th Century U.S. history, comparative labor, African American studies, oral history, ethnography, urban and rural history, political economy, and popular cultural studies. He is the author of award-winning book titled *The Legend of the Black Mecca: Politics and Class in the Making of Modern Atlanta* with the University of North Carolina Press.



**ROSLYN POPE**

*Author and Activist*

Dr. Roslyn Pope is a civil and human rights activist and educator. She graduated from Spelman College in 1960, with a major in music and minors in French and English. After graduation, she earned a master's and a doctorate, spending her professional career as a professor and scholar. Dr. Pope is credited for crafting, along with Julian Bond, the first draft of *An Appeal for Human Rights*, which appeared in *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Atlanta Journal*, and *The Atlanta Daily World* in March 1960. During the conference, she joined **Charles Black** and **Tanya Washington** in a panel discussion on Elders Forum: Reflections on the Atlanta Student Movement.



**DWIGHT ANDREWS**

*Musical Theorist, Composer, Minister*

Musical theorist, composer and minister, the Reverend Dwight Douglas Andrews was born on September 24, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan. Earning a partial scholarship to the University of Michigan in 1969, Andrews played in the marching band at two Rose Bowls and participated in the Black Action Movement. Ordained as a minister in 1978, Andrews served as associate pastor of Christ's Church as well as a faculty member of the Music Department and the Department of African American Studies. He also served as the Yale University campus chaplain for ten years. For the conference, Dr. Dwight Andrews played the movement music from the Selma Road to the BLM Protest Summer of 2020.



# PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

## ACLU of Georgia Fellowship

In 2021, Humanity in Action partnered with the ACLU of Georgia to create another Fellowship opportunity for Senior Fellows to work on policy research and contribute to advocacy on the ground. The recipient of the ACLU of Georgia Humanity in Action Professional Fellowship was 2021 Fellow, **Anisha Ariff**. Anisha worked as a Policy Fellow providing critical research and support to the ACLU of Georgia's Voting Access Project and broader legislative program. For more information on our partnership with the ACLU of Georgia, please see [here](#).



## Detroit Grant Competition

In 2021, we continued the Detroit Grant Competition for a second year. The 2021 recipients of the Detroit Grant Competition were Landecker Democracy Senior Fellows **Asha Shajahan** and **Adam Echelman** and Senior Fellows **Hannah Wagner** and **Ronald Norwood**. Their projects range in context and subject matter yet demonstrate an unwavering commitment to equitable and accessible development in the city of Detroit.

Humanity in Action's role in Detroit has always been to provide a critical lens and framework addressing the economic, social, and political factors that contribute to the landscape and build environment today. Projects address regional transit issues, housing, social determinants of health and equitable internet access in southwest Detroit. To learn more specific details about the grantees' and their projects, please visit [this link](#).



# PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS



## 2020-2021 Racial Equity Grants

In 2020, Senior Fellows **Jalyn Radzinski**, **Jasmine Rashid**, **Michael Scott**, and **Samson Lim** received grants to create new initiatives or further their existing projects that focus on racial justice in the US. Two of the projects, **the California Law Review Programming** and **the Count US IN Fellowship**, have been fully and successfully implemented, though their work remains ongoing.

The other two projects, **the Financial Activist Playbook for Racial Justice** and **Breaking Bread**, are still in their implementation processes. Both projects expanded in size and reach during their planning period. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of the steps that the projects planned to engage in could not safely happen in person as initially planned but both projects have pivoted and continue to be implemented.

## 2021-2022 Racial Equity Grants

In celebration of Juneteenth 2021, we were pleased to announce the second iteration of the Humanity in Action Racial Equity Grant. The focus of this ongoing and evolving grant is to support new projects and ongoing work that focus on impactful change in the United States. We expanded the number of recipients from four in 2020 to six in 2021. The 2021 recipients of the Humanity in Action Racial Equity Grant are Senior Fellows **Aasha Abdill**, **Allie Dyer**, **Caroline James**, **Chelsea Halstead**, **Katie Hahn**, and 2021 Fellow **Michelle Lo**, who were selected to further racial equity through research and policy work, social and political advocacy, knowledge exchange, intergenerational healing, and coalition building.

We are pleased that our 2021 grantees represent various geographies across the United States and are working across many different professional sectors to advance outcomes relevant to racial, social, and economic equity. Throughout the course of the year-long grant period, the Fellows have the opportunity to meet collectively as a group as well as receive project and professional support from the entire cohort, HIA staff, and other Senior Fellows. To learn more specific details about the other grantees' and their projects, please visit **this link**.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## **TRANSLATION IN SERVICE**, Article and Publication

Organized by **Kenzo Okazaki**, 2020 John Lewis Fellow

Translation in Service is an emerging non-profit organization that seeks to build intercultural competencies and awareness through advocacy, education, and community building. Kenzo Okazaki, who lives about two hours away from the WWII internment camp, Topaz, in Delta, Utah, noticed a lack of cultural understanding between Japanese Americans and native Japanese communities. This Action Project aims to bridge this divide by making the history of a formative moment in Japanese-American identity accessible to Japanese speakers. It ensures that the questions of human rights and social justice that are being raised in connection to this event can be understood and better studied by Japanese speakers. The project also touches on racism and its influence on this period of history.



## **35**, Arts

Organized by **Daria Sullivan**, 2018 Copenhagen Fellow

Senior Fellow Daria Sullivan lives with the philosophy that an assault on anyone's womanhood is an assault on her own. As a firm believer that the Black community must remember that all Black lives matter, Daria chose to address the life expectancy rate of Black transgender women, which in the United States has been reported to be 35 years old.

Daria was inspired by the concept of art for social justice that uses creativity to move an audience toward empathy and eventual productive change. She decided to create a huge poster with the number 35 in the center, highlighting the tragic life expectancy rate. She partnered with the Montclair Art Museum and placed her poster in the museum during their recurring high-traffic event, Free First Thursday Night. Daria placed Daniel Quasar's redesign of the pride flag above the entryway to her display.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## UNTOLD HISTORIES OF THE ATLANTIC WORLD, Podcast

Organized by **Tianna Mobley**, 2020 Amsterdam Fellow

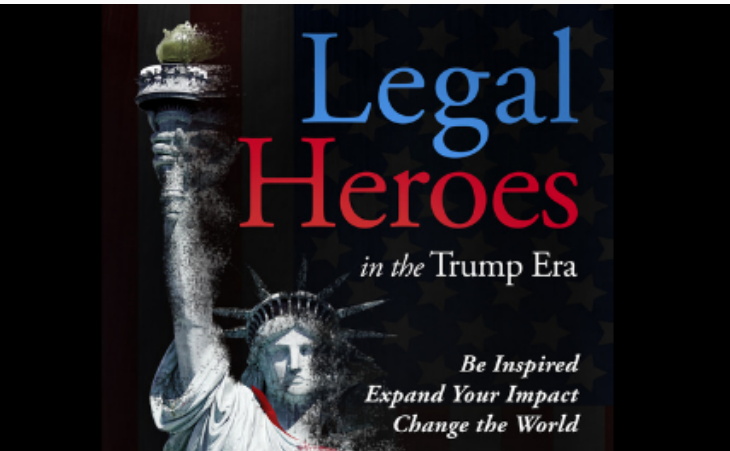
The “Untold Histories of the Atlantic World” podcast by Tianna Mobley presents academic research with an activist slant. It brings to the foreground previously overlooked or oversimplified histories of African and Indigenous experiences throughout the Atlantic world. The podcast addresses **the underrepresentation of subaltern voices in the telling of Atlantic history**.

By emphasizing both nuance and connection, Tianna’s overarching argument is that these histories matter and were integral to the unfolding of Atlantic world processes in the Americas, Africa, and Europe.





# ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



## LEGAL HEROES IN THE TRUMP ERA

In February, Humanity in Action held a book talk with immigration attorney, activist and author **Tahmina Watson** on her newest book *Legal Heroes in the Trump Era*. The book highlights the work of 14 activist lawyers who worked tirelessly to take on the immense tasks of challenging policies that actively undermined civil, human, and constitutional rights. This book provides examples of what we can do when democracy and the rule of law are endangered. *Legal Heroes in the Trump Era* is aimed not only at lawyers but at anyone who would like to formulate strategies of resistance, whether through the courts or through grassroots community work. The event was also moderated by Senior Fellow and Board member **Talia Dubovi**. For more information about Tahmina's book and the event, please see [here](#).



## COMPANIONS: THE STRANGE AND THE FAMILIAR

In May, the team held a discussion with educator, mentor and friend of Humanity in Action, **Joan Ringelheim** about her book titled *Companions: The Strange and the Familiar*. The book shares the story of her life and career, while highlighting her successes, seeming failures, emotional, and physical challenges. We invited the 2021 Fellows and Senior Fellows to join a conversation with Joan about her chapter on teaching philosophy at DePauw University. She plunged into the subject with a particular focus on Black history and Antisemitism – subjects that are so relevant today. The event was very informative on the topics of racial and social justice. Humanity in Action was honored to have hosted this event with Joan before her passing in October.



## HOW THE OTHER HALF EATS

In November, Humanity in Action held its most recent Author in Conversation event about food justice with two Senior Fellows, **Priya Fielding-Singh** and **Aditi Mehta**. This **Author-in-Conversation** event was about Fielding-Singh's powerful and timely new book, *How the Other Half Eats*, which took us to the frontlines of how food shapes the human experience through the eyes of four families across income, educational, and ethnoracial backgrounds. Professors Fielding-Singh and Mehta discussed the book, widespread inequalities in nutrition and hunger across society, as well as the implications and possibilities for achieving food justice in the United States and beyond. This was an important virtual conversation to discuss the broader implications of Fielding-Singh's research for parents, teachers, policymakers, doctors, and health care workers during the global pandemic.



We have the power to re-create our society as one wherein every family has enough nutritious food and the bandwidth to cook and eat it. But doing this will require, first, recognizing that a nutritious diet is not a privilege to be bestowed upon a worthy few but a fundamental human right to which every single person — rich or poor; Black, brown, or white — is entitled.

Dr. Priya Fielding-Singh in 2021  
Author in Conversation event



# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

This past year was also difficult and challenging in so many ways regarding current events; therefore, we took a more active role in facilitating communication and organizing among our Fellows and Senior Fellows during times of crises. The intention for these community calls was to **facilitate dialogue and share resources** among Fellows and Senior Fellows. While Humanity in Action is not an advocacy organization and our programs have focused on parts of Europe as well as the United States, we recognized that various events have an impact on members of our community.



The topics of these conversations varied from debriefs about the January 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol to the violence in Israel and Palestine and the backdrop of the political failures and the resulting human tragedies in Afghanistan and Belarus. Lastly, we offered to assist Fellows and Senior Fellows in sharing resources, hosting community working groups, and publishing op-eds or other articles through Humanity in Action's website. By encouraging dialogue within the Humanity in Action network and providing a platform for Fellows and Senior Fellows, the intention was to inspire others through their own leadership and activism.

# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING



**CAROL ANDERSON**

*Historian and Program Speaker*

Veteran JLF program speaker and historian Carol Anderson related Lewis' political advocacy to the complex history of race addressed in her latest 2021 book release, "The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America." Dr. Anderson also participated in our podcast and live sessions series with The Bertelsmann Foundation, "How to Fix Democracy."



**PRIYA FIELDING-SINGH  
AND ADITI MEHTA**

*2006 and 2011 Berlin Fellowship*

"Interviewed" by Senior Fellow Aditi Mehta, Senior Fellow Priya Fielding-Singh gave a book talk on her most recent work, *How the Other Half Eats*. The book – and the conversation – explored how food shapes the human experience through the eyes of four families across income, educational, and ethno-racial backgrounds. Fielding-Singh also shared how the pandemic exacerbated inequalities as well as how caregivers use food differently to express love and protect, educate and preserve heritage with their children.



**ALOK**

*Writer, Performance Artist  
and 2011 Amsterdam Fellowship*

During our summer Fellowships, Humanity in Action offered a virtual session to all Fellows featuring Senior Fellow, writer, and performance artist ALOK. They spoke about the themes in their book *Beyond the Gender Binary*, shared poetry, and answered Fellows' questions, offering inspiration to Fellows about how they could reframe their perspective and understanding of gender as well as be activists and advocates in their local communities.

# HOW TO FIX DEMOCRACY

In partnership with **the Bertelsmann Foundation**, **Andrew Keen**, and **the Institute for Canadian Citizenship**, we continued with the How to Fix Democracy series. This podcast and video series, hosted by Andrew Keen, author of *How to Fix the Future*, explores practical responses to the threats facing democracies worldwide. This series aims to identify and analyze various weaknesses of current democratic systems and discuss possible solutions.

After successful Seasons 1 and 2 of How to Fix Democracy, the partnership between Humanity in Action and the Bertelsmann Foundation expanded to include a Season 3 and joined forces with a new partner – the Institute for Canadian Citizenship. Season 3 consisted of pre-recorded episodes and live sessions, all of which were posted on Youtube, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify, and reshared on the Bertelsmann Foundation and Humanity in Action websites. Each episode is watched and listened to by thousands of audience members, with each Youtube video alone averaging approximately 5,000 views.



## > SEASON 3

Season 3 of the How to Fix Democracy series launched in 2021. Over the course of the year, 20 episodes focused on history, technology, citizenship and capitalism and their influences on current democratic systems. This season further explored questions on forming “good citizens,” or how inclusive concepts of citizenship can be encouraged.

## > LIVE SESSIONS

As in previous seasons, How to Fix Democracy included live discussions about various issues threatening democracy. During this season, 14 live sessions were organized, covering a broad range of issues from the meaning of citizenship to community activism. Guest speakers included Carol Anderson and Ben Rhodes, both discussing the topics of their newly published books. More information, as well as the full recordings of each session, can be found **here**.



# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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## IMPROVEMENTS OVER 2020

298%

Facebook Impressions

119%

Twitter Impressions

144%

Instagram Engagement

## FOLLOWER COUNT

26049

Total Followers

14K

Facebook

2.1K

Instagram

3.6K

Twitter

6.1K

Linkedin



Global citizens [are] thinking big picture without working locally. That old 70s slogan 'think globally, act locally,' happens to have been true."

>> Margaret Atwood <<



Join our #HowToFixDemocracy Live Session on Feb 24 at 11 am EST with @ETemelkuran author of How to Lose a Country. She and host @ajkeen will discuss how to reimagine #citizenship to build a better future. Register here: [us02web.zoom.us/join/register?from=invitation](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register?from=invitation) @BertelsmannFdn @inclusion\_ca

REIMAGINING CITIZENSHIP TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE?



## A GLIMPSE INTO... WARSAW FELLOWSHIP

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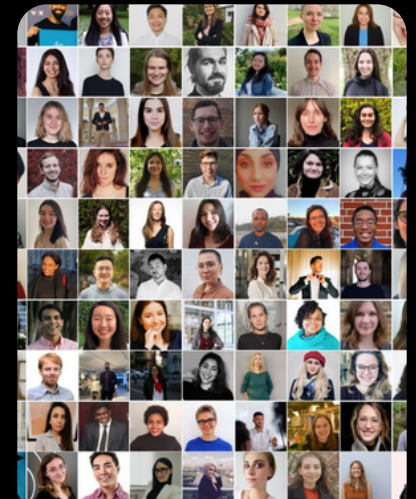
> "If you want to create inclusive spaces for everyone, check your bias first, work through your prejudice, learn to have an open heart and mind, and embrace uncertainty and fluidity."

Genia Gert, Queer Activist and Researcher

> "Disability is a critical intersection of oppression. Yet people's movements supported by human communities. Let this lose-lose situation into a win-win situation."

- Magda Szustak

Magda Szustak, a Critical Disability Advocate, mapped systemic oppression of our target minority."



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# >> THE LANDECKER DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP

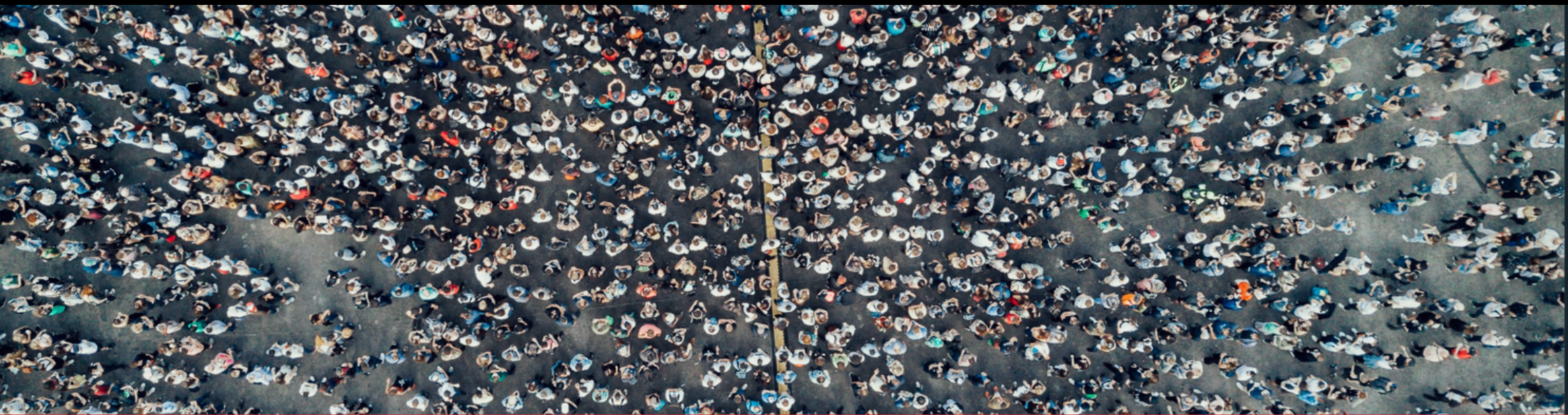






All people should have the right to live without fear, persecution, and suffering. We must combat prejudice and intolerance in all their many forms. The past teaches us that defending these values and rights, and the institutions that uphold them, must be the obligation of both governments and citizens.

Alfred Landecker Foundation



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 hailing from the European Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Born after in or 1980, our Landecker Democracy Fellows are Millennials who set examples for how activism doesn't need to be a full-time job. They receive training, financial support, and project seed funding to spend one year working part-time on creating projects that reinvent democratic spaces. Along the way, they build community and develop close ties to the Alfred Landecker Foundation and the Humanity in Action alumni networks..

**ENGAGING 60  
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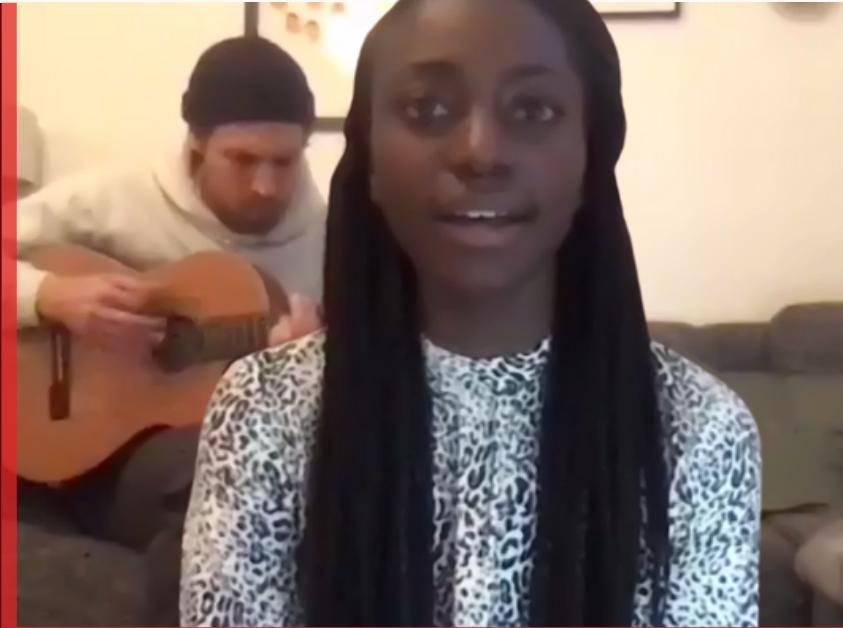


# THE FELLOWSHIP

## THEMATIC FOCUS

### 2020/2021 COHORT

The first year of the Landecker Democracy Fellowship funded 30 project ideas that tackled some of the forces behind the structural inequities that COVID-19 amplified. Our Fellows implemented a wide range of grassroots initiatives, ranging from closing the digital divide and diversifying STEM to empowering migrant care workers and finding new ways for people to talk about politics and current affairs. The projects, each unique and innovative in their execution, aimed to improve social justice and to create fairer societies against the backdrop of a world hit by COVID-19.



### 2021/2022 COHORT

The second year of the Landecker Democracy Fellowship funded 30 project ideas that foster social cohesion. The projects strengthen democracy by building bridges and forming ties across communities and people. Solidarity and interconnectedness are key elements in working toward social cohesion in heterogeneous societies that are built on histories of structural injustice and violence. Our Fellows' projects explore critical paths that acknowledge various communities' diverging realities in the process of creating equitable societies.



# SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

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**YASMEEN AKHTAR**

*Co-CEO at TrustLab*

## **Leading and Holding Space**

In this session, our Fellows explored what it means to lead and hold space for others in ways that are anti-oppressive and power-informed. They leaned into questions such as: How does 'who you are' play out in the space you make for others and take for yourself? In what ways does what you know about the world play out in the spaces you create for dialogue/change?



**GEORGETTE LEDGISTER**

*Research Associate and Visiting Lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School, Humanity in Action Inc. Board Member*

## **Conflict in Democratic Space**

In this session, our Fellows were introduced to the genealogy of conflict studies. They reflected on conflict transformation strategies and the possibilities of systemic change in our societies. Challenged to critically reflect on themselves, Fellows looked at the effects of various response styles to conflict in different contexts.



**NIM RALPH**

*Freelance Trans Activist, Writer and Trainer*

## **Spectrum of Allies**

People working towards social change often lose time and energy either speaking to people who already agree with them, or trying to convince people who completely disagree. Neither are without merit – but they don't help us shift the socio-political landscape enough to win real change. In this session, our Fellows learned tools to identify and analyze those who they work with, for, and against.

# talking about INTERSECTIONALITY

with PROF. NIVEDITA PRASAD

6 MAY 2021



For the Landecker Fellowship's Amsterdam Academy, we hired an artist to graphically record our session on Intersectionality with Nivedita Prasad, professor at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences as well as Humanity in Action Germany advisory board member.





# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## OY VEY ACTS

Organized by **Lievnath Faber**, 2020/2021 Landecker Fellow

Lievnath Faber's project focused on co-creating a **Jewish hub**, Oy Vey Acts, in the city center of Amsterdam, right in the middle of the former Jewish quarter.

Her idea was to create a lasting connection between the Jewish activists and the broader activist community in the Netherlands generally and in Amsterdam specifically. This project seeks to create a civic revolution against populist, nationalist and racist forces in our society who benefit from the current antagonism between these communities.

Oy Vey Acts targets various individuals within the Jewish community as well as individuals from broader activist networks. During her Fellowship, Lievnath focused on smaller discussion circles and meetings as well as individual person-to-person learning. Oy Vey Acts continues to thrive beyond the Fellowship year.





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## STATEFREE.WORLD

Organized by **Christiana Bukalo**, 2020/2021 Landecker Fellow

Christiana's online platform builds a digital bridge and connects stateless people with their allies. As a website and forum, Statefree.world focuses on addressing the need for communication and exchange in the field of **statelessness**, and it encourages stateless people to share their stories.

The project's mission is to utilize the power of collective experience and use it to co-create the truth about statelessness. The project provides a platform for an authentic reflection of what it means to be stateless in today's world. By inviting stateless people to speak up about their struggles and challenges, **Statefree.world** simultaneously raise awareness and places emphasis on the need for change and political support. Moreover, the platform also acts as an information hub as well as a forum to enable self-education of stateless people.

While the platform is mainly targeted at stateless people, collaboration with and participation of non-profits, activists, and policy-makers are crucial to solve the problem. Therefore, the platform also encourages policy-makers and organizations to join the conversation and contribute to the crucial debate about what exactly is needed to support stateless people.



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community for stateless  
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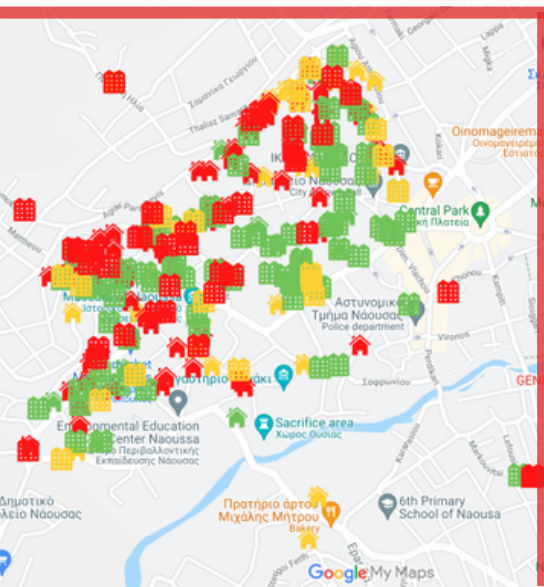
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## H.A.R.T.A (HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IN REAL TERMS ACT)

Organized by **Nikolaos Vrantzis**, 2020/2021 Landecker Fellow

Housing is a fundamental component of inclusion and integration and a basic element of individuals' wellbeing. And yet, like other urban and rural areas of Greece, there is little availability of affordable housing for vulnerable groups in the town of Naoussa.

Nikos' project focuses on the **mapping and identification of housing** potential in rural areas, with a particular focus on inactive housing stock and abandoned resources.



The local group led by Nikos is titled H.A.R.T.A. It is drafting a detailed report about local housing conditions and accessibility in order to fill data gaps concerning the demand for affordable housing (total population under housing stress). Nikos and his team also created a **detailed map of inactive housing and abandoned resources** that could be converted into housing in Naoussa.



# SHOWCASING ACTION PROJECTS

## MISINFORMATION MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR THE PUBLIC AND TOOLKIT FOR PROVIDERS

Organized by **Asha Shajahan**, 2020/2021 Landecker Fellow

Since the pandemic broke out, COVID-19 has amplified fake news, conspiracy theories, and misinformation. As a medical doctor working on the frontline of the healthcare crisis that unfolded in 2020, Asha has observed and felt the consequences of misinformation firsthand.

Asha believed it was time for medicine to evolve with the times. In her Fellowship, Asha equipped doctors with a **misinformation curriculum** and **digital toolkit** with evidence-based recommendations and guidance for healthcare providers to not only combat misinformation in the clinical setting, but to take the digital stage to reach patients around the world. Her focus was to engage healthcare providers in addressing misinformation around the COVID-19 vaccines.

At the end of her Fellowship, Asha collaborated on **MisinfoRx**, a new “toolkit” giving health care providers the knowledge and training to tackle patient-held medical misinformation.





# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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2.1K

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3.6K

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6.1K

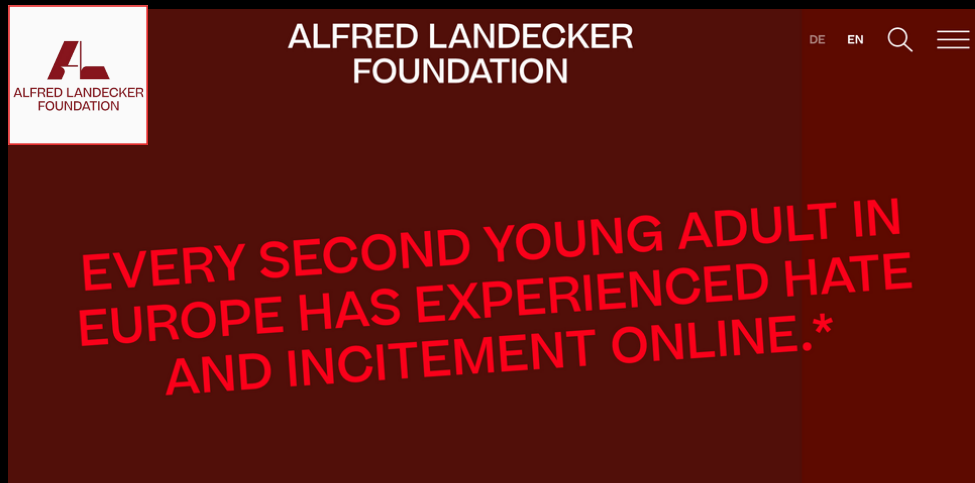
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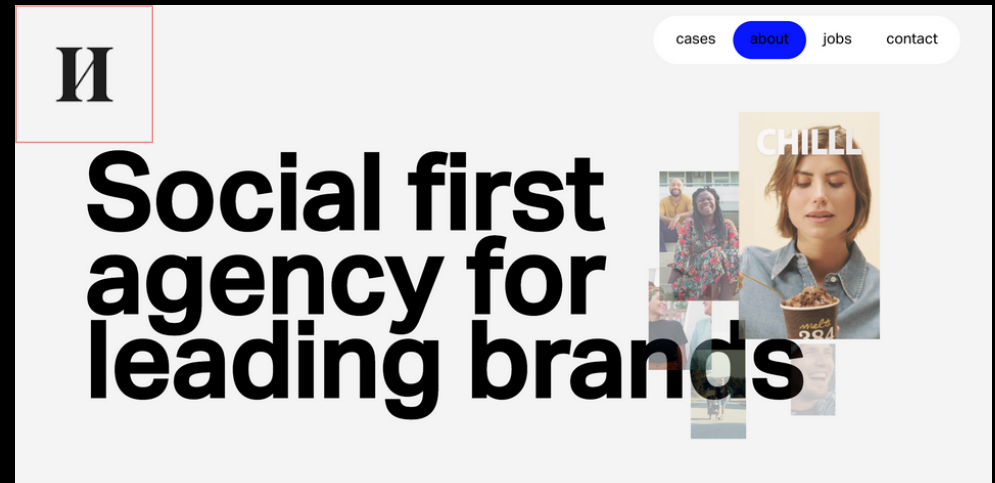
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