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2023-2024



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HUMANITY **IN**
ACTION

Welcome to Amsterdam

Dear Fellow,

On behalf of the Humanity in Action The Netherlands team, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all!

We are delighted to have you join the Amsterdam Fellowship 2023. We are looking forward to getting to know you and supporting you during this journey.

Our society is in need of a new generation of leaders. Diverse, empathetic, and inclusive talents who can be agents of change striving for an inclusive, democratic society. You have been selected for this program because we see this capacity in each and every one of you.

We have done our utmost to create a rich program for you. Through lectures, workshops, excursions, and discussions, we aim to (re)discover ideas and find answers to address current injustices. We invite you to think about the state of the world and learn from one another's perspectives and experiences. We also encourage you to explore contemporary questions around democracy, human rights, and inclusion by coming into action and developing your own Action Project.

By participating in this Fellowship, you are following the footsteps of over 2,700 individuals who participated in a Humanity in Action Fellowship during the past 24 years. After completion, you may call yourself a Senior Fellow. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our international Senior Fellow Network, a unique alumni community committed to social justice.

I hope that this Fellowship Program will lead to new insights, friendships, and beautiful memories.

Warmly,



Jorien Janssen (she/her)
National Director
Humanity in Action
The Netherlands

From our CEO

The first days of my Humanity in Action Fellowship were a whirlwind. I remember being overwhelmed: meeting the other Fellows, traveling to new cities, and participating in days full of intense and emotional content with barely a moment to catch my breath. But a month later, I walked away as part of a network of Fellows that would grow and endure over the years since. I'm truly honored to be welcoming you, our newest class of Fellows, to this community.

The world has changed quite a bit since I was a Fellow. But Humanity in Action's goals have remained constant: to educate, connect, and inspire future leaders to strengthen democracy, protect human rights, advance social equity, and pursue justice. Over the coming weeks, you will experience our unique approach to examining current challenges through the lens of history and cross-cultural dialogue. I hope you find your time with us enriching, thought-provoking, and rewarding, and that you gain a new perspective on some of our world's most pressing challenges.

But most importantly, I hope you take advantage of this opportunity to learn from each other. To listen to each other's stories, to seek new perspectives, to lean into your growth edges, and to truly hear and engage with different opinions. The coming weeks are only the first step on your Humanity in Action journey. As part of our Senior Fellow community, you will be connected to generations of Humanity in Action alumni who, like you, are committed to the pursuit of social justice. The connections you forge, the friendships you make, and the support systems you create will endure long beyond this summer and will stay with you as you embark on your own professional path.

Welcome to Humanity in Action.



Talia Dubovi

Interim CEO and Senior
Fellow
(2000 Amsterdam Fellowship)
Humanity in Action Inc.

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About Humanity in Action

Humanity in Action

Humanity in Action is a transatlantic non-profit organization that informs, connects, and inspires young people to engage in dialogue and take action for human rights, democracy, and inclusivity.

The organization's goal is to inspire responsible leadership that meets the local and global challenges of social division. Disinformation, polarization, antisemitism, racism, Islamophobia, trans- and homophobia, and misogyny, are phenomena that are testing democratic societies. Humanity in Action's programs address these issues head-on from a historical perspective.

Humanity in Action has offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Its international headquarters is based in New York City.

Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Humanity in Action The Netherlands was founded in 1999 and has since then been an active partner in the international Humanity in Action network. We develop educational programs, our Fellowships, for students, recent graduates, and young professionals. We also support integral (Senior) Fellow civic engagement activities, organize public events, and offer training programs for businesses and organizations on inclusivity.

Humanity in Action The Netherlands boasts a network of more than 260 Senior Fellows - entrepreneurs, government officials, artists, academics, lawyers, journalists, politicians, and activists. In many ways, these Senior Fellows continue to contribute to the values of Humanity in Action. They do this in their personal and professional lives, as well as by playing an active role in our programs.

**>> Bridging past and
present to inform the
future of human
rights**

Meet Our Ombudsperson

Creating a learning environment that feels safe for everyone is one of Humanity in Action's priorities. As in society at large, also in our educational programs, situations could potentially arise that are not in line with the organization's Code of Conduct. While Humanity in Action staff is at the Fellows' full disposal to support you in any situation, a designated Ombudsperson is additionally available. Our Ombudsperson will listen to your story and if necessary coach you on a confidential basis.

LENKA HORA ADEMA (she/her)

Ombudsperson Humanity in Action
The Netherlands
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Lenka Hora Adema (LL.M, MA) is based in The Hague (The Netherlands) as a senior mediation expert and organizational coach. She also works as an assistant professor in mediation at VU University. Lenka is specialized in (cooperation) disputes with and within organizations and governments. As a trainer in mediation, mediator, and organizational coach she works for projects abroad: Recently in Rwanda, Suriname, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Nigeria. Born to an Armenian-Iraqi father and a Dutch mother, her personal experience with different cultures is a treasure trove for her work. Previously, Lenka worked as a lawyer and academic staff member at the Supreme Court of The Netherlands. During this period she worked for Lawyers Without Borders and as a board member of the Association for Law and Administration in Developing and Transition Countries.



PRACTICAL **INFORMATION**

AMSTERDAM FELLOWSHIP

Practical information

Humanity in Action Office

The majority of our program will take place at the Humanity in Action office, located within the building of Amnesty International Nederland.

Humanity in Action The Netherlands
Keizersgracht 177
1016 DR Amsterdam

From Amsterdam Central station, it is about a 20-minute walk, a 10-minute bike ride, or a 10-minute tram ride (tram 17 and tram 13). The tram leaves every few minutes from platforms B2 and B3, located outside the main station, at the city center side of the Central Station building.

Accommodation

Those coming from abroad will be accommodated at CityDen BoLo District. This Aparthotel is located on the West side of Amsterdam, close to the vibrant and culturally diverse neighborhoods of Bos & Lommer and Old West. The apartments have a fully equipped kitchen and free Wi-Fi. Breakfast is included. Your dietary preferences have been shared with the hotel. The breakfast buffet for our group will be available from 07:30 a.m.



CityDen BoLo District

Bos en Lommerplantsoen 45a
1055 AA Amsterdam
The Netherlands
+31 020 310 1011

There is a direct tram (13) going from the Aparthotel to the Humanity in Action office. This journey will take you approximately 30 minutes.

Public Transport

You will receive a public transportation card during the Welcome Reception. This card has enough credit on it to cover your travels within Amsterdam to, from, and within the program. If you choose to use the card for personal matters, please make sure to top up the credit with additional money.

>> The mobile app **9292** provides you with a travel planner for all public transportation. If you haven't downloaded the app yet, you can do so by scanning this **QR Code**.



Join Our Virtual Communities

Humanity in Action The Netherlands invites all Fellows to share their Fellowship experience. Feel free to tag us on social media and use the hashtags below.

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2023

Program Overview





>> WELCOME TO HUMANITY IN ACTION | GRIEF, TRANSFORMATION, AND HOPE

Welcome to Humanity in Action! On this first day of the International Opening Program, we want to celebrate the start of this Fellowship journey with a warm welcome, some introductions, and music. In the second half of this virtual session, we want to explore what it means to come together in these times of crisis and uncertainty, and how we can hold on to our visions for the future.

16.00-16.50 CEST	Kick-Off in National Programs
16.50-17.00	Screen break and change of virtual meeting room
17.00-17.25	Welcome to Humanity in Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Activity and Video Message from the Senior Fellow Network• Remarks by Talia Dubovi Interim CEO, Humanity in Action Inc.
17.25-18.00	October 1943 - the Founding Vision of Humanity in Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remarks by Judith Goldstein Founder of Humanity in Action• Film screening Voices in the Void
18.00-18.35	Keynote Lecture and Q&A by Dana Reina Telléz (she/they)
18.35-18.50	Screen break
18.50-19.50	Panel and Q&A: From Hope to Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lievnath Faber (she/her)• Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem (he/him)• Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz
19.50-20.00	Wrap-up

>> COLONIALISM AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Today, we want to speak about an issue that concerns us all: climate justice. In particular, we will highlight its connection to colonialism and its continuities. Mexican lawyer and scholar Claudia Iterate-Lima will kick us off by conceptualizing the right to a healthy environment as a human right. Afterward, Gilberto Morishaw from Curaçao and Roo from Catawba Indian Nation will exchange different indigenous perspectives on the matter. To conclude, two Senior Fellows will present their projects, shifting our perspectives towards accountability and action. We will end the International program with a live performance by Raptivists and Senior Fellow Aisha Fukushima.

16.00-16.10 CEST	Welcome to the day
16.10-17.00	Keynote: Leveraging the right to a healthy environment for transformative change Lecture and Q&A by Claudia Ituarte-Lima (she/her)
17.00-17.10	Screen break
17.10-18.15	Panel and Q&A: Indigenous Rights, Sovereignty & Resistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gilberto Morishaw (he/him)• Delesslin 'Roo' George-Warren (he/they)
18.15-18.25	Screen break
18.25-19.00	Panel and Q&A: Towards Accountability and Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kiki Carbonell• Samir Behari
19.00-19.30	Reflections in Breakout rooms
19.30-19.50	Musical Intermezzo Performance by Aisha Fukushima
19.50-20.00	Goodbye and see you in the national Programs!

June 7

Wednesday

>> TRAVEL DAY

June 8

Thursday

>> WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM

To mark the beginning of our time together, our Fellowship team and our board members welcome you for an informal reception at the Humanity in Action office. We look forward to getting to know you better over a drink.

Location Humanity in Action the Netherlands
Keizersgracht 177, 1016 DR Amsterdam
Room: Canteen

19.00-19.10	Openings words
19.10-19.20	Introducing the Board of Humanity in Action the Netherlands
19.20-19.45	Welcome Activity
19.45-20.50	Drinks
20.50-21.00	Wrap-up

>> LAYING THE GROUND: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

Today, we lay the foundation for how we want to work and be together throughout the next few weeks. We will take time to introduce ourselves and learn more about one another. This is also a good time to connect to your personal intentions, hopes, and possible expectations toward yourself and the group. By the end of the day, we intend to have reached a consensus on our own community guidelines for discussions and interactions in the context of this program.

Attention Please bring along your object today.

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Keizersgracht 177, 1016 DR Amsterdam
Room: Rosa Parks

09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.45	Introduction
09.45-10.45	Bring an Object
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.45	Introduction to our Ombudsperson Lenka Hora Adema
	Workshop Non-Violent Communication by Cara Crisler (she/her)
12.45 -14:00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Establishing community guidelines by Cara Crisler (she/her)
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.30	Workshop Improv
16.30-16.45	Wrap-up

>> INTRODUCTION TO DUTCH COLONIALISM AND TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

Today, we will explore the controversial history of Dutch colonialism. Despite being a powerful empire, The Netherlands was built on the exploitation and oppression of millions of people, pursuing ruthless profits through forced labor and violence. The Dutch also played a significant role in the transatlantic slave trade, transporting over half a million people from Africa to the Americas, which fueled their economy for centuries. This session will introduce you to the untold and neglected stories of Dutch colonial history.

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9.15-9.30	Walk-in
9.30-9.45	Introduction of the day
9.45-10.45	Fellow interaction
10.45-11.15	Meet your buddy
11.15-12.00	Pearls of Wisdom Francisca Rosales (she/her) & Ata Göloğlu (he/they)
12.00-13.00	LUNCH
13.00-14.15	Dutch Colonial histories and post-colonial afterlives Lecture and Q&A by Wim Manuhutu (he/him)
14.15-14.30	Break
14.30-16.00	Transatlantic Slavery and Black female resistance fighters Lecture and Q&A by Britt-Marie van der Drift (she/her)
16.00-16.15	Break
16.15-16.45	Reflections
16.45-17:00	Wrap-up

>> COLONIZING THE COLONIZED: EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF DUTCH COLONIALISM ON INDONESIA, SURINAME, AND BEYOND

Today, we focus on the impact of Dutch colonialism on its former colonies Indonesia and Suriname. We will examine the complex and exploitative nature of Dutch colonialism, including forced labor in the East Indies and the slave trade in Suriname. During our Black Heritage Tour, we will travel by boat along the Amsterdam canals, exploring the city's 'hidden history' of the early Black presence, colonial symbols on canal houses and national monuments; locations where free and enslaved people lived, married and got buried; sites of the VOC & WIC headquarters.

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09.45-10.00	Walk-in
10.00-10.15	Introduction of the day
10.15-11.00	Pearls of Wisdom Sophia Uriburu Wilder (she/her) & Saskia Vrensen (she/her)
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-12.45	The relationship between the Netherlands and Indonesia, past & present Lecture and Q&A by Lara Nuberg (open for SF)
12.45-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Travel to Hermitage dock
14.00-15.30	Black Heritage Tour by Jennifer Tosch (she/her)
15.30-15.45	Walk to garden Hermitage
15.45-16.30	Reflections with Jennifer Tosch (she/her)
16.30-16.45	Daily wrap-up
16.45-17.15	Buddy check-in

>> OUR COLONIAL HERITAGE AND MAKING A MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE

Today, we will connect the past to the present. We will take you on a journey of a concealed history of Black emancipation and resistance. In the afternoon, we will visit the exhibition 'Our Colonial Inheritance' at the Tropenmuseum. This exhibition shows how colonialism shaped the world of today, and how people endured it. Learn how people tried to create their own lives, rebelled, and remained in charge. Are you open to a multi-voiced perspective?

Location	Humanity in Action the Netherlands Keizersgracht 177, 1016 DR Amsterdam Room: Rosa Parks
	Tropenmuseum Linnaeusstraat 2, 1092 CK Amsterdam

09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.45	Introduction of the day
09.45-10.15	Pearls of wisdom Bethany Copsey (she/her)
10.15-11.15	The Black Archives part I Workshop by Mitchell Esajas (he/him)
11.15-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	The Black Archives Part II Workshop by Mitchell Esajas (he/him)
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Pearls of wisdom Anthony Ten Jet Foei (he/him)
14.00-14.45	Travel to Tropenmuseum
14.45-16.15	Visit Tropenmuseum
16.15-16.45	Reflections
16.45-17.00	Daily wrap-up

>> THE RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE TRACES TRILOGY

Protest is an invaluable way to speak truth to power. Throughout history, protests have been the driving force behind some of the most powerful social movements. Unfortunately, the right to protest is increasingly under attack, also in the Netherlands. Today, you will learn more about the importance of the right to protest and your rights as a protester. The theme of the evening will be the Second World War. Seventy-seven years after the fall of Nazi Germany, the Holocaust stands as a staggering crime against humanity. We will watch the Humanity in Action film series telling three different stories of the Holocaust and discuss together the importance of remembrance.

Location

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Room: Rosa Parks

Movie Theater: The Movies
Haarlemmerdijk 159-163, 1013 KH Amsterdam

13.30-14.00	Buddy check-in Location is up to you :)
14.00-14.15	Walk-in
14.15-14.30	Introduction of the day
14.30-16.00	Right to protest Workshop by Sarah Bireby (she/her) & Marjolein Kuijers
16.15-17.00	Fellow interaction
17.00-17.45	Pearls of Wisdom Mishi LaPlante (she/her) & Hannah Jacobi (she/her)
17.45-18.15	Travel to restaurant
18.15-19.45	Dinner at Robin Food Kollektief
19.45-20.15	Travel to The Movies
20.15-22.30	HIA Traces Trilogy Film screening and Q&A with David Hein
22.30	Daily wrap-up & Drinks

>> LGBTQIA+ STORIES AND ACTIVISM 101

Some consider Amsterdam to be the birthplace of LGBTQIA+ rights. Today, we will visit the Homomonument, symbolizing the long road to LGBTQIA+ emancipation in the Netherlands. We will also learn about Muslim queer activism. In the afternoon, it is time to fuel your own activism. You will learn about the virtues of public narrative and how you can use this tool to advance your cause. In the workshop, based on a framework developed at Harvard, you will learn and practice the S.U.N. principles of public narrative storytelling as a way to effectively engage your community and build new leadership. We hope to leave you feeling empowered and ready to start your activism journey.

Location

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Keizersgracht 177, 1016 DR Amsterdam
Room: Canteen

Greenpeace
NDSM-Plein 32, 1033 WB Amsterdam

10.45-11.00	Walk-in
11.00-11.15	Introduction of the day
11.15-11.45	Visit Homomonument Story by Daan Smeelen (she/her)
11.45-12.45	LUNCH
12.45-13.45	Intersectional LGBTIQ+ activism Lecture and Q&A by Dounia Jari (she/her)
13.45-14.30	Travel to Greenpeace
14.30-16.00	Campaign Labs Workshop by Jelle Zijlstra (he/him)
16.00-16.15	Daily wrap-up

>> EFFECTIVE ACTIVISM AND AMPLIFYING COMMUNITY-CENTERED VOICES

Today, we will focus on how to be an effective changemaker. Racism, discrimination, and climate change are some of the reasons to come into action. But you can only take care of others if you can also take care of yourself. We will show you the first steps toward more focus, impact, and self-care. In the afternoon, we will learn about how as an activist, you can give voice to others and cooperate with institutions and local communities. The Beyond Walls Collective creates structural change by sharing stories from different diasporas. They believe in the power of research, storytelling, and art as a way to connect on intellectual as well as emotional levels when it comes to colonial legacies.

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Room: Rosa Parks

09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.45	Introduction of the day
9.45-10.15	Fellow interaction
10.15-12.00	Activism and self-care Training by Nori Spauwen (she/her)
12.00-12.15	Break
12.15-13.00	Pearls of Wisdom Olivia Daigle (she/her) & Kirby Kimball (she/her)
13.00-13.30	Buddy check-in
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-15.45	Amplifying community-centered voices by Glenda Pattipeilohy (she/her), Jeremy Flohr (he/him) and Suzanne Rastovac (she/her) from Beyond Walls Collective
15.45-16.00	Break
16.00-16.45	Pearls of Wisdom Nicchelle Buyne (she/her) & Verna Juliette Tiro Amador (sher/her)
16.45-17.00	Daily wrap-up

>> INTERSECTIONALITY AND ABLEISM UNPACKED

“Nothing about us, without us.” You may have heard this slogan from the international disability movement, but what do you know about disability justice? Today, you will get an introduction to disability, accessibility, and ableism. We will give you an overview of the historical and international ties between disability movements and other social movements and engage in a conversation about access needs in the context of The Amsterdam Fellowship. Whether you live with a disability or not, what can you do to create a more accessible and just world? In the afternoon, the intersectionality of oppression and domination and decolonial thought are explored. We will delve into the connection between the oppression of non-human beings and the oppression of sub-groups of humans through systems of racism, sexism, ableism, and other forms of discrimination.

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09.00-09.15	Walk-in
09.15-09.30	Introduction of the day
09.30-10.15	Pearls of wisdom Ansley Langham (she/her) & Rebecca Mironko (she/her)
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	Ableism Lecture and Q&A by Eline Pollaert (she/they) and Ernestine Cath (she/her)
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-16.00	Decolonization & Intersectionality Lecture and workshop by Shila Iswardat (she/they) (open for SF)
16.00-16.30	Reflections
16.30-16.45	Daily Wrap-up

>> LAW AS A TOOL FOR CHANGE

In recent years, the conversation around digital rights has become increasingly important, as we navigate the ways in which technology impacts our daily lives. However, this conversation often overlooks the ways in which colonialism and imperialism have shaped our understanding and implementation of digital rights. Today, we explore the concept of decolonizing digital rights and interrogating the colonial roots of our current digital landscape. In the afternoon, we will dive into strategic litigation and movement lawyering in the Netherlands as a tool for change. We will discuss examples like ethnic profiling and exchange ideas on how litigation can be used. We will also explore the risks of using the law to engage in specific causes.

Location	Anne Frank Foundation Westermarkt 10, 1016 DK, Amsterdam Room: Otto Frank
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09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.45	Introduction of the day
09.45-10.30	Pearls of wisdom Pauline Lütticke (she/her) & Philemon Arens (he/they)
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-12.00	Strategic Litigation Workshop by Jelle Klaas (he/him)
12.00-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Buddy check-in
14.00-16.00	Decolonizing Digital Rights Workshop by Ilja Schurink (she/they)
16.00-16:15	Daily Wrap-up
16.15-17:00	Time to work on presentation

>> APOLOGIES, REPARATIONS, AND MIGRATION

Last December, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte formally apologized on behalf of the Dutch government for The Netherlands' role in colonialism and the slave trade, after years of grappling with this colonial legacy. Today, we will discuss how we are to deal with the crimes of Europe's colonial past and how the influence of former imperial powers differ from one another. Are formal apologies sufficient to close the book on colonialism? Or are reparations in order?

In the afternoon, we will focus on the topic of migration and xenophobia. The film FROM HERE interweaves the stories of four artists and activists raised in the Global North to parents from the Global South. We will discuss the striving for belonging in an era of rising nationalism.

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09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.45	Introduction of the day
09.45-10.30	Pearls of wisdom Veronika Wiemker (she/her) & Cruz Glynka (he/him)
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-12.00	Reparations and Law Lecture and Q&A by Esther Stanford-Xosei (open for SF)
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-13.45	Pearls of Wisdom Ata Göloğlu (he/they) & Kirby Kimball (she/her)
13.45-14.00	Break
14.00-14.45	Activism and self-care part II Training by Nori Spauwen (she/her)
14.45-15.00	Action Project - next steps
15.00-15.15	Daily wrap-up
15.15-16.45	Time to work on presentation

>> FELLOWS' REFLECTIONS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

Today, we will introduce you to the concept of design thinking. Design thinking introduces new ways of thinking about and solving social problems by approaching issues in a creative way. The afternoon will mark the end of our time together. This day is about reflections and goodbyes. We will make it a celebratory moment and ask you to give a short presentation (in pairs) about your Fellowship experience. You will also have the opportunity to mingle with Fellows from our Senior Fellows Network, and of course, share some last drinks with one another.

Location

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Keizersgracht 177, 1016 DR Amsterdam
Room: Canteen

Tolhuistuin
IJpromenade 2, 1031 KT Amsterdam

09.15-09.30	Walk-in
09.30-09.35	Introduction of the day
09.35-12.30	Design Thinking Part I Workshop by Butterfly Works
12.30-13.15	Lunch
13.15-14.15	Design Thinking part II Workshop by Butterfly Works
14.15-14.30	Announcements
14.30-15.30	Break
15.30-16.00	Travel to Tolhuistuin
16.00-17.00	Fellowship Wrap-up
17.00-18.00	Closing Ceremony
18.00-19.00	Drinks with Senior Fellows

September 2023 - May 2024

>> ACTION LAB SERIES

In addition to the in-person program, we organize a series of virtual Action Labs from September 2023 until May 2024. This training program takes place online in cooperation with the other Humanity in Action offices. The Action Labs are designed to offer you skills and support in the realization of your Action Project. Topics and times will be shared with you later. The Action Labs are scheduled for the following dates:

> **Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

> **Sunday, October 15, 2023**

> **Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

> **Thursday, January 18, 2024**

> **Friday, May 24, 2024**



SPEAKERS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM



Aisha Fukushima **(she/her)**

Public Speaker, Singer-Songwriter, and Facilitator (2007 Amsterdam Fellowship, 2010 San Francisco Grassroots & Civic Engagement Fellowship)

In 2009, Aisha Fukushima founded RAPtivism (Rap Activism), a hip-hop project spanning 20 countries and four continents. Since then, she has continued amplifying universal efforts for freedom and justice. She is a multilingual, multiracial African American Japanese woman who has done lectures and performances throughout the world. With nearly 20 years of cultural activism experience under her belt, Fukushima expertly strategizes at the intersection of social justice and the arts. As a public speaker, she blends the art of performance and lecture. In her workshops she engages people through storytelling, writing exercises, movement, and song. In this way, Fukushima helps organizations deepen their commitment to social justice on a heart, mind, and soul level. Fukushima's work has been featured by Oprah Magazine, TEDx, KQED Public Television, The Seattle Times, TV 2M Morocco, The Bangalore Mirror, HYPE (South Africa's #1 Hip Hop Magazine), and more. In 2021 she was awarded Whitman College's Trailblazer Award for Diversity and Inclusion. She is also the recipient of World Trust's award for Social Justice Leadership Through Hip-Hop.



Claudia Ituarte-Lima **(she/her)**

Leader of the human rights

and environment thematic area at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute

Dr. Claudia Ituarte-Lima is Leader of the Human Rights and the Environment thematic area and senior researcher at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She is an international public lawyer and scholar with direct experience in international law and policy making. For the last 20 years, she has worked on human rights and environmental law (in particular biodiversity and climate change). She holds a PhD (University College London) and a MPhil (University of Cambridge). Her work unites legal analysis and sustainability science for examining environmental and human rights governance challenges and innovative levers to address them.



Daniela 'Dana' Reina Tellez **(she/they)**

Daniela Reina Téllez (also Dana Mara) is a brown body of culture moving between fields as an experimental artist, dancer, sacred activist, and sexological bodyworker. Currently, she is dedicated to holding ceremonies and circles around the decolonization of the body and its relation with other bodies and with our planet. Her work, in the form of workshops, courses and illustrations, can be found in different platforms under the name "lenta-menta". Dana is also one of the co-founders and co-creators of a living community in Bremen, exploring the depths and possibilities of tribal technologies, circle work, nonviolent communication and further community-building approaches.



**DeLesslin "Roo"
George-Warren
(he/them)**

Queer artist, researcher, and organizer from Catawba Indian Nation and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2014 Copenhagen Fellowship, 2020 Landecker Democracy Fellowship)

DeLesslin "Roo" George-Warren is a queer artist, researcher, and organizer from Catawba Indian Nation whose work ranges from performance to installation art to community education to food sovereignty to language revitalization. From 2017-2019 he has been the Special Projects Coordinator for the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project where he facilitated the Catawba Language Project, several food sovereignty initiatives, and other community education projects. He has performed, lectured, and exhibited throughout the U.S. including the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, College of Charleston, Vanderbilt University, Ithaca College, and more. In 2018 DeLesslin was recognized as a 2018 "40 Under 40" by the National Council on American Indian Enterprise Development. In 2017 he was selected as a Dreamstarter by Running Strong for American Indian Youth and in 2016 he was recognized as a "25 Under 25" by United National Inter Tribal Youth.



**Fogha Mc
Cornilius Refem
(he/him)**

Severe Drapetomania Patient, Humanity in Action Research Fellow in the Untold Stories Project, and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2021 Berlin Fellowship)

Fogha Mc (Wan wo Layir) is a self-prescribed severe drapetomania patient. His commitment to decolonial justice has earned him a ban from the Humboldt Forum. He is an academic nomad with backgrounds in Sociology, International Relations and Social Work and will continue this journey later this year as a PhD candidate at the Potsdam University's RTG Minor-cosmopolitanisms program. He is an HIA senior fellow from the 2021 program. His research interests include decolonial thought, subaltern studies, Black empowerment and critical museum studies. In 2022, Fogha received a travel and research grant within the [Untold Stories | Places of Memory](#) project. He authored the video [Human Zoos: Enforced Silence](#).



**Gilberto
Morishaw
(he/him)**

Policy advocate, activist, musician, entrepreneur, and poet and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2019 John Lewis Fellowship)

Gilberto Morishaw works at the intersection of multiple fields. Hailing from Curaçao and based in the Netherlands, Gilberto is a policy advocate, activist, musician, entrepreneur and poet. He is Head of Impact, Equity and Inclusion at Kolektivo, a regenerative organization creating impactful local economies through crypto-innovation, a consultant on the topics of future of work, climate justice, new ways of governance, social impact and democratic innovation. He is the Secretary of the Supervisory Board of Stichting OCAN, Senior Fellow for Humanity in Action, a WEF Global Shaper, TILN Fellow for the German Marshall Fund, and a Youth Sounding Board Member for the EU Commission's DG INTPA.



Lievnath Faber **(she/her)**

Lievnath Faber is a senior Humanity in Action fellow as well as a senior Landecker Democracy fellow who works on the intersection of antiracism and antisemitism. She is co-founder of Oy Vey, the open, inclusive and unapologetically Jewish community in Amsterdam. She writes about the challenges and opportunities of being a Jewish activist in progressive spaces in her blog: www.thebedtimeactivist.com. As a film scholar, cultural programmer and birth/death doula she actively weaves together topics of intersectionality, antiracism and the Jewish life cycles together to create vibrant Jewish cultural life in Europe. After the summer Lievnath will start her rabbinic ordination journey with Aleph. She feels most alive when she is facilitating or accompanying people and meeting them where they are at.



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**Britt-Marie van
der Drift
(she/her)**

Slavery Educator and
lecturer Cultural
Heritage

Britt-Marie van der Drift is an advisor and educator, specialized in trans-Atlantic slavery history and colonialism. Currently she holds a position at the National institute for the study of Dutch slavery and its legacy (NiNsee). In addition, she works as a lecturer Cultural Heritage at the Reinwardt Academy, Amsterdam University of the Arts. In her work she focuses on stories of resistance, subcultures, museums and dissonant heritage.



**Cara Crisler
(she/her)**

Coach, Mediator,
Trainer, Facilitator,
Crisler Coaching

Cara Crisler, of Crisler Coaching & Consulting, is a human communication specialist. She is an accredited senior-level coach, a certified Nonviolent Communication (NVC) trainer and also serves as mediator and facilitator. Originally from the U.S., she's been living in the Netherlands since 2010, supporting individuals, couples and teams. Cara provides a combination of tailored services to leaders and teams wanting to bring more humanity and effective collaboration into the workplace. She currently enjoys the role of "in-house" coach for four different organizations, supporting staff (and sometimes students) work through and grow skills in both internal and external "connecting communication." Cara is specialized in creating safe spaces for authentic dialogues, conflict transformation, collaborative learning and inclusive decision-making processes.

Recent clients include the United Nation's FAO, Extinction Rebellion Amsterdam, ArtEZ University of the Arts, Democratic School of Amsterdam, Innocent Drinks and CustomerGauge.



**Christina
Antonakos-Wallace
(she/her)**

Filmmaker and Humanity
in Action Senior Fellow
(New York Fellowship,
2006)

Christina Antonakos-Wallace (Director) is a filmmaker, artist and cultural organizer whose practice is centered around facilitating conversations about migration, racism and belonging. Her films and interactive work have been shown in twenty countries, and been awarded Best Film New York Human Rights Film Festival, Erasmus Euromedia Award for Culture of Diversity, Media that Matters Change Maker Award, and a MTV Fight for Your Rights Scholarship. She has been a fellow with Humanity in Action, Hedgebrook, the Port Townsend Film Festival and Wyncote/PBS.



**Daan Smeelen
(she/her)**

Chair Homomonument
Foundation

I am a Social and Social Entrepreneur and have been working for the Homomonument since 2010 as an activist for equal rights within the LGBTQIAP+ community. At the Homomonument I voluntarily organize the parties, commemorations and demonstrations in addition to my work. I am trained as a social worker and I have worked in many places connected to the LGBTQIAP+ community such as MVS radio station, COC, De Trut, Roxy and Saarein.

In addition to my work as chairman and activist, I am a social worker/coach and trainer in care for the elderly and the disabled. In addition to my paid work and volunteer work, I am a DJ, I like improvisation theater. I like to visit theater and the gym regularly



David Hein (he/him)

Head of Defense Office,
Kosovo Specialist
Chambers & Judge
Substitute Court of
Amsterdam and
Humanity in Action
Senior Fellow (1999
Amsterdam Fellowship)

David Hein is the Head of the Defense Office of the Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC), an international court in The Hague tasked with adjudicating cases concerning international crimes committed in Kosovo before, during and after the war there. Furthermore, he is a judge substitute at the Court of Amsterdam. Previously he worked as a criminal defence lawyer in Amsterdam and as a legal officer at the War Crimes Chambers in Sarajevo. About his period in Sarajevo and about growing up as the son of a hidden child, he wrote the novel [A war to call my own](#). David holds an LL.M from the University of Groningen in The Netherlands and an LL.M from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Switzerland, and is a Senior Fellow of Humanity in Action.



Dounia Jari (She/her)

Expert on D&I

Dounia Jari is always working on multiple things at the same time.

As a speaker, trainer and moderator, she is focused on making the world a better place for marginalized folks by educating on anti-discrimination, sexual and gender diversity, intersectionality and Islam.



Eline Pollaert (she/they)

PhD researcher at Vrije
Universiteit Amsterdam

Eline Pollaert (she/they) does PhD research in Dutch disability history at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Their research focuses on 'Het Dorp' ('The Village'), a neighborhood that was built for people with severe physical impairments in the eastern part in the Netherlands in 1962 following a 23-hour telethon. Broadly speaking, Eline navigates academia, culture & arts and activism. In addition to her academic work, they are proudly part of Feminists Against Ableism (intersectional disability justice collective), Accessible Academia (Dutch interuniversity platform for disabled students and staff) and 'het Kreukelcollectief' ('the Crinkle Collective', a collective of disabled activists and artists working on a disability history and art exhibition which will premiere in 2025). Eline co-hosted the Dutch podcasts Op Frida's Vleugels and Ziek. De podcast.

Ernestine Cath (she/they)

Humanity in Action Senior Fellow
(Amsterdam Fellowship 2014)

Ernestine Cath is a sick artist, activist and HIA Senior Fellow (2014). She creates work in the fields of poetry and prose, self-portraiture and performance art. Themes she enjoys addressing are chronic illness, disability, kindness, mental health and sex.

Frameworks that inspire her are Soulmaking Dharma, Non-Violent Communication and Disability Justice. Her work aims to contribute to creating trauma-informed, life-affirming cultures where people feel able to exist and belong. She is based in Dreamscapes, Cyberspace and the Netherlands.



Esther Stanford-Xosei

Reparations Specialist

Esther Stanford-Xosei is an internationally acclaimed decolonial Pan-Afrikanist, jurisconsult, reparationist and community advocate specializing in the critical legal praxis of 'law as resistance' as an approach to social movement-lawyering. Brought into this world by parents who were born in the Caribbean, (Guyana & Barbados), yet retained their genetic and cultural memory of Afrika, Esther's activism has sought to re-member the genetic, geopolitical and historical between Diaspora communities of resistance and their ancestral Motherland, Afrika.



Glenda Pattipeilohy (she/her)

Curator, educator, program maker, co-founder Beyond Walls

Glenda Pattipeilohy is an educator, curator and co-founder of Beyond Walls with one mission: raising collective awareness of untold stories and knowledge from (and thus empathy because of) these untold stories for our fellow humans. As a cultural professional she produces and curates in the cultural sector and beyond. Her background lies in the Arts, Fashion design and communications (BA).

Glenda uses fashion design as a way to spark critical conversations on sustainability and identity. Glenda worked on projects with a diverse array of designers, photographers and stylists throughout the Netherlands, New York and London. She participated in projects during Dutch Design Week. In 2019 she completed the summer school Art as Politics at BAK. In 2015 she graduated with a cross-media exhibition: The Forgettables. Her aim was to raise awareness about injustices that are still happening today in the Pacific and West Papua. Glenda is active in education, talent development and empowerment projects for children and young adults. She tries to go back to the Moluccas every year to continue her sustainable empowerment project she initiated with her friends of Moluccas Coastal Care in Maluku. She is also an educator at Van Abbemuseum. #maribaikooo (Let's join us) is her motto.



Ilja Schurink (she/her)

Campaigner Bits of Freedom

Ilja Schurink (1993) studied Cultural and Social Formation. Her expertise lies in developing and coordinating projects that connect people and society. For the past six years she has worked as a senior project leader, movement builder and campaigner at various foundations and associations, such as NJR and Bits of Freedom, and coordinated pilot projects at, for example, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Also abroad (Nepal) Ilja worked for a foundation, MyQuest Foundation, where she collaborated in developing a personal leadership program for street and orphan youth in Kathmandu. Ilja has extensive experience in introducing broad audiences to social (complex) issues and challenges. This is how she lays her building block for a better world and drives others to do the same.



Irene Conversano
(she/her)

Service designer

Irene Conversano has a background in Industrial and Strategic Design. During her education, focused on how Design Thinking can bring innovation to organisations, she became passionate about how to employ her skills in the field of International Development. Irene joined Butterfly Works four years ago, where she holds the role of Design Researcher and Design Thinking Trainer. She gets energized when confronted with new challenges, when she can bring creativity out of people, and when she can use co-creation and Design Thinking to positively impact society.



Jelle Zijlstra
(he/him)

Community Organizer -
Greenpeace
Netherlands and
Humanity in Action
Senior Fellow (2021
Landecker Fellowship)

Jelle Zijlstra is a Dutch-Jewish activist and community organizer working for Greenpeace Netherlands. Trained as a theatre director, Jelle has worked on numerous theatre projects around a wide variety of societal issues in the Netherlands such as poverty, the position of refugees, and the problematic nature of WWII remembrance in the country. Jelle recently put most of his theatre work on hold because he felt a strong need to be at the frontline of the climate crisis and thus started his job at Greenpeace. He has also become involved with Queers 4 Climate, a grassroots group that focusses on the intersection between the climate emergency and the position of queer communities worldwide. His Jewish and Queer identity is deeply connected to his activism, and he is one of the co-founders of Oy Vey Acts, a collective of Jewish activists that work on several issues related to being Jewish in a Dutch post-Holocaust context. To unwind Jelle loves taking long walks in nature or cooking a hearty meal for his friends. Jelle is also a senior Landecker fellow at Humanity in Action.



Jelle Klaas
(he/him)

Litigation Director and
Human Rights Lawyer

Jelle Klaas is a litigation director and human rights lawyer at the Dutch PILP, an organisation that specialises in strategic human rights litigation in the Netherlands. PILP wants to be the legal ally of movements, NGOs and activists that fight for human rights and emancipation. PILP litigated many cases on the right to protest, cases for and with the Roma, Sinti, Travellers community, privacy cases (the SyRI case that was won in 2020) and anti-discrimination cases, like the case against ethnic profiling at the Dutch borders that was won in appeal in 2023. PILP has acted for communities, trade unions, activists like Extinction Rebellion and Kick Out Black Pete and NGOs like Amnesty International, Greenpeace and PAX. PILP is also using movement lawyering more often and is full in the process of learning about this.



Jennifer Tosch
(she/her)

Founder Black Heritage
Tours

Jennifer Tosch is a cultural historian, founder of Black Heritage Tours in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and New York State; co-author of 3 guidebooks on Dutch colonial history: Amsterdam Slavery Heritage (2014), Dutch New York Histories (2017) and the Netherlands Slavery Heritage (2019).

Jennifer is also co-founder of Sites of Memory Foundation (2019) and a member of the Mapping Slavery Project Netherlands. Jennifer was born in Brooklyn, New York to Surinamese parents. She moved to Amsterdam in 2012 to further her studies and founded the Black Heritage Tour in 2013. The tours focus on making hidden history visible and exploring the early Black presence and colonial history in the built environment (national monuments, canal houses, and museums).



Jeremy Flohr (he/him)

Filmmaker, visual storyteller, audioengineer, co-founder Beyond Walls

Jeremy Flohr is filmmaker, visual storyteller and co-founder of Beyond Walls. His work is at the intersection of colonial history, personal stories and social themes. "Dutch coloniality has been deeply rooted in my family histories. The impact of colonialism for me, is that in my upbringing, language has never been part of transferring indigenous cultural norms and values. Which resulted in displacement when it comes to expressing emotions in words. As a creative, I'm very close to my feelings. So to express feelings and emotions, I'm using film instead of words as a language to tell stories." Intrigued by inspiring people and their stories and with his sensitive feel for storytelling and unique eye as a filmmaker, Jeremy keeps uncovering stories the world needs to know, needs to hear, or better yet, needs to see. In 2021, Jeremy has been awarded for the best Poetryfilm at the Dutch Poetryfilm Festival. In 2022 he won an award for the best Poetryfilm at the International Poetryfilm Festival Weimar. "As a collective of creative minds, Beyond Walls uses the power of art, research & storytelling to amplify (diaspora)community voices.

We center the impact of Dutch/European colonialism, and questions on political, institutional responsibility and accountability."



Lara Nuberg (she/her)

Freelance writer, researcher and producer

Lara Nuberg writes, speaks and creates audio stories about (colonial) history, identity and memory culture. With Indonesian writer Lala Bohang, she wrote the book *In haar Voetsporen* (Rose Stories, 2020), a search for the influence of history on their lives and those of the women in their Indo and Indonesian families. Furthermore, Lara was one of the experts in the television program *Het Museum van Nederland* and is the lead lecturer at the educational project *Koloniale Sporen in mijn Buurt*.

Marjolein Kuijers

Policy Officer 'Right to Protest'-
Amnesty International the Netherlands

Marjolein Kuijers is currently a policy advisor on human rights at Amnesty International the Netherlands. Her specific area of expertise is the right to protest.

Before joining Amnesty she was involved with the Public Interest Litigation Project (PILP), a strategic litigation on human rights in the Netherlands organization.

Originally from the Netherlands, Marjolein spent five years working for a human rights organization in Mexico. She studied human rights and Latin America Studies in Utrecht, where she graduated in 2007. In 2014-2015 she completed an additional two year master program on human rights in Argentina.

Miman Jasarovski **(he/him)**

Activist, With Wings and Roots

Miman Jasarovski is a German-born, Roma activist who has worked for many years on the rights of the Roma & Sinti communities, as well as a right to stay as a social worker for refugees. He is one of the protagonists in the documentary FROM HERE and, together with other activists of the initiative With Wings and Roots and racial justice and immigrant rights organizations, has initiated the campaign "Pass(t) zu mir" (Citizenship Suits Us) for the extension of German citizenship rights for all people born in Germany.



Mitchell Esajas **(he/him)**

Director The Black Archives and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (John Lewis Fellowship 2016)

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



Sarah Birebi **(she/her)**

Campaign officer 'Right to Protest' - Amnesty International

Sarah Birebi has been working at Amnesty International since January 2017. She started volunteering at the servicecenter for a few months and after that she joined the strategic countries programme, focussing on China. In 2018 Sarah started working for the human rights education team, coordinating the student programme (student groups & Amnesty masterclasses). Last July she became the campaign officer on the 'Right to Protest' campaign. Sarah holds a MA in history of international relations.



Shila Ishwardat **(she/they)**

Organiser/Programme designer

Shila Ishwardat is an organiser, trainer, and researcher who aims to co-construct alternative futures. She has studied, among others, decolonial and intersectional understandings of the relationship between human and non-human beings. Shila is also active as an organiser for various organisations and activist groups, on topics such as anti-racism, intersectional feminism, earth & ecology, and decolonialisation. Her multicultural ancestry and multiple identities inform her research and justice pursuits.



Suzanne Rastovac (she/her)

curator, researcher,
advisor, co-founder
Beyond Walls

Suzanne Rastovac is a curator, researcher and advisor. She is co-founder of Beyond Walls. A collective that explores the meaning of (pre)colonial heritage in today's world, through research, art and storytelling. In her work method she highlights the entanglement of personal stories, colonial histories and contemporary global context. Involving the impact and afterlives of colonialism and overarching systemic issues like racism and questions on identity and belonging. With Beyond Walls they question Eurocentric narratives through the lens of (de)coloniality and center (diasporic) communities related to colonial legacies. They do this from exhibitions, documentaries, community projects and public programming to long term collaborations, research and advice.

Her background lies in History and International Relations (BA and MA) with a specialization in colonial and contemporary history of Indonesia. She lived in Malaysia where she completed postcolonial studies at the Universiti Sains Malaysia. In Ambon she worked on education projects and filmed a documentary on the role of poetry and arts in the reconciliation process after the 1999-2002 conflict. In 2022 she completed the Maria Lugones Decolonial Summer School. She collaborated with many partners like the Rijksmuseum, Erasmushuis Jakarta, TarraWarra Museum Melbourne, Van Abbemuseum, University of Amsterdam, The Black Archives, and many more.



Wim Manuhutu (he/him)

Lecturer

Wim Manuhutu (Vught, 1959) is a historian and heritage professional. After his studies at Utrecht University, where he specialized in the history of Indonesia, he was one of the directors of the Moluccan Historical Museum from 1987 to 2009. Since 2009, Wim Manuhutu has been active with Manu2u as a consultant, researcher, curator and moderator, particularly on topics such as colonial history, postcolonial society, diversity and inclusion and polyphony. He also publishes on these topics. Since 2019, Wim Manuhutu has been a part-time lecturer at the history department of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.



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Ansley Langham
(she/her)

Ansley Langham is a Robert W. Woodruff Scholar at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where she's pursuing a joint major in Mathematics and Political Science and a major in Italian Studies. At Emory, she serves as an Ambassador for Emory Libraries, writes for the Emory Political Review, and has conducted elections research in partnership with the Electoral Integrity Project and the Carter Center. Her background in legislative advocacy, notably serving as the coalition lead for the 2021 California Menstrual Equity for All Act, developed her interest in policy research and led her to intern with the Women's Congressional Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. Also passionate about Italian domestic and international affairs, she interned at the Centro Studi di Politica Internazionale (CeSPI) in Rome during her semester abroad. She hopes to become a legislative attorney and enjoys hiking, street tacos, and the NYT crossword.



Anthony Ten Jet Foei
(he/him)

Anthony has spent several years deepening his knowledge about the historical and material processes that influence structural conditions we encounter today. He has been influenced by anti-colonialist works, histories of territoriality, and contemporary labor issues. Anthony has an academic background in law and political science where he focused on state authority and its exercise through various institutions.

He has also worked in a range of sectors including education, hospitality, social entrepreneurship. He has become active with social movements in recent years, working to address climate breakdown and address social and material inequality. Anthony's British and Surinamese family background have greatly influenced his understanding of imperialism, nationhood, and the social construction of subjecthood and subjectivity. He hopes to learn deeply throughout the HIA Amsterdam Fellowship and is excited to bring a collaborative project to life, exploring the ongoing influences of Dutch Imperialism.



Ata Göloğlu
(he/they)

Ata Göloğlu is a Turkish political activist and language enthusiast. He is also a student of Governance, Economics and Development and is currently focusing on development studies, specifically in the context of the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Currently employed as a translator for a multilingual project regarding Turkish immigrants in the Netherlands, Ata is interested in centering queer voices in the Anatolian region to facilitate the interpretation of what it means to be queer at the crossroads of many civilizations. As part of numerous Middle Eastern student associations at his university, Ata is involved in fundraising events for natural disasters in the MENA region. In addition, he is a spokesperson for Money Matters, a group for financially struggling students to come together and share their experiences, ultimately to cause change in wider academic culture.



Bethany Copsey
(she/her)

Bethany Copsey is a British-New Zealand soil student and peatland advocate. She co-founded the collective RE-PEAT in 2020 and has since been working with the other members of the team to bring together peatlands, narrative change, community engagement, and creative interventions. She is currently a member of the Board of Youth of the Resilience Project which sits at the intersection of youth, mental health, and the climate crisis. Bethany is passionate about community organizing, building movements that draw connections between connected crises, and finding novel ways to bring people into conversation about peatlands, soil and the climate crisis.

Deeply passionate about actualising the changes in his community, Cruz has been working with councilors, MPs, academics and think tanks to address issues marginalized communities face. To support his efforts, he regularly collaborates with organizations such as the UNECE and OHCHR.



Francisca Rosales
(she/her)

Francisca Rosales is a Portuguese political scientist. She grew up in Lisbon, but moved to Amsterdam to do her Bachelor's in Political Science. She is particularly passionate about gender justice and conflict resolution. In her free time, Francisca enjoys reading books that portray women's experiences, goes to concerts, or hangs out with her friends



Cruz Glynka
(he/him)

Cruz is a Senior Policy & Strategy Advisor in the government and a part-time graduate student at King's College London studying Public Policy. He has worked on several public policies for the UK government in several departments. His rich and diverse experience includes advising Cabinet Ministers, representing the UK in Beijing at the 2019 International Horticultural Exhibitions and more. Deeply passionate about community issues, as a School Governor, he regularly advises a local school on their performance to improve student outcomes locally. Additionally, he is a Trustee at Citizen Advice Haringey, where he advises on the charity's performance in supporting residents' issues on housing, welfare, immigration and other problems.



Hannah Jacobi
(she/her)

The academic career of Hannah Jacobi focussed on the past, having studied History, and being specialized in Holocaust and Genocide. Her studies did not deter her optimism, and instead motivated her to affect change in the present. Having navigated several groups existing in society, through various jobs (in - and outside the ivory tower), volunteering, travels, and education, Hannah perceived the persistent existence of 'bubbles'. Bubbles based on ethnicity, age, intelligence, sexuality, and many others. Both studies have shown her what can happen when bubbles become isolated, and hierarchized.

Therefore, she aspires to spend her career on building bridges between bubbles, towards a better world in the present. She is highly interested in facilitating dialogue between disparate groups existing in society. Currently, Hannah volunteers as a moderator for human rights talks with Amnesty International. Hannah looks forward to learning how to root her idealism in reality and practice through HIA.



Kirby Kimball
(she/her)

Kirby Kimball is a third year at Claremont McKenna College studying PPE (Philosophy, Politics, & Economics), and specializing in Human Rights, Genocide & Holocaust Studies. Under the Mgrublian Center for Human Rights, Kirby leads student researchers on Eastern European politics – specifically on the war in Ukraine. She was previously granted the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies Creative Works Fellowship to design a documentary on the Ukrainian refugee crisis while living alone in Brussels, Belgium. As director of technology for CMC Advocates, a sexual assault prevention organization, Kirby is driven to seek justice and security against gender-based violence. In her work as an executive officer for ASCMC, CMC's student government, Kirby secured the inaugural funding of free, campus-wide period products. Kirby has also worked with D.C.'s Mehlman Consulting as a policy analyst intern, tracking congressional Dobbs decision reactions and on the successful passage of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.



Michaela 'Mishi' LaPlante
(she/her)

Michaela is a scientist, writer and avid outdoors person. During her bachelors degree, she spent a year in France to develop her language skills and work in a biology laboratory. This experience inspired her to pursue interdisciplinary projects that merge science and language. She moved to Ireland to pursue an MA in Languages and Cultures, where she focused her dissertation on the importance of indigenous belief systems within decolonial feminism. She now studies Epidemiology at Utrecht University and is working on a project on HIV and the vaginal microbiome that could provide important insights into exposure for high-risk women. She is passionate about gender equity, and has a vision of working in public health focused on decolonization. She is also interested in sustainable agriculture and is engaged in Groentetas: a farm-to-student vegetable collective. You can find her at local cultural events or hiking, camping, and climbing in the hills.



Nicchelle Buyne
(she/her)

Nicchelle Buyne (MA Conflict Studies and Human Rights) is a Surinamese-Dutch dreamer and doer. During the past ten years, she has made The Hague her home. As she continues to develop her relationship with this international hub, she strives to be an agent of change in the city. In addition to her work as program manager at non-profit organization JINC,

Nicchelle performs as a spoken word artist. She firmly believes in the power of art as a bridge to communication. To foster this, she founded a poetry writing collective. Nicchelle dreams of a sustainable and colorful world in which all are committed to the creation of an anti-racist, equitable society. To contribute to this, she has volunteered with Movies that Matter, Nederland Wordt Beter and the COC. Additionally, she utilizes her multidisciplinary expertise to advise individuals and institutions on subjects close to her heart through her company Nyun Wortu.



Olivia Daigle
(she/her)

Olivia is a master's student in International Human Rights and a passionate advocate for social justice. In her current positions in the offices of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Community + Values, Olivia works to ensure her fellow students of color feel included, supported, and empowered during their time on campus. She holds a bachelor's degree in Politics from Earlham College where she examined the cultural and religious diversity of Germany, Greece, Spain, and Morocco, and how these countries responded to the arrival of large numbers of refugees from many parts of the world. After graduating, she worked at the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh creating global issues programming for the local community with the mission to build a more equitable, just, and globally connected world. Olivia is deeply committed to restorative justice practices and how they can be used for healing and conflict transformation for marginalized groups globally.



Pauline Lütticke
(she/her)

Having grown up in rural Germany, Pauline has been able to explore her curiosity for history and political discussions from an early age on. Currently pursuing a BA in Social Sciences in Amsterdam, with a focus on Anthropology and International Relations, she can translate that curiosity into an academic framework. She is always keen to discuss and explore religion and religious embodiment, and hopes to focus more on that topic in her future path. Outside of academia, she is currently trying to find a way to bring her lived experiences as a disabled person into a tangible product that others can interact with, reflect on, and react to. She is curious to hear other people's experiences with the topic, and to implement an even more intersectional framework to her work. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, yoga, and spending time with friends.



Philemon Arens
(he/they)

Philemon currently studies Colonial and Postcolonial Studies MA at the university known as Linnaeus in Växjö Sweden with a focus on Gender as well as on Remembrance Culture. Previously obtained a BA in European Studies at the University of Passau, Germany focusing on political science. Philemon interned at different organizations including Intersectional Disability Justice and the Concentration camp memorial site in Dachau.



Rebecca Mironko **(she/her)**

Rebecca Mironko (she/her) is a Rwandese-American senior at Yale University, majoring in History with a focus on Social Change and Social Movements. Raised in South Africa and later moving to the Boston area, Rebecca's global upbringing inspires her academic interests in social and political change in Africa and the U.S. Currently, Rebecca is working on two projects - an ongoing multimedia piece about her father, personal histories, archives, and the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, and her senior thesis on the history of the family as a site of carceral imposition in America. Beyond academics, she is a member of Yale's premier improv comedy group, The Viola Question, and is involved in the American Sign Language community at Yale. Rebecca also works at a ceramics studio where she enjoys wheel throwing and hand building pottery.

Most recently, has worked with Dutch human rights law firm Prakken d'Oliveira and Dutch strategic litigation firm PILP in arguing for the right to residency for ex-Dutch Surinamese people undocumented in the Netherlands on the basis of the international human rights obligations of the Netherlands, as well as on the basis of their moral obligations for its role in slavery and colonialism. Outside of academia, Saskia loves to bake and visit contemporary art museums.



Sophia Uriburu Wilder **(she/her)**

Sophia Uriburu Wilder was born and raised in Washington, DC and is currently a candidate for an MSc in Social Policy and Public Health at Utrecht University. Prior to moving to the Netherlands, Sophia completed her bachelors degree at George Washington University where she double majored in Public Health and Spanish. Furthermore, she worked with various non-profits whose target populations were the immigrant and Latino communities in Washington DC and Montgomery County Maryland. She is currently completing an internship at an international NGO located in Haarlem whose mission is to serve and support the people of Afghanistan. In addition, she uses her free time to volunteer with a non-profit in Utrecht that provides services and activities for refugees.

Her professional and academic experiences have motivated her to pursue a career in activism and public health.



Saskia Vrensen **(she/her)**

Saskia Vrensen is a Dutch-American academic who maintains faith that the law can be used to make positive changes in society and politics. She has graduated from an LLM in Public International Law and is pursuing another LLM in International Refugee and Migration law, and has dedicated most of her recent research to understanding how colonialism is embedded in (international) law and policy, which in turn facilitate the contemporary manifestation of the colonial project.



**Verna Juliette
Tiro Amador**
(she/her)

Verna Juliette Tiro Amador is a human being who has worn different hats: scientist, educator, philosopher, activist, trans woman, Latina, writer, and ExPat, among others. She has witnessed that people treat others according to the hat they use; this in turn has inspired her to develop a project from which she has been the main subject: 'the agency of the other.' Even though her project sheds light upon an issue that most people are aware of, it hasn't received much support from the media because it also awakens discomfort. But she understands that education has challenges, and she is here to inspire through her experience and to learn from others to make her idea reach more places. To remind us that what others perceive as a weakness is an asset. And that we all have the tools to create a positive change in the world.

Over the past three years, Veronika has been working on her medical dissertation in global health in collaboration with the WHO European Office for Noncommunicable Diseases and supporting them as a consultant. She has published in scientific and non-scientific contexts on themes of preventive medicine, health equity and provider patient interactions and served in various civic engagement roles. During the fellowship she hopes to gain new tools for mutual learning and creating a welcoming and inclusive healthcare system that respects everybody's right to health.



**Veronika
Wiemker**
(she/her)

Veronika is a freshly graduated medical doctor and research enthusiast with a focus on health equity and migration and a deep interest in people and their stories. She is currently specializing in pediatrics and working in the section for Health Equity Studies & Migration at Heidelberg University Hospital, involved in developing and implementing a medical documentation software to improve healthcare in refugee arrival centres.

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Erandi de Silva
(she/her)

Intern Social Media

Erandi is in the final year of her bachelor's at the University of Amsterdam, studying Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE). She has previous experience in social media, public relations, research, and advocacy work. Originally from Sri Lanka, she is passionate about feminism, anti-racism, resolving global inequalities, and challenging Capitalist structures.

Since 2018, Luiza has worked for non-profit organizations seeking social change, whose causes include but are not limited to volunteering, education, media fairness, and human rights. At the start of 2021, Luiza joined Humanity in Action The Netherlands to serve as the Landecker Democracy Fellowship Social Media Manager.



Maya García Bijvoet
(she/her)

Intern Public & Educational Programs

Maya is a 4th year International Public Management student at The Hague University of Applied Science. She has a specialization in peacebuilding, justice, and human rights and a minor in Social Design from the HKU. Further, she did a preparatory year at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy. She is half Guatemalan and through her family, she has experienced how important security, human rights, and equality of opportunity are. During her studies, she often focuses on indigenous rights and social inequality.



Jorien Janssen
(she/her)

National Director

Jorien is the Executive Director at Humanity in Action, The Netherlands. Jorien has a background in Psychology and Anthropology. She started her activism as President of the Dutch National Student Union. Before entering Humanity in Action, she served as diplomat for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for over seven years, where she was mainly working on human rights. In her private time, she plays improvisation theatre and loves to drive to the seaside in her camper for some surfing or kitesurfing.



Nori Spouwen
(she/her)

Program Coordinator

Nori studied "the moral responsibility of the individual in a global world" at Yale University. She became a human rights lobbyist and defended the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex people at the United Nations, having trained human rights defenders and LGBTI+ activists worldwide. As a policy officer, Nori promoted peace processes and conflict prevention around the world. In 2021, she founded the [Embassy of Change](#) to help idealists make more impact.



Luiza Braga
(she/her)

Social Media Manager

Luiza has a bachelors degree in Journalism and a masters degree in Multimodal Communication.



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Beyond the Fellowship

ACTION PROJECTS

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

SUPPORT

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

It allows each Fellow to put theory into practice and act for an inclusive society. The projects reflect each Fellow's unique experience and interests. Action Projects may take many different forms, including community service, public advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences, and social entrepreneurship.

EVALUATION

Apart from the mandatory attendance of the Action Labs and implementation your Action Project, Humanity in Action expects you to evaluate the program by:

- Contributing to the project evaluation (sharing your observations in a constructive manner, completing the evaluation survey, etc.)

Writing a letter to Humanity in Action Board Chairs in which you share your impression of the Fellowship. Please comment on the positive aspects, but also give constructive insights on what should be revised. In order for us to improve, we need your honest feedback!

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