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FELLOWSHIP  
2023

# Join Our Virtual Communities

Humanity in Action invites all Fellows to stay up to date with the programs and activities of Humanity in Action, and to share their Fellowship experience with our global network.

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# Willkommen in Berlin!

Dear Fellows,

On behalf of the whole Humanity in Action Berlin team, I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you – welcome to our 2023 Berlin Fellowship! We are so grateful that we are able to gather again in person and look forward to an enriching journey ahead.

This year's Berlin Fellowship will focus on German colonialism and its repercussions throughout the 20th century until today. Over the last decade, Germany's role and involvement in European colonialism has received increasing attention, and the topic of German colonialism and its continuities is now a cornerstone of our Berlin Fellowship programs. However, a serious and widespread reckoning with the colonial injustice and violence that the German Reich enforced on regions in Africa and Asia is still lacking and long overdue in the German context – especially when it comes to questions of memory, justice, and collective redress. Given this context, it is only timely to have a Berlin Fellowship that specifically examines the historic and ongoing colonial entanglements of Germany, in order to fully understand the present, and to lay decolonial foundations for the future.

The German colonial project has traditionally received little attention in the shadow of another dark chapter of the country's history – the National Socialist regime, the Shoah, and the systemic terror that the Nazis inflicted on all those who did not fit into their ideology. We are interested in exploring in depth how German coloniality preconditioned the Nazi regime, and the ways in which colonial legacies still play a central role in Germany's national identity, social structures, remembrance culture, and human rights realities today. As the center of the German Reich's colonial empire, Berlin offers a unique landscape to explore these topics. The city not only holds enormous historical significance, as the convener of the notorious West Africa or "Berlin Conference", but also bridges past and present as a hub for contemporary social justice struggles. Centering German coloniality in this year's educational Fellowship journey will allow us to highlight intersections of racism and anti-Blackness with issues of Antisemitism, class, gender and migration, as well as parallel movements for resistance and solidarity.

Last but not least, the insights and contributions that each of you brings to this space are central to this exploration, and contribute to a critical and multiperspective exchange on colonial legacies, remembrance and its impacts in Germany and beyond. The program can only be as good as you make it. The Fellowship experience as a whole is meant to be inspiring and enriching, but we also recognize that our program deals with sensitive and heavy topics and - outside of the Humanity in Action and Fellowship bubble - there are so many current events and possibly personal events that may be weighing heavily during our time together. We know that the Fellowship does not exist in a vacuum, so please bring your full selves, and we look forward to co-creating this experience together.

Speaking as a Senior Fellow of Humanity in Action myself, I know that the Fellowship experience can be intense, challenging, and immensely rewarding - filled with meaningful connections, new perspectives, and collaboration across difference, all on the basis of a shared commitment to social justice and equity. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from each other, to explore the complex intersections of our movements and activism, and to soak up all the wisdom that is already in the room. This is just the beginning of your Humanity in Action journey and we are thrilled to welcome you to the community!

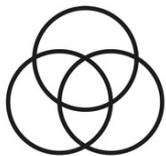


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**Lisa Ama Schrade** (she/her)  
National Director,  
Humanity in Action Germany

# Meet Our Funders & Supporters

The 2023 Berlin Fellowship is generously supported by the **Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung**.



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Stiftung

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We cordially thank all partners, supporters, speakers, participating organizations, and our Senior Fellows. Without their dedicated help, the realization of this Fellowship would not be possible.

Special thanks go to the **Senior Fellows** who offered to share their expertise, advice, and perspectives in preparation of this Fellowship: Bîşenk Ergin, Carmen Glink Bujàn, Kamil Kolata, Yaşar Ohle, Sheila-Ann Riek, Hanna Schwarz, Valerie Viban, and all others who offered support.

# About Humanity in Action

## Humanity in Action

Humanity in Action is a transatlantic non-profit organization that educates, inspires, and connects a community of rising leaders committed to pluralism, human rights, and civic engagement, in their own communities and around the world. The goal is to inspire responsible leadership that meets the local and global challenges of social division.

Antisemitism, racism, Islamophobia, trans- and homophobia, misogyny, and other forms of discrimination and hatred are testing democratic societies. Humanity in Action's programs address these issues head-on from historical and contemporary perspectives. They are testing grounds for thinking anew with activists, experts, policymakers, artists, and business leaders about complex issues of pluralism and diversity.

Since its founding over two decades ago, Humanity in Action has engaged with over 2,700+ carefully chosen individuals whose inclusive approaches to leadership and community building contribute to the formation of a new generation of social, cultural, and political changemakers. Humanity in Action's Senior Fellows form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice. The organization has governing and advisory boards 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 Germany

Founded in 2001 as a non-profit organization, Humanity in Action Germany is a member of the Berlin branch of the association Paritätischer Wohlfahrtsverband, the European Network Countering Antisemitism through Education (ENCATE) and the Network Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE).

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

# A note from Talía Dubovi



Interim CEO of Humanity in Action Inc.  
and Senior Fellow

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.

# Meet Our Ombudsperson

As in society at large, also in Humanity in Action's educational programs, and in other ventures of the Humanity in Action community, situations that are in violation of the organization's Code of Conduct can arise. Each Humanity in Action office has established a designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including the Fellows of this program, who experience abuse, racism, sexism, homophobia, or other forms of discriminatory behavior. While Humanity in Action staff is at the Fellows' full disposal to support victims of any incidents, a designated Ombudsperson is additionally available via phone or e-mail to act as a confidant with greater distance from Humanity in Action programming or any parties involved. Our Ombudspersons will confidentially listen, and, if necessary, coach you to decide what your best next step is.

## **DR. CAROLIN WIEDEMANN (she/her)**

Ombudsperson Humanity in Action Germany  
Contact: [mail@carolinwiedemann.com](mailto:mail@carolinwiedemann.com)



Dr. Carolin Wiedemann is our Ombudsperson designated as a point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network. Her jurisdiction includes Fellows of this program who experience abuse, racism, sexism, homophobia, or other forms of discriminatory behavior from other members of the network. She will listen closely to anyone affected and will advise on a confidential basis. Where necessary, and only after consulting with the affected person, the ombudsperson may choose to involve another person from the Board of Directors and/or involve a subject-matter professional to work on the case.



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# **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

# Accommodation

Humanity in Action has a proud tradition of accommodating Fellows through the generosity of host families in the city. However, due to the pandemic, we have instead arranged twin rooms in a hotel for Fellows this year.

The **ibis Berlin Mitte** hotel is located in Prenzlauer Berg, a very lively district in the North-Eastern part of Berlin. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes, with a park just next door. The hotel offers a breakfast buffet (included in your stay) and free Wifi. Additionally, inside the hotel there is a 24-hour bistro bar and lounge.



Alexander Platz is within just a 10-minute walk, while bus and tram stops to take you around the city are located within a 3-minute walking distance.

## **ibis Berlin Mitte**

Prenzlauer Allee 4  
10405 Berlin, Germany  
+49 (0)30 443330

# Seminar Room

While much of our time will be spent in the city, we will call the seminar room at **Spreefeld** our home-base. The room is part of a housing project in Berlin that lies on the borders of the neighborhoods of Mitte, Kreuzberg and Friedrichshain - right on the waterfront.



**WEG Spreefeld**  
Optionsraum 3  
Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 14  
10179 Berlin

# Public Transportation

With the €49 ticket, you have access to all public transport in Berlin (and Germany as a whole!), including the S-Bahn (elevated trains), U-Bahn (subway), buses, trams, and ferries. Download the Berlin-specific BVG app on your mobile phone for the most accurate information on fares, schedules, accessibility and routes. You may have your digital €49 ticket on a specific app. Make sure to have this ticket available to display at all times. If you use public transit without a valid ticket, the BVG can fine you €60. The ticket is also valid for VBB Regional trains, which can take outside of Berlin to explore the surrounding areas.



>> Whenever you want to use public transport in Berlin, this QR Code might be helpful to **find the best connections**. For barrier-free access, click on "Extended Search" and switch on "barrier-free access". When traveling as a group, please always pick a route that is accessible for everyone.



>> The website <http://brokenlifts.org> will help you find out **if elevators are working** at the stations you want to use. The page is in German, but quite straight-forward. The words "Außer Betrieb" mean out of order.



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# **PROGRAM AGENDA**



# 1884 - 1918 Hauptstadt des deutschen Kolonialreiches

Berlin

Deutsches Reich

Europa

Afrika

Togo

Kamerun

Deutsch Ost-Afrika

Deutsch Südwest-Afrika

Das deutsche



# Monday

June 5

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## >> 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 and some introductions. In the second half of today's virtual session, we want to look deeper into what it means to come together in these times of crisis and uncertainty and how we can hold fast to our visions for the future.

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16.00-16.50 CEST **Kick-Off in National Programs**

10 mins.

SCREEN BREAK AND CHANGE OF VIRTUAL  
MEETING ROOM

17.00-17.25

### **International Welcome**

- Remarks by **Talia Dubovi | Interim CEO and Senior Fellow, Humanity in Action**
- Facilitated by **Monika Mazur-Rafal (she/her) | International Director of European Programs and National Director, Humanity in Action Poland**

17.25-18.00

### **October 1943 – The Founding Vision of Humanity in Action**

- Remarks by **Judith Goldstein | Founder of Humanity in Action**
- Film-screening of **Voices in the Void**
- Facilitated by **Monika Mazur-Rafal**

18.00-18.35

### **Grief, Transformation, and Hope**

Facilitated by **Pauli Sprang | International Coordinator of European Programs and Program Director, Humanity in Action Germany**

Keynote with **Daniela 'Dana' Reina Telléz | Experimental Artist, Dancer, and Somatic Coach**

15 mins.

SCREEN BREAK

18.50-19.50

**Panel Discussion** with Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellows Panelists:

- Fogha Mc Cornilius Refem | 2021 Berlin Fellowship
- Lievnath Faber | 2020 Landecker Democracy Fellowship
- Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz | 2021 Warsaw Fellowship

Q&A

19.50-20.00

**Wrap up**

# Tuesday

June 6

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## >> COLONIALISM AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Today we want to speak about an issue that concerns us all: climate justice. In particular, we will highlight the connection between colonialism and climate justice. Mexican lawyer and scholar Claudia Ituarte-Lima will kick us off by conceptualizing the right to a healthy environment as a human right. Afterwards, Gilberto from the Caribbean 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 Raptivist and Senior Fellow Aisha Fukushima.

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16.00-16.10 CEST

### **Welcome to the Day**

Lisa Ama Schrade | National Director Humanity in Action Germany

16.10-17.00

### **Leveraging the right to a healthy environment for transformative change**

Keynote with **Claudia Ituarte-Lima** | Lawyer and Researcher  
Facilitated by **Katja Buch Madsen** | Program Manager  
Humanity in Action Denmark

10 mins.

### **SCREEN BREAK**

17.10-18.10

### **Panel: Indigenous Rights, Sovereignty, and Resistance**

Facilitated by Mikaela von Freiesleben | National Director, Humanity in Action Denmark

- **Delesslin 'Roo' George-Warren** | Queer artist, researcher, and organizer from Catawba Indian Nation and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow
- **Gilberto Morishaw** | policy advocate, activist, musician, entrepreneur and poet and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

# June 6

10 mins.

SCREEN BREAK

18.20-19.00

## **Towards Accountability and Action**

Moderation: Hannah Joy Sachs (she/her) | US National Director, Humanity in Action Inc.

- **Kiki Carbonell** | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow
- **Samir Beharić** | Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

19.00-19.30

## **Breakout Sessions in international groups**

What does Climate Justice mean to you?

19.30-19.50

## **Musical Intermezzo**

**Aisha Fukushima** | Raptivist, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

19.50-20.00

**Goodbye and see you in the national Programs!**

# Wednesday *June 7*

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## >> WELCOME TO BERLIN

After a full day of traveling, we would like to welcome you in Berlin with a gentle evening program. We will take some time to say hello and familiarize ourselves with the new location and new faces while preparing for the in-person program to begin.

**Location** Seminar Room: Optionsraum 3  
WEG Spreefeld , [Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 14,](#)  
[10179 Berlin](#)

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19.00-21.00

**Landing together in the Berlin Fellowship**

# Thursday

June 8

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## >> ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY AND CULTURE I, WELCOME RECEPTION

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 each other. This is also a good time to connect to your personal intentions, hopes, and possible expectations towards yourself and the group. In the evening, we invite you to our Welcome Reception.

**Attention** Please bring along your object today.

**Location** Seminar Room: Optionsraum 2 (careful, not 3!)

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09.00-09.15	<b>Arriving and Mingling</b>
09.15-09.30	<b>Morning News</b>
09.30-10.15	<b>Bring an Object (I)</b>
10.20-11.00	<b>What Brings Us Here: Staff Team Members' Visions</b>
11.05-11.50	<b>Bring an Object (II)</b>
12.00-12.15	<b>Sharing: what do you need the others to know?</b>
12.15-12.45	<b>What Brings You Here? Guided Reflection</b>
12.45-14.00	LUNCH
14.00-16.00	<b>My Grandmother's Hands: A Conversation</b>
16.00	<b>Wrap up</b>

## >> WELCOME RECEPTION

To celebrate the beginning of our time together, we invite you to a reception in Berlin- Kreuzberg. Fellows, Senior Fellows, Members of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany, and Fellowship staff gather for an evening of getting to know each other over food and drinks.

**Location** Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung gAG, Ratiborstraße  
14a, 10999 Berlin

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19.00-21.00

### **Welcome to Berlin**

Henry Alt-Haaker (he/him) | Board Chair and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow &

Sarah Robinson (she/her) | Vice-Board Chair and Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, Humanity in Action Germany

### **A warm Hello from our Ombudsperson**

Dr. Carolin Wiedemann

### **Welcome Reception**

With Senior Fellows, Fellows and staff

# Friday

June 9

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## >> ESTABLISHING COMMUNITY AND CULTURE II

Fellows will continue the work from yesterday and get to know each other better. By the end of the day, Fellows will have reached consensus on their own community guidelines for discussions and interactions in the context of this program.

**Location** Seminar Room: Optionsraum 3

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09.00-09.15 **Arriving and Mingling**

09.15-10.00 **Morning News**

10.00-12.00 **Working together across differences: Group Reflection**

12.00-14.00 **LUNCH**

14.00-16.00 **Establishing our Guidelines together**

16.00-17.00 **Wrap up**

# Weekend

June 10,11

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## OPTIONAL

### >> CASUAL GET-TOGETHER AT TEMPELHOFFER AIR FIELD

This event is optional and without staff. However, as you have all just arrived in Berlin and might be excited to get to know each other and your new surroundings, here is a suggestion that might help you do so. Feel free to modify location, time, etc; we invite you to co-create and co-organize this event amongst yourselves.

The Tempelhof Air Field is a large park on the premises of the former Tempelhof Airport, which is great for a little picnic, games, and enjoying the sun. We invite you to meet at:

17.00

**Entrance Herrfurthstraße, 12051 Berlin**

(closest subway stop: Leinestraße, line U8)

What you might need: Snacks, refreshing drinks, outdoor games, sunscreen, picnic blankets - whatever makes you happy!

Feel free to make this event your own. We wish you a lot of fun!

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### >> EXPLORE BERLIN ON YOUR OWN AND REST

Enjoy your day off and explore the beautiful city of Berlin.

# Monday

June 12

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## >> MYTHS AND FACTS: WHAT DO WE REMEMBER?

Welcome to the second week of programming. Today Fellows will receive an introduction to the current local and national headlines and build a basic understanding of the social justice histories, discourses, and terms that form the backdrop to contemporary debates in Berlin. Special attention is given to establish our collective gaps and knowledges about Germany as a colonial actor. In the afternoon, we will look at politics of remembrance and how to articulate histories of colonialism in the shadow of the Holocaust.

**Location** Seminar Room: Optionsraum 3

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| 09.00-10.00 | <b>Arriving in a new week together</b>  |
| 10.00-11.00 | <b>Fellows' Session: Current German Headlines</b><br>Ruth Aim, Judith Gabler, Vinya Mehta                             |
| 11.00-12.30 | <b>Myths and Facts: Germany's Colonial Past</b><br>Peer to Peer-Session   |
| 12.30-14.00 | LUNCH   |
| 14.00-14.45 | <b>Fireside Chat: Multidirectional Memory</b><br>Valerie Viban   Policy Advisor and Humanity in Action Senior Fellows |
| 14.45-15.30 | <b>Fellows' Discussion</b>  |
| 15.30-16.45 | Open Space: Planning an Unconference  |
| 16.45-17.00 | <b>Closing the Day</b>  |

## >> BERLIN AS A SITE OF COLONIALISM

Colonial propaganda from the time of the German empire to the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich remains etched into Berlin's cityscape. We will thus start this day with a walking tour through the so-called "African Quarter" in the district of Berlin-Wedding. Fellows will discover details about Berlin as a colonial Metropolis, the continuities from the colonial era to the National Socialist dictatorship, anticolonial resistance, as well as its many present day trajectories. After lunch, Evein Obulor will connect the effort of street-renamings with the intersectionality of the Black movement in Germany past and present.

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9.00

### **Departure from Hotel**

#### **Meeting Point**

Meet on street level at subway stop U6 Afrikanische Straße (corner with Müllerstraße)

10.00-12.30

### **The Lingering Presence of a Colonial Past: A Decolonial City Walk in Berlin's "African Quarter"**

Joshua Kwesi Aikins | Political Scientist and Activist

12.30-13.30

### **LUNCH**

13.30-14.30

Travel back to Seminar Room and break

14.30-15.30

**Reflections:** individually or in groups

15.30-17.00

**From "Showing our Colours" to "Black is capitalized": Black realities and resistance in Germany past and present**

**Evein Obulor** | Coordinator of the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism, Landecker Democracy Fellow

Moderated by **Lisa Ama Schrade** | National Director, Humanity in Action Germany

17.00-17.30

**A lyrical Wrap Up with May Ayim's Poetry**

Lisa Ama Schrade and Evein Obulor

If weather and energy allows: at May Ayim-Ufer

# Wednesday June 14

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## >> COLONIAL ARTEFACTS AND ARCHITECTURE

Today we will engage with the architecture, structure and the context of colonial museum collections. We will examine the role of ethnology and ethnological museums in colonisation. By visiting the Humboldt Forum, we hope to engage critically with the problematic nature of the place and what it represents. With a focus on reparations and restitution, we will draw into question the (im)possibilities, hopes, and desires articulated in this space with regards to colonization.

**Location** Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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09.00-10.00	<b>Introduction to the Day</b>
10.00-12.00	<b>Fellows Self-Moderation</b>
12.00-13.45	LUNCH
13.45-14.15	<b>Travel to Meeting Point</b>
14.30-16.30	<b>Guided Tour: Humboldt-Forum</b> Justice Lufuma Mvemba   Dekoloniale Stadtführung
16.30-17.00	<b>Wrap up</b>

# Thursday

June 15

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## >> NATIONAL NARRATIVES, COLONIAL CONTINUITIES

Where do we stand as a society today? Where do we not stand? What is Germany's self image today and does it accurately reflect its reality as a postmigrant and postcolonial society? And what does Lufthansa have to do with this? These are some questions the Fellows will engage with today. Our guests are Sinthujan Varatharajah, Political Geographer and Essayist, as well as 3 Humanity in Action Senior Fellows who will share their experiences and perspectives on identity and belonging.

**Location** Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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10.00-11.00 **Buddy Time and Community Check-In**

11.00-13.00 **What you (don't) see in the Sky: Aviation in the Age of Empire**  
Sinthujan Varatharajah | Political Geographer and Essayist

13.00-15.00 **LUNCH and planning unconference**

15.00-17.00 **Self-Led Exchange by Fellows**

17.00-18.45 **"Am I an Alman?" Navigating dominant narratives of identity and belonging**  
Humanity in Action Senior Fellows Roundtable with:

- Carmen Glink-Buján | Berlin Fellowship 2017
- Walid Malik | Berlin Fellowship 2018
- Nora Mathelemuse | Berlin Fellowship 2019

18.45-19.00 **Wrap up**

# Friday

June 16

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## >> UNCONFERENCE

This day's program is to be filled by you, dear Fellows. The intention is to give all of you space to share something of yourself. This is your space to bring into the program what you deem missing or want to go more into depth with, or to articulate what is important to you.

An unconference is an event aimed at exchange of knowledge without a set agenda or presenters. The agenda is made by the attendees in a joint effort and remains flexible throughout the event. Everyone is an active and equal participant .

We offer 3 suggestions:

Suggestion #1: Whoever shows up are the right people

Suggestion #2: Whatever happens is fine

Suggestion #3: The Law of the Two Feet:

Everyone at an unconference is encouraged to practice the law of two feet. The law of two feet says that if you become uninterested at any point, you are encouraged to move on. In an unconference you are also invited to take breaks at any time, with the idea that it is sometimes in the breaks that the 'A-ha' moments arrive.

Of course, the applicability of these suggestions depends on what you decide the agenda to be. We wish you a fruitful exchange!

### Location

Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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09.00

START

12.00-14.00

LUNCH

17.00

END

17.00-17.30

Wrap up with Staff



# Monday

June 19

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## >> MIGRATION INTO THE POSTCOLONIAL METROPOLIS

Today we will engage with different modes of storytelling and representation when looking at flows and repression of migration towards Europe and Germany. Blaise Baneh will share his movie about experiences of African refugees facing racial profiling and increasingly unwelcoming asylum conditions in the context of the war in Ukraine. In the evening, Fellows will go to the theater to witness the accounts of people who have crossed the Mediterranean in hope of finding safety in Europe. Both events are followed by artist talks.

**Location** Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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11.00-11.30

**Sharing Circle**

11.30-13.00

**Fellows' Discussion in Self-Moderation**

13.00-14.00

LUNCH

14.00-15.30

**Black Skin in White Wars: Film Screening and Artist Talk**

Blaise Baneh Mbuh | Film Maker and Media Pedagogue

15.30-16.00

**Wrap Up**

BREAK

19.00

**Meeting Point:** Heimathafen Neukölln, Karl-Marx-Straße 141, 12043 Berlin

19.15- 21.30

**Die Mittelmeer Monologe: Documentary Theater and Audience Discussion**

# Tuesday

June 20

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## >> TOWARDS HEALTH AND HEALING

Towards the end of the program, we continue to agitate against the status quo. In an attempt to see and feel beyond the limitations of the present, Fellows will be introduced to different approaches to decolonization. This day is dedicated to health and well-being as it connects to our efforts for social justice.

**Location** Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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10.00-10.30

**Arriving in the Space**

10.30-12.00

**Workshop: Self-Massage and Acupressure**

Tzoa Baoling | Founding Member of Casa Kuà and Practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine

12.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-16.00

**Case Example: Self-organizing Health and Community**

Casa Kuà | Trans\* Inter\* Queer Community and Health Centre

16.00- 17.00

**Fellows' Discussion**

17.00-17.30

**Wrap up**

# Wednesday *June 21*

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## >> TOWARDS DIALOGUE

Today we will strive to engage deeply with the interplay and tension in dialogues, past and present, of Antisemitism and colonial/racial violence in Germany. We seek to draw connections between these two experiences of oppression while also comparing the two struggles for freedom and liberation and their intersections. In the afternoon, we will highlight the possibilities of dialogue between grass-roots and state- / municipal actors.

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08.30

### **Departure from Hotel**

#### **Meeting Point**

Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Cora-Berliner- Straße 1, 10117 Berlin (closest subway stop: Brandenburger Tor, line U5)

9.00-10.30

**Berlin's Memorial Landscape:** Visiting the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Memorial to the Victims of National Socialist 'Euthanasia' Killings, Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism

10.30-11.00

### **Travel to Seminar Room 3**

11.00-12.30

**Discussion: Intersection of the Struggles of the Rastafari Movement, Conceptions of Diaspora and Africa as Promised Land**

12.30-14.00

LUNCH

14.00-15.30

**A Decolonial Remembrance-Concept for the City of Berlin**

Dr. Ibou Diop | Literary Scholar and Curator

15.30-17.00

**Fellow's Discussion**

17.00-17.30

**Wrap up**

# Thursday

June 22

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## >> TOWARDS FUTURES WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Before we say goodbye, let's look at how we can translate our new knowledge into meaningful action. Fellows will have time to brainstorm and exchange ideas for their Action Projects in the first half of the day. In the afternoon, a workshop on futuring from marginalized positionalities shall help the Fellows to expand the horizons of their imagination and to envision the futures they deem worth fighting for.

**Location (!)**                      Humanity in Action Seminar Room  
Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin

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09.00-09.30

**Morning Check-in**

09.30-  
10.30

**Brain- and Heartstorming: Action Project Ideas**

10.30-11.30

**Working Groups:** Share personal experience with project implementation

11.30-12.30

Share Findings with the Group

12.30-14.00

LUNCH

14.00-16.00

**Workshop: Radical Imagination Lab**

Ouassima Laabich | Initiator and Lead of Muslim Futures

16.00-17.00

**Fellows' Co-Facilitation**

17.00-18.00

**Wrap up**

# Friday

June 23

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## >> FAREWELLS AND CLOSING CEREMONY

On this last day of the Fellowship program, we will take some time to reflect together on what we have learned during the past weeks and critically evaluate the Fellowship, our personal growth, and group dynamics.

Most importantly, however, we want to celebrate with you! And this time, it is up to you, Fellows, to come up with a program for our Closing Ceremony. We look forward to discovering the nature of the closing ceremonies we choose for ourselves and concluding our time together in the presence of guests and friends.

**Location** Seminar Room, Optionsraum 3

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09.00-10.00

**Starting the day together**

10.00-11.00

**Reflection on the Fellowship**

Retrospective on the program and group

11.00-13.00

**How to say goodbye?**

13.00-14.30

LUNCH

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**Location**

Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße  
94, 10435 Berlin

17.00-19.00

**Closing Ceremony**

Fellows' Program and Farewell



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**SPEAKERS  
INTERNATIONAL  
PROGRAM**



**SAMIR BEHARIĆ**  
**(he/him)**  
**Youth Activist,**  
**Humanity in Action**  
**Senior Fellow**

Samir Beharić is an award-winning youth activist from Bosnia and Herzegovina and a PhD-candidate at the University of Bamberg. His human rights activism was recognised by the OSCE honouring him with the Max van der Stoel Award in recognition of his efforts in the prevention of further ethnic segregation of schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Beharić has been engaged in environmental activism related to preventing investors from building small hydro power plants in central Bosnia.



**KIKI CARBONELL**  
**(she/her)**  
**Humanity in Action**  
**Senior Fellow**

Cristina Margarita Carbonell Betancourt is an interdisciplinary researcher and activist with international working experience in the public, private and third sector. She holds degrees in Law, Public Management and State Sciences. Currently she's working on a doctoral dissertation at the intersection of the processes generated by climate destabilization and their implications for Venezuela's recovery after the Revolution. She further works with women and children survivors of domestic violence. The experiences gained across disciplines and regions continuously provide her with outstanding networking skills and an increasing sensitivity for cultural and gender issues. A resourceful and proactive nature makes her enjoy finding solutions to the problems she's

presented with. Moreover, life's experiences have made her keen on learning about herself and the world around her. She's an earthling from Venezuela and thinks of herself as a cool nerd who's forever curious, and also as the founder of the imaginary city of Camburí.



**TALIA DUBOVI**  
**(she/her)**  
**Interim CEO Humanity**  
**in Action Inc.; Senior**  
**Fellow**

Talia Dubovi is the Interim CEO of Humanity in Action, Inc. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Netherlands, 2000), and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011. Talia also served as Co-Chair of the American Planning Board from 2006-2016. Talia was previously vice president and director of the Diversity and Leadership in International Affairs Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she led the design and execution of CSIS's first diversity and inclusion program. Prior to that, she was associate vice president and deputy director of External Relations at CSIS, where she played a key role in the reorganization of the department, after serving as deputy director of CSIS's Global Health Policy Center. Talia spent six years working in Congress, where she covered a wide range of foreign policy and national security issues. She is a fellow with the Truman National Security Project, a senior associate (non-resident) with CSIS, and was a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations from 2015-2020. She holds a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School.



**LIEVNATH FABER**  
**(she/her)**

Cultural Programmer,  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Lievnath Faber is a Jewish scholar and programmer with a Friesian father and an Israeli mother of Tunisian and Egyptian descent. She is also a birth and death doula and advocates for bringing these lifecycle events back into communities. She holds a master's degree in Film Studies from the University of Amsterdam and is a facilitator for the Paradigm Project at the Paideia European Institute for Jewish Studies in Stockholm. She works on the intersections of Jewish culture and heritage, lifecycle and community, and cinema. Currently, Lievnath works on co-creating a Jewish hub, Oy Vey, in the city center of Amsterdam, right in the middle of the former Jewish quarter. This open, inclusive, and unapologetically Jewish hub aims to provide a safe and creative space for Jews and non-Jews to express, enjoy, celebrate, co-create, remember, and relate to cultural tradition and heritage. She believes this to be essential for honest, civic, creative, and nurturing discourse as well as for the well-being of the community and for actively fighting Antisemitism. She strives to create a local space that is inclusive of all who wish to engage with, learn about, and experience the rich and diverse global Jewish culture.



**AISHA**  
**FUKUSHIMA**  
**(she/her)**

Public Speaker,  
Singer-Songwriter,  
and Facilitator

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.



**DELESSLIN 'ROO'**  
**GEORGE-WARREN**  
**(he/they)**

Artist and organizer  
from Catawba Indian  
Nation, Humanity in  
Action Senior Fellow

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.



**JUDITH GOLDSTEIN**  
**(she/her)**

Founder of Humanity in Action

Dr. Judith S. Goldstein received a Bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1962 with a concentration on European and American history. As a Woodrow Wilson Scholar at Columbia University, she received a Masters degree in European history and wrote her thesis on the “Mouvement Republicain Populaire and the Franco Vietnamese War, 1946-1954.” In 1972, Judith completed her doctoral studies at Columbia University after writing her dissertation on “The Politics of Ethnic Pressure: The American Jewish Committee Fight Against Immigration Restriction: 1906-1917.” This book was republished by Routledge in 2020 and was the beginning of a sustained concentration on immigration and diversity in America and Europe. She worked at Columbia University for 10 years focused on an oral history project on Ethnic Groups and American Foreign Policy. In the late 1980s, she started a book about the integration of Jewish immigrants in Maine. In 1992, William

Morrow published *Crossing Lines: Histories of Jews and Gentiles in Three Communities*. In 2006, Rutgers University Press published *Inventing Great Neck: Jewish Identity and American Dreams*. Judith worked as the Executive Director of *Thanks To Scandinavia*, started by the Danish pianist Victor Borge to acknowledge Scandinavians who resisted Nazism and protected Jews during the Second World War. In 1997, Judith founded *Humanity in Action* and has served as its Executive Director until March 2023. Judith serves on the Board of the *The Frances Perkins Foundation* and the *Somes Pond Center*, and is a member of the *Council on Foreign Relations*. She sustains an abiding interest in conservation and landscape design and history, especially as it relates to Maine and Mt. Desert Island.



**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.



**ALEKSANDRA  
KUŚNIERKIEWICZ  
(SHE/HER)**

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Aleksandra Kuśnierkiewicz is a graduate of King's College London with a BA in International Relations. She is a member of the European Network of Migrant Women and RadicalGirlsss, where she facilitates workshops that work towards advocacy and representation of young migrant women in European bodies as well as events of feminist organizations and international conferences. She has gained international experience in several NGOs and currently works as a journalist writing mainly on human rights. In her work she is concerned with issues of women's liberation, migration and human trafficking. In the future she plans to pursue screenwriting and filmmaking.



**GILBERTO  
MORISHAW  
(he/him)**

Policy advocate,  
activist, musician,  
entrepreneur, and  
poet  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

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.



**DANIELA 'DANA'  
REINA  
(she/they)**

Artist, Dancer, and  
Somatic Coach

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.

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**SPEAKERS  
BERLIN  
PROGRAM**



**JOSHUA KWESI  
AIKINS**

**(he/him)**

Political Scientist,  
University of Kassel

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist and Ph.D. candidate at University of Kassel and senior researcher with Berlin based NGO Citizens for Europe. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development,' cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, equality data, coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany. As an academic and an activist, Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana. As a policy officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he coordinated, co-wrote and presented the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2013-2015). As a member of the board of advisers for the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), he contributes both policy analysis and advocacy, e.g. for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. He is co-author of the Afrozensus, the first comprehensive survey of Black, African and Afrodiasporic people in Germany, and of the framing paper "Racism and Climate (In)Justice - How Racism and Colonialism shape the Climate Crisis and Climate Action" (both published in 2021, both freely available online).



**HENRY ALT-  
HAAKER**

**(he/him)**

Chair of the Board,  
Humanity in Action  
Germany

Henry Alt-Haaker is the Chairman of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the German Program of 2005. He currently is senior vice president at the Robert Bosch Stiftung, a German private foundation. He heads the department "Strategic Partnerships and Robert Bosch Academy". It includes the Foundation's programs addressing political decision makers, its think tank partnerships, its portfolio "science in society" and the Robert Bosch Academy. As such, the department contributes to the Foundation's activities in all its thematic areas. Henry joined the Foundation in August 2013 as program officer and later served as a senior project manager. Before joining the foundation, Henry Alt-Haaker headed the parliamentary office of German Minister of Justice Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger as chief clerk, served as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and worked for the international NGO Humanity in Action on human and minority rights. His expertise includes migration and integration, German politics as well as European and transatlantic affairs. He is an alumnus of several German foundations, including the German National Academic Foundation. After having studied German literature and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin, Sorbonne University in Paris and Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.



**BLAISE BANEH MBUH**  
**(he/him)**

Media Pedagogue and  
Film Maker

Blaise Baneh MBUH was born in the city of Bamenda in 1986, after primary and secondary education Blaise went to the Government Technical High School (GTHS) Bamenda. He latter attained the LN International Audio Visual training Institute on Goethe Institute Scholarship in Yaoundé -Cameroon , after the course Blaise furthered to FilmArche Berlin where he specialized in Montage and Documentary film production. In his professional Portfolio, he founded the Bamenda Film School in 2013 where he trains young people in the career of films and media content development. He co founded the Global we media platform in Berlin in the capacity as Media Pedagogue where he currently works for Joliba - Interkulturelles Netzwerk in Berlin e.V. He is producer of documentaries films notably; BUSHFALLERS; TRANSPARENT WALLS; BLACK SKIN IN WHITE WAR; KABA (the story of Benin's Resistance movement); Wings for the butterfly; etc. He is currently the acting Director of the Global South Network a Pan African Youth Network promoting South-South NGO's with head office in Benin Republic.

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**TZOE BAOLING**  
**(he/him)**

Tzoe is a gender non conforming trans\* masculine PoC of mixed heritage. Ta is a founding member of Casa Kuà and a Chinese Medicine practitioner. Their heart beats for subjects related to self determination, decolonisation, health in the broadest sense, martial arts and good food.



**IBOU COULIBALY**  
**DIOP**  
**(he/him)**

Literary Scholar and  
Curator

Ibou Coulibaly Diop (1979, Segatta) is a literary scholar, curator, and lecturer. He is a jury member of Resonance-A Festival of Black German-Language Fiction, curated by Sharon Dodua Otoo. He regularly publishes on the literature of transculturality and the significance of African literature in the world of tomorrow. He currently works alongside the Berlin Senate to implement ways of remembering colonialism, and for the Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin, where he plays an active part in the Competence Centre for Decolonization. Diop lives and works in Berlin.

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**CARMEN GLINK BUJÁN**  
**(she/her)**

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellows

Carmen Glink Buján gained her BA and MA degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology and Political Sciences at Freie Universität Berlin. After graduating from college in 2018, she started working as a social worker at Hydra e.V. Berlin, a counseling centre for sex workers. In her future career she hopes to successfully connect academia and activism to support struggles against discrimination and oppression and to fight for global justice. Her master's thesis was based on her ethnographic field research with Nigerian sex workers in Barcelona. Her research interests include post-marxist, post-colonial and feminist theory and concentrates on topics surrounding gender, migration, self-organization and (sex)work. Carmen will attend graduate

school for her PhD about racist motivated murder in Germany next year. In the past, she was organized in different anti-capitalist groups. Last year she became part of the first women\* strike committee in Germany since 1994, where she is a leading member of the organizing committee. She enjoys taking part in different cultural events and loves to dance.

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**OUASSIMA  
LAABICH**  
(she/her)

Project Manager and  
Community Organizer

Ouassima Laabich is the initiator and project lead of Muslim Futures at Superr Lab. Muslim Futures combines critical futures thinking, radical envisioning and interdisciplinary approaches towards futures and futuring from Muslim positionalities. As a PhD Candidate in Political Science at the Free University in Berlin and a Visiting Researcher at the Yale University, her main research interests are Critical Muslim Studies, Anti-Racism, Empowerment and Critical Futures Thinking.

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**WALID MALIK**  
(he/him)

Researcher and  
Policy Adviser,  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Walid Ahmed Khan Malik is a human rights educator, decolonial scholar activist and HIA Senior Fellow, who was born and raised in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Walid received his Master's degree in International Studies and Peace and Conflict Research from the Technical University Darmstadt and the

Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main. Walid is now pursuing a PhD in Critical Police Studies. His major research interests are resistance practices against police and migration regimes in Europe. After the racist terror attack in Hanau 2020 Walid was appointed as an adviser to the task force 'group-focused enmity and anti-Muslim racism' at the Hessian Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration. Walid also initiated the human rights working group and the anti-discriminatory council of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation's scholarship holders. Currently, he is a Researcher and Policy Adviser in the fields of children's and youth rights monitoring.

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**NORA  
MATHELEMUSE**  
(they/them)

Programmer and  
Psychologist,  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow (2019  
Berlin Fellowship)

Nora has a background in Psychology, Sociology, and Data Science, which they combine to design solutions that can have an impact on a host of different social justice issues. Since 2019, Nora has been actively engaging with topics intersecting between social justice and technology. They took part in the Humanity in Action Fellowship where their Action Project focused on Queering Sex Education. Together with another Senior Fellow, Pauli Sprang, they conceptualised and organized a three-day conference in 2020, shedding light on various topics of sex education and how to make it more inclusive. Since then, Nora has been designing and delivering workshops around the topics of gender diversity, sexuality, and sex. Simultaneously, they deepened their technological studies and learned how to program in Python and SQL.



**JUSTICE LUFUMA  
MVEMBA  
(she/her)**

Founder of  
Dekoloniale  
Stadtführung

Justice Lufuma Mvemba is the founder of deSta, a company that offers walking tours about the colonial past of Germany.

The mission of [decolonialtours.com](https://decolonialtours.com) is to break the taboo and to make Germany's role during colonialism more known.

By educating about a colonialism from a Decolonial perspective deSta aims to dismantle colonial continuities and racism. Justice believes that is important to actively deconstruct old belief systems so we can create new ones that are more aligned with positive values. With a change of mindset we as a society can create the conditions for equal opportunities on a socio-economic level. She has also recently begun offering the workshop "What does remembrance have to do with me?" for private groups.



**EVEIN OBULOR  
(she/her)**

Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

Evein Obulor (she/her) is working on different levels of our societies to fight racism. In her current position as the Coordinator of the European Coalition of Cities Against Racism she works on racial injustices at the city level. She facilitates the exchange of antiracist policies for more than 150 European cities and supports them in shaping a European platform that promotes the role of cities in building inclusive and antiracist

societies. As the Founder of the Migration Hub Heidelberg, a network for initiatives and actors working in the fields of antiracism and migration, she supports grassroots organizations, especially BIPOC-led groups, in making their engagement more sustainable and visible. With an academic background in Political Science and Education (University of Heidelberg) as well as Peace & Conflict Transformation (UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies, Innsbruck University), Evein works as a trainer and consultant for projects related to antiracism, youth empowerment and women's rights. As a facilitator of the Youth Think Tank, a platform for meaningful youth participation, she empowers young people to actively shape society. She is a passionate Black feminist who served as a Youth Observer for the UN Commission on the Status of Women and published the essay collection „Black Is Capitalized“ together with RosaMag in 2021.



**SARAH ROBINSON  
(she/her)**

Vice-Chair, Humanity  
in Action Germany,  
Senior Fellow

Sarah received her Master of Arts in International Relations (International Law and International Politics with a focus on human rights, women's rights, and transitional justice) in 2018. Her M.A. thesis was on the "Contributions of Women's (Rights) Organizations to Truth Commissions". A revised version of this thesis has also been published in the Georgetown Journal of International Law (see below). Sarah furthermore has a complementary diploma in Regional Studies Latin America with a focus on Brazil. She studied at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg (Germany),

California State University East Bay (USA), Technical University Dresden (Germany), and Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Portugal). Sarah was a Carlo Schmid Fellow at the Regional Office Europe of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Brussels, Belgium in 2018/19. She focused her work there on migration and particularly on vulnerable groups of migrants (undocumented persons/persons with an irregular status, women, children, LGBTQIA+, persons with disabilities, older migrants, and minorities). She subsequently worked as Gender Mainstreaming Trainee at the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) in Vilnius, Lithuania, from 2019-2020. Back in Germany, Sarah worked at the Bundestag, the German National Parliament, where she was an assistant to a Member of Parliament in

public policy issues in Washington, DC, focusing on migration and criminal justice reform – most recently as a Policy Associate for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). Passionate about ensuring access to justice for marginalized communities, she is also engaged in anti-discrimination and racial justice activism. Her fields of interest include social movements, migration, human rights and intersectional advocacy. Lisa is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2020 BerlinFellowship).



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**LISA AMA  
SCHRADER  
(she/her)**

National Director  
Humanity in Action  
Germany, Humanity  
in Action Senior  
Fellow

Lisa Ama Schrade is the National Director of Humanity in Action Germany. Since late 2021 she has also been co-directing our Landecker Democracy Fellowship. Lisa holds a Masters in International Affairs from the Hertie School in Berlin and previously studied at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, and SciencesPo Paris. While she was born and raised in Munich, Germany, and part of her family is from Kumasi, Ghana, Lisa spent ten years studying and working in the United States. After earning her BA in Cultural Studies and International Relations, she worked on progressive



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**SINTHUJAN  
VARATHARAJAH  
(they/them)**

Political Geographer  
and Essayist

Sinthujan Varatharajah is an essayist and political geographer living in Berlin. Their work deals with the issues of statelessness and displacement from a spatial, logistical, and materialist perspective. In 2018, Varatharajah co-founded the event series "dissolving territories - cultural geographies of a new eelam", which approaches the everyday consequences of statelessness aesthetically and politically. In 2020, they were part of the 11th Berlin Biennale for Contemporary Art with the exhibition "wie man\* eine arche bewegt" (how to move an ark). Together with Moshtari Hilal, Varatharajah published the discourse book "English in Berlin" in 2022 at Wirklichkeit Books Verlag which deals with questions of language and political exclusion in the urban space of Berlin. Varatharajah's first book, 'an alle orte, die hinter uns liegen', which deals with colonial techniques of violence, was published by Hanser Verlag in the fall of 2022.



**VALERIE VIBAN**  
**(he/him)**

Policy Advisor,  
Humanity in Action  
Senior Fellow

The church as an institution played an active role in the European colonial conquest of the rest of the world. Whether our reference is transatlantic slavery and slavetrade, or the 18th century scramble of Africa, church institutions provided soft horseback rides for the imperial agenda. In his work, Valerie Viban considers the importance of the church to as well play a transformative role in the restitution of social justice. He works as policy advisor for the German Bishops conference on the subject area of dealing with violent burdened pasts especially colonialism. He seeks to engage the German church institution in facing its own past and role in the colonial era and as well engage in meaningful dialogue initiatives with former German colonies. He is a 2019 Humanity in Action Senior Fellow.

Academic Foundation, wrote a PhD thesis about the question of subversion in times of digitization and worked as an editor at Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly. Her publications include the book "Selbstvermarktung im Netz" in which she analyzes Facebook, and Depletion Design: A Glossary of Network Ecologies (with Soenke Zehle), the dossier "Welcome to Germany" published by Heinrich Böll Foundation and the book based on her PhD "Kritische Kollektivität im Netz". Her new book "Zart und frei" about the persistence of patriarchy and ways to overcome was published by Matthes&Seitz in 2021. Ms. Wiedemann is co-editor of Spheres, an online magazine about digital cultures, and a member of kritnet, a network for migration research. She is a board member of Humanity in Action Germany and participated in the Fellowship program in Berlin in 2010.



**DR. CAROLIN**  
**WIEDEMANN**  
**(she/her)**

Board Member and  
Ombudsperson,  
Humanity in Action  
Germany

Dr. Carolin Wiedemann works as a journalist and author for various German Media Outlets such as Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and Missy Magazine. In her articles she addresses new forms of power and resistance, asylum policy, racism, and (anti-)feminism. After studying Journalism, Communications, and Sociology in Paris and Hamburg, she got a scholarship of the German National



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# THE FELLOWS



**RUTH AIM**  
**(she/her)**  
University of Cologne

Ruth Aim is a writer, activist and law student at the University of Cologne. After witnessing and aiding refugees during the so called “Caravan” in Puebla, Mexico, she dedicated herself to raise awareness on issues concerning mental health and intersectional power dynamics. She is especially criticizing the systemic problems within the German judicial system, and is looking forward to tackling these issues within her future occupation. Aim is also the founder of a Writers Collective, offering BIPOC brave spaces to share their art and collective wisdom with each other. Their work has been performed all around Germany and published on multiple platforms. Ruth Aim’s personal interests include Photography, Travel, Reading and Dance.



**ALINA BERNHARDT**  
**(she/her)**  
Leiden University

Alina Bernhardt is a German-Indonesian Liberal Arts and Sciences BA student at Leiden University College (The Hague) who is majoring in World Politics and is particularly interested in human rights issues and Peace and Conflict Studies. She lived most of her life in Northern Germany but further has additionally spent a year abroad in Australia and volunteered during her Gap Year at a local school in Tanzania. These experiences not only broadened her horizon and introduced her to a more international environment, but ultimately led to the discovery of her passion for humanitarian causes. Presently, aside from her studies, she is engaged in the UNICEF Student Team in The Hague and a student committee named ‘Race & Ethnicity’ at her university. In her free time, Alina enjoys reading books, writing poetry, long walks in nature, and cooking with friends.



**JACK BRADLEY**  
**(he/him)**  
Centre College

Jack is a graduating senior and Lincoln Scholar at Centre College in Danville, KY, USA. He has just completed a semester in London where he hopes to return for graduate school after an internship with the US Department of State's Office of the Historian. Jack has worked as a foreign policy intern for Dr. Mike O'Hanlon, director of foreign policy research at the Brookings Institution. Jack aspires to educate foreign policymakers on both the value and limits of historical examples and learning how to avoid the hindsight bias trap. His research interests include how citizen groups influence foreign policy decisions, nuclear disarmament, and WWII. Jack's passion is making sure that we never forget the lessons of the past, including those which discriminate against people with disabilities. As a disabled student himself, Jack presents to students, educators and legislators, seeking to improve the special education system to ensure access to rigorous curriculum and post secondary opportunities for all students.



**JOANA CAVACO**  
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Cavaco resides in Rotterdam, where she currently works for the Dutch NGO Humanitas as the coordinator of The Hang Out 010- a safe haven for the queer youth in the city. Joana is also a volunteer coordinator at the Amsterdam based organization Black Pride NL. As a community-based organizer she advocates for the eradication of verbal and physical sexual harassment within the city, having already worked with youngsters from all over Europe on the topics of Women's rights and gender equality. Cavaco's experience lies in the creation of safe(r) spaces while developing various practices when it comes to inclusivity and queer-feminist emancipation. By organizing an international women's day SLUTWALK, collaborating and curating programmes that reflect the inclusivity and sustainability of these practices, Joana aims to catalyze change from the bottom up.



**NIARA FOSTER**  
**(she/her)**  
Emory University

Niara E. Foster is a Chicago native and lover of community. She holds a degree in African American Studies from Emory University where she graduated with the Highest Honors for her work on the radical efforts of Black women granny midwives in healing, modern medicine, abortion, and activism. With her background in Black studies and experience in policy research, Niara is particularly interested in exploring the unique methods of resistance and care that marginalized people have created and their applications in public policy and medical education. Coupled with her experience in organizational leadership, Niara is also currently dedicated to increasing awareness around the potent power of storytelling in global social action.



**JUDITH GABLER**  
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University of Passau

Judith studies European Studies at the University of Passau with a focus on Sociology. Her academic interests include social injustice, especially migration, queer and gender studies with an intersectional approach. To create safer spaces for the queer community, Judith has participated in and co-founded queer groups both in Passau and while studying abroad in Limerick, Ireland. To pursue an academic career, she worked on a quantitative project at the German Youth Institute. Currently, Judith is in a qualitative research internship at the Technical University of Munich in the Sociology of Diversity research group.



**DANIEL GROSFELD**  
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Zeppelin University

After finishing a voluntary programme in Iringa, Tanzania, Daniel Grosfeld decided to enroll in the bachelor programme Political Management at the City University of Applied Sciences in Bremen. Shortly after beginning his academic journey, especially topics on social injustice and international politics caught his attention. Last year Daniel Grosfeld started the Master programme Politics, Administration and International Relations at Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen. At Zeppelin University he is actively involved in the Programme Board of Political and Social Sciences, the university's Senate and the Diversity Working Group. At Vielfaltsprojekte GmbH, a diversity consultancy, Daniel Grosfeld works as a junior consultant with a focus on accessibility, diversity and intercultural communication. In addition to these passionate topics and important stations, he has developed a special interest in the interface between sport, society and diversity due to his many years of voluntary work in football clubs.



**GIOVANNI DÍAZ-  
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Leiden University

Giovanni Díaz-Infante Posadas is a Mexican undergraduate studying International Law and Economics at Leiden University. He spent his early youth in Mexico, where he developed a deep love for theatre and photography, and then moved to the Netherlands. There he was awarded a scholarship to attend the United World College of Maastricht and finish his high school studies. Living among peers from all around the world, he was exposed to different realities and became inspired to pursue a career in the field of human rights advocacy. His current interests include decoloniality, gender studies, and social justice, which he has explored through his work as a research assistant and involvement with local NGOs. Additionally, Giovanni is a founding member of Leiden University's Association for Latin American Students and a part-time bartender.



## **WERONIKA KNOWSKA**

**(she/her)**

Polish Naval Academy

Weronika Knowska is a global education trainer from Poland. She is also a President of Peace Ambassadors Poland, Board Member of Youth Peace Ambassadors Network and former President of the Polish Forum of Young Diplomats. In the course of her professional career, she gained experience in the field of crisis management, peacebuilding and human rights when organizing events and coordinating projects, both national and international. In her everyday work she organizes advocacy actions and various activities dedicated to youth. She is an experienced trainer in the field of human rights education, media literacy and managing diversity. Among others she has organized and led workshops aimed at combating social polarization in Poland, multiple media literacy and inclusive language workshops and non-formal education actions at the Solidarity Now Blue Refugee Center in Thessaloniki, Greece. She is passionate about working with people and enthusiastically implement projects involving the civil society.



## **TANYI FRANÇ MARTIAL**

**(he/him)**

HTW Berlin - University of  
Applied Sciences

Tanyi Franç Martial is a Cameroonian economist, scholar, athlete and activist. At the moment, he works in the field of development economics particularly on the topic of sustainability, informal financial labour/market, international trade and monetary economic policies. He has worked in several countries over Africa and Europe in various sectors as well as on various projects with organisations such as the GIZ. His work has been featured in publications such as empower Senegal, Voluntary scheme in Cameroon, the evolution of an informal financial system.



**VINYA MEHTA**  
(she/her)

SOAS University of London

Working at the intersections of participatory policy development, advocacy, and academia, Vinya is focused on amplifying insights from marginalised communities. Her professional experience includes working with the Poverty Truth Network, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Migration, King's College London, and the UK's Migration Museum. She recently completed an MA in Gender Studies and Law at SOAS, University of London, with a thesis that critiques the asylum process for LGBTQ+ refugees from a queer postcolonial perspective. Having lived substantial blocks of her life in Germany, India, Singapore, and the UK, she values getting to know places deeply, including learning about suppressed histories and communities of resistance. Colourful sewing projects, creative people, home food, and hiking adventures keep her inspired.



**ISHIKA MUCHHAL**  
(she/her)

California Institute of  
the Arts

Ishika Muchhal is an Indian American actor, singer, dancer, writer, director, and activist from Los Angeles. A CalArts BFA Acting graduate with a social science minor, her films have been screened at festivals internationally. Ishika's original art tackles issues including female feticide, dowry, acid attacks, girls' education, immigration, and identity. Ishika is a California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellow grantee for her series A QISSAA with Ishika: Quintessential and Inspiring Stories of South Asian Artists. She served as CalArts Student Union President and has worked with the National Women's Political Caucus, Rotary, and multiple political campaigns. Ishika raised \$6,000 for LA's unhoused population by producing a virtual fundraiser and over \$35,000 for the American Cancer Society as team captain for 13 years. She strives to use art and advocacy to decolonize storytelling, create community, and bring reproductive justice to all. Ishika loves puns, political podcasts, Wordle, music, and traveling!



**EMANUELA  
NYANTAKYI**  
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University of Zurich

Emanuela Nyantakyi is an early-career researcher currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Clinical Science at the University of Zurich. Born and raised in Germany to Ghanaian immigrants, Emanuela views herself a cultural hybrid. She seeks to contribute to nuanced research perspectives that adequately mirror the needs of members of Black and African communities in Europe. She holds a master's degree in Health science with a concentration in Health Policy from the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and a Bachelor of Science from the Technical University of Munich.



**OLUWATOBI  
ODUGUNWA**  
(they/them)

Vanderbilt University

Oluwatobi Maeyen Odugunwa is a multi-marginalized advocate and organizer. They immigrated from Nigeria as a child, and now call the United States South home.

Oluwatobi is passionate about social justice and has deep ties to the fights for LGBTQ freedom, abolition, racial justice, and disability justice. Some of their commitments include working at a mutual aid fund for autistic POC (The Autistic People of Color Fund); serving as a member leader for a multiracial, LGBTQ abolition organization (Southerners on New Ground Nashville); and being an active member of the U.S. Gender and Disability Justice Alliance.

Oluwatobi graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2021. They have a full time position as an Anti-Bias Coordinator at a publishing company, working with internal brands such as Verywell Health, PEOPLE, and Better Homes and Gardens. Oluwatobi loves their cat, and spends most of their free time reading, playing videogames, or learning ASL and Korean.



**LUIS R. RUIZ**  
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New York University

Luis R. Ruiz is an interaction designer, artist and speaker. He's the creator and editor of the critically-acclaimed bilingual queer zine "Deliria" and the founder of the trans and gender non-conforming drag summit of the same name, which debuted in Mexico City's Casa del Lago Cultural Center. Luis also holds a BFA degree in Interaction and Digital Media from CENTRO, and is currently attending NYU GSAS as a Fulbrighter to earn his MA in Interdisciplinary Studies to further develop his research on fascism and queer escapades in the age of social media. His illustrative, photography and activist work has been featured on the Huffington Post, Broken Pencil Mag, Instagram, Paper Magazine, Adobe, I:D by Vice, amongst others.



**MIRIAM CORETTA  
SCHULTE**  
**(she/her)**  
Humboldt University of  
Berlin

Miriam Coretta Schulte is a theatre maker and migration law student. She navigates between Berlin, Basel and Cairo and develops performances and workshops both for the stage and besides of it, e.g. with the queer-feminist reading circle „Blasphemous Reading Soirées“ in Basel. After a 3 months artist residency in Cairo, she created together with Salma Said a performance („behind your eyeballs“) dealing with different archival practices such as a video-archive of the Egyptian revolution. These days, they are producing „Court Fantasies“, a theatre show examining today's asylum system from the point of view of a near-by future where freedom of movement is achieved for everyone. Moreover, they develop workshops around the topic of „imaginative justice“, combining learnings about the asylum system and trying to find visions to overcome it. Miriam also volunteers at Refugee Law Clinic in Berlin and is convinced that sci-fi is an amazing source for abolitionist visions.



**SAMU/ELLE STRIEWSKI**  
**(they/them)**  
Columbia University

Samu/elle Striewski has studied mathematics, philosophy and comparative literature in Berlin, Paris and New York City. At Columbia University they did research on postcolonial translation (supervised by Gayatri Spivak), queering of recognition theory (sup. Axel Honneth) and trans\* politics and embodiment in Kafka's work (sup. Jack Halberstam). They have published in academic and popular journals on nonbinary and bisexual politics, and presented conference talks on planetary ecofeminism, queer solidarity and recognition theory. Beyond their academic activities, they strongly believe in the importance of civil engagement, therefore they are part of several activist groups that organize workshops on drag (they are themselves regularly performing as "La Prince\*ss") and on critically rethinking masculinities, events on queer histories, and community demonstrations for bi- and pansexual people. As a fellow of HIA, they extend their belief in participatory democracy by launching a podcast that features the diversity of activism in Germany.



**BARBARA SZPILKA**  
**(she/her)**  
University of Wroclaw

Barbara Szpilka is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in International Relations with a specialization in Global Studies at the University of Wroclaw. She is an alumna of the Future Leaders Exchange Program, and she has worked as a facilitator for the Open World Program, successfully leading a delegation of Polish professionals from the LGBTQ+ organizations to the US. She has also supported the work of the European Academy of Leadership in Warsaw and St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace in London as a communication intern. Barbara is passionate about intersectional feminism, sustainability, media, and human rights. She is particularly interested in how armed conflicts affect women and in women's role in peacebuilding processes. Barbara also enjoys volunteering, traveling, and exploring museums and art galleries. Currently, she is working as a digital marketing assistant for a creative studio.

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# **THE FELLOWSHIP STAFF**



**CLARA COYOTE**  
**(she/her)**

Project Assistant

After graduating with a degree in International Studies and Germanics from the University of Washington in 2021, Clara utilized a grant from the Jackson School of International Studies to immerse herself in anti-sweep organizing in the city of Seattle. This organizing countered the violence perpetrated against unhoused community members by police and city employees. Thanks to her neighbors and comrades, Clara's worldview is largely shaped by the lessons of solidarity in class struggle against systemic violence. Clara enjoyed dipping her toe into local journalism and labor law in Seattle in the following year. In 2022, Clara fulfilled her dream of moving to Berlin to work and study with help from the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals Fellowship. Following a semester of study at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Clara translated her expertise in US border violence research to an EU context, with research contributions to the Balkans-focused Border Violence Monitoring Network. Clara is excited to bring her passion for intercultural exchange, and a belief in the power of education as a driver of change to her position with Humanity in Action. She is thrilled to engage in this community of thoughtful and driven individuals.



**FOGHA MC**  
**CORNILIUS REFEM**  
**(he/him)**

Program Co-Director

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 RTC 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.



**PAULI SPRANG**  
**(they/them)**

Program Co-Director

Pauli is Humanity in Action's International Fellowship Coordinator and Germany's Program Director for the Berlin Fellowship, working towards accessibility, care, and pleasure.

Holding a MA in Gender and Sexuality Studies from SOAS University of London, their work is inspired by queer and decolonial theories of utopia. Currently, they are drawn to other epistemologies and learning to accompany birth, death, and grieving processes.

In all their work, Pauli is holding the importance of intimate, body centered transformation as key to healing and justice. The approaches they work with understand human and other beings as interconnected, complex wholes and encompass somatic and trauma-informed methods. Whether in their research, facilitation, or in their own community, they are dedicated to the imagination and cultivation of better modes of relating to one another to enhance everyone's wellbeing and to bring about social and political change. Pauli is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin 2019).



**JIHAD YAGOUBI**  
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Emotional Support  
Coordinator

Jihad Yagoubi is a PhD candidate at the Freie Universität Berlin, finalizing their doctoral thesis on the topic of "Gender, ethnic and racial identities, and land justice in Morocco". Jihad's quest for decolonial praxis blurs the lines between their academic research and community organizing. Their research practice revolves around Intersectionality and Black Feminist Thought, Black Internationalism, Feminist Political Ecology, or global conversations around Transformative Justice from the perspectives of marginalized communities.

Besides their doctoral thesis, they work towards creating and consolidating Safer Spaces for Queer and racialized (BIPOC) communities in Berlin, and also spaces for conversation about racial justice in northern Africa.

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# BEYOND THE FELLOWSHIP

## ACTION PROJECTS

Action Projects are the means of enabling Humanity in Action Fellows to initiate engagement that extends 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 a platform for applying lessons from the fellowship to real-life social justice issues in broader communities. Action Projects serve as the gateway to ongoing participation in the global network of Humanity in Action experts and Senior Fellows. Fellows' Action Project ideas must be **submitted by Friday, September 29, 2023.**

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## SUPPORT

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

advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences and social entrepreneurship. During the 2023 Berlin Fellowship, you will get all the information and guidance you need to get prepared and ready to act!

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## ACTION LABS

In addition to the in-person program, we organize a series of Action Labs from September 2023 until May 2024. This training program takes place virtually once a month and is designed to support skills development and the realization of the Action Projects.

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## EVALUATIONS

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

- Contributing to the project evaluation (sharing your observations in a constructive manner, completing the evaluation surveys, 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! We will provide a feedback form. The deadline for the Letter to the Board is **Sunday July 30, 2023.**

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## REACH OUT

We love hearing from you. Feel free to reach out to us at any time and stay in touch!

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