

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

HUMANITY IN
ACTION

PROGRAM BOOKLET

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ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an educational organization dedicated to enhancing democratic values and promoting human rights. Building from a number of summer fellowship programs in Europe and the U.S., Humanity in Action seeks to create an enduring community among future leaders. Since its founding in 1998, Humanity in Action has engaged more than 1,300 outstanding students from the U.S. and Europe.

Founded in 2005, **Humanity in Action France** is based in Paris and designs international educational programs for decision-makers of today and tomorrow to respond to the challenges that democratic countries face as they become more diverse societies, including training on diversity issues, discrimination and equal opportunity in a historical, comparative and action-oriented perspective. In doing so, **Humanity in Action France** aims at educating a new generation of social innovators who will take action to build more inclusive and cohesive societies - and at promoting knowledge and dialogue among public institutions, businesses and civil society.

Humanity in Action France is part of the transatlantic Humanity in Action network with partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, and the United States.

The 2015 Humanity in Action Fellowship in Paris brings together a group of 22 university students and recent graduates from France, Greece and the United States to explore historic and contemporary human rights issues linked to diversity in France. The highly interdisciplinary program **concludes with the Humanity in Action International Conference “Gateway to Justice: The Hague”**, in The Hague, Netherlands, bringing together more than 250 participants from all over Europe and the United States.

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OUTLINE OF THE HIA SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The HIA France fellowship brings together twenty-two students from the US, France and Greece willing to deepen their knowledge and act on questions related to minority issues, equal opportunities and diversity in their societies. This unique fellowship specifically addresses these issues through a historical, comparative, and action-oriented perspective. The program is highly interdisciplinary, and features daily lectures and discussions with renowned academics, journalists, politicians, and activists, as well as site visits to non-profit, think-tank and community organizations, museums, and memorials. The program seeks to highlight different models of action to remedy injustice.

VISION

The objective of the Humanity in Action Fellowship is to facilitate a collective exploration of the social and political roots of discrimination, as well as to create a forum where potential solutions can be considered and discussed. The program is also intended to instill a responsibility among Humanity in Action Fellows to recognize and address the need to protect minorities and promote human rights—in their own communities and around the world. Humanity in Action uses the same methodology in all its educational programs: looking at the past to understand the present and act on the future.

APPROACH

During 5 intensive weeks, Fellows will explore the practices and theories underlying the concept of French Republicanism, and how it can accommodate cultural, ethnic and religious difference within its view of the state, the nation, law and politics. Although France is the focus of the Paris program, the scope of topics discussed is much broader and touch upon other national contexts, notably Greece. Topics include diversity in politics and the business world, the rise of populism in Europe, racism and xenophobia, hostility towards Roma groups, homophobia, and anti-muslim sentiments. The French program also addresses the history of slavery, colonialism, the Holocaust, the history of France towards its overseas territories and its impact on common representations, public discourse and policies. During the program, the fellows offer perspectives from their own countries and discuss them in a comparative setting with their international peers.

ACTION PROJECT

As a requirement for participation, Fellows commit themselves to implementing an “Action Project” in their home communities after they completed the Fellowship Program. In order to provide the fellows with the necessary skills, the French program offers skills training work-shops such as media training, debate training, and an introduction to project development, fundraising and networking.

After 3 weeks of sessions and workshops, Fellows dedicate their time on the program to research, and conduct interviews in order to come up with an innovative strategy for the project they will be implementing afterwards.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Staff will let you know about any changes as early ahead as possible. You should always make sure that you are up to date.

Main program locations include the following:

HIA France Office, 336 rue des Pyrénées, 75020 Paris

Institut des Cultures d'Islam, 19 rue Léon, 75018 Paris

Institut Montaigne, 59 rue de la Boétie, 75008 Paris

Mémorial de la Shoah, 17 Rue Geoffroy l'Asnier, 75004 Paris

Friday, May 29

American and Greek Fellows arrive in Paris and go to their host families.

Saturday, May 30

The Humanity in Action Fellows get to know each other and the team. Humanity in Action France staff introduces the program and provides practical information about life in Paris. An innovative guided tour of selected areas of the city center introduces the Fellows to parts of the extensive histories of Paris and French diversity. To mark the opening of the Fellowship together with host families, Senior Fellows and members of the board of directors of Humanity in Action France, this day culminates in an evening reception.

10:00-12:30	Getting to Know Paris "Paris at glance: a diverse-city tour"
13:00-14:00	Welcome to Humanity in Action Lunch and Welcome address by Humanity In Action France
14:00-14:45	Debriefing from the morning tour
14:45-15:30	Introduction to the program's principles and values Kaoutar Abousmir, Humanity In Action France Director
15:30-16:30	Introduction to the Program Logistics and Practicalities Martine Alonso Marquis, HIA France Program Coordinator
16:45-18:00	Getting to Know Each Other: Introduction game Edi Ebiefung, HIA Senior Fellow 2014
18:30-20:30	Welcome and Program Opening Reception <i>with Summer Fellows, Senior Fellows and host families</i> Address by Elsa Jacquemin, Director of Institut des Cultures d'Islam Welcome by Ignacio Peticollot, HIA France Board Member

Sunday, May 31st

After the Fellows reach consensus on the common rules for the coming weeks, this day outlines the theoretical frameworks that will serve as reference points throughout the program. They will also start exploring concepts with prominent experts in the field of history and minorities and discover the history of France's diversity through the streets of the capital. On a tour through the African quarter of Paris, the Fellows see the vestiges of its colonial past and understand its ramifications on the social dynamics of present-day France society.

- 10:00-11:30 **"Intercultural Competence: Creating a Safe Space"**
Noufel Bouzeboudja, Writer and journalist
- 11:45-13:00 **Agreeing on Ground Rules for Discussions and Debriefing Sessions**
Group work and establishment of the Fellowship Charta
Martine Alonso Marquis, HIA France Program Coordinator
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:15 **"France, the United States, and their Revolutionary Heritage"**
Anne-Lorraine Bujon, Editorial Director for the program on law and globalization at the Institut des Hautes Études sur la Justice
- 15:30-17:00 **"The Concept of Minority"**
Pap Ndiaye, historian and lecturer at EHESS
- 17:30-19:30: **Guided visit of the Goutte d'Or neighbourhood**
Original tour by Kévi Donat

Monday, June 1st

French culture is enriched by many origins and traditions, rooted in history: regional cultures, overseas territories, cultural interactions inherited from European history and from colonization, from the French-speaking cultural area, *etc.* The first days of the programs are designed for the Fellows to reflect on essential concepts and historical developments affecting current trends.

- 10:00-11:30 **"Race versus Place? Comparing Affirmative Action Policies in the United States and France"**
Daniel Sabbagh, Senior Research Fellow at Sciences Po-CERI/CNRS
- 11:45-13:15 **"Urban police violence and institutional discrimination in France and the United States"**
Sophie Body-Gendrot, Professor of Political Science and American studies at the Sorbonne and Director of the Center for Urban Studies
- 13:15-14:00 *Lunch*
- 17:30-18:15 **Documentary Film: "The Steps to Liberty"**
- 18:15-19:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Noufel Bouzeboudja

19:00-20:30 **Perspectives and insights on French Overseas Territories,**
Isis Labeau-Caberia, HIA Senior Fellow from Outre-Mer

Tuesday, June 2nd

The Fellow will take a closer look at one of the major debates of French cultural policy, which concerns the recognition of cultural minorities, national or foreign, present on its territory.

10:00-11:30 **"Equal opportunities for the French Overseas youth"**
Sophie Elizéon, Interministerial Delegate for France Overseas

11:30-13:00 **"D'ailleurs et d'ici: Pulling Minority Voices into French History"**
Marc Cheb Sun, journalist and editor

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:00 **Visit and presentation of *Génériques*,**
Sarah Clément, General Delegate at Génériques

15:00-16:30 **"France's history of immigration in the 20th Century"**
Louisa Zanoun, historian, head of research and cultural affairs at *Génériques*

20:00-22:00 **"Shining Hopes behind the Shadows"**
Between art and serious messages
Fun and original musical in Paris, at Télécom ParisTech! Performances

Wednesday, June 3rd

The Fellows develop their self-reflection about cultural shapings and their understanding of the dynamics of racisms that impact our societies today. On a tour through the Chinese Quarter of Paris, the Fellows encounter a different aspect of the dynamics of diversity of France society.

09:30-11:00 **"Jeunes de Quartier - Neighbourhood Youth, a Political Identity?"**
Tara Dickman, Community organizer, trainer & strategy consultant

11:15-13:15 **"The 1983 Anti-Racist March: Thirty Years on"**
Toumi Djaïdja, Activist and Leader of the Anti-Racist movement

13:15-14:15 *Lunch*

14:15-15:45 **"Memories of Slavery and Colonialism in Postcolonial France"**
Françoise Vergès, Historian

17:00-19:00 **Guided visit of "Black Paris, the Pioneers of the Rive Gauche"**
Original tour by Kévi Donat

19:00-20:00 **Discussion and debriefing at *Comptoir Général***

Thursday, June 4th

Diversity is not an official category of public policy in France. Therefore, the Fellows will encounter two types of policies dealing more or less explicitly with inequalities and aim at promoting equality between citizens or neighbourhoods. On the one hand, The *Cité nationale de l'histoire de l'immigration* (national centre of the history of immigration), opened in 2007 in Paris, is the only national museum dedicated to the history and cultures of immigration in France. The Fellows will then examine why France's urban planning is questioned.

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| 10:30-12:30 | Guided visit of the Cité Nationale de l'Histoire de l'Immigration |
| 12:30-13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00-15:15 | Fellows Discussion
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Edi Ebiefung |
| 15:30-17:00 | "Understanding Paris's relations to its periphery"
Bocar Niane, Activist and HIA Senior Fellow
Slimane Tirera, Director of NewVO Radio |
| 17:30-19:00 | Presentation and visit of the European Grassroots Antiracist Movement , Benjamin Abtan, Board Member of EGAM |

Friday, June 5th

Concern about the place and visibility of Islam in the secular French democracy has stimulated action by the public authorities to counter discrimination. In the next two days, the Fellows will discuss the combination of informal and formal mechanisms that have emerged in France to prevent discrimination, on one hand, and promote integration on the other hand.

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| 9:00-10:00 | "Identity dynamics and Youth political commitment"
Paris suburb and French contemporary identities
Karim Bouhassoun, Advisor to President of Franche-Comté Region |
| 10:00-11:30 | "History of Anti-Racist Movements in France from 1980 to today"
Rokhaya Diallo, Founder and former president of Les Indivisibles |
| 11:45-13:00 | Fellows Discussion
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Edi Ebiefung |
| 13:00-14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00-15:00 | Decrypting "islamophobia and Inclusive Islam"
Ijtihad Lefèvre, Activist, Secretary General of HIA Network France |
| 15:15-16:15 | "Voices behind the Veil"
Faïza Zarouala, Author and journalist at Bondy Blog |
| 16:30-17:30 | "Blasphemy as Therapy for Freedom of Expression"
a Cartoonist's Testimonial, by Z. |
| 18:00-19:00 | Debriefing & Discussion with the fellows |

Saturday, June 6th

- 10:00-12:15 **"Dealing with islamophobia today" Roundtable discussion**
Ijtihad Lefèvre, Activist, Secretary General of HIA Network France
Elsa Ray, Spokesperson, Collectif Contre l'islamophobie en France
- 12:15-13:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30-15:30 **Guided visit of the Great Paris Mosque**
- 15:30-17:00 **Fellows Discussion around tea in the Salon of the Great Paris Mosque**
Moderated by Kaoutar Abousmir

Sunday, June 7th

No Program

Monday, June 8th

Today, the Fellows study another page of France's colonial history through a topic that is often neglected in the context of memorialization. They also reflect on the increasing number of asylum seekers in Europe.

- 10:00-11:30 **"The Memory of the Algerian War"**
Souad Belhaddad, Journalist, writer and actress
- 11:45-13:00 **"An invisible visible minority? Asians in France"**
Rui Wang, Association des Jeunes Chinois de France
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:15 **"How is Europe treating its refugees?"**
Hélène Soupios-David & Tiphaine Lefebvre,
HIA Senior Fellows and Representatives of *France Terre d'Asile*
- 15:30-17:00 **"From Syria to Montpellier: Testimonials from Syrian refugees"**
Alia Mrie & Sami Hawash
- 17:00-18:00 **Fellows Discussion and Debriefing**
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Edi Ebiefung

Tuesday, June 9th

The Fellows will explore strategies to counter economic discrimination and social exclusion, through specific case studies. This day is another opportunity for the Fellows to meet local actors of La Goutte d'Or and to get inspiration for action.

- 10:00-12:00 **"Promoting diversity and inclusiveness in business: an example of French affirmative action",**
Benjamin Blavier, HIA France Board Member, Founder of *Passeport Avenir*

- 12:15-13:15 **“Presentation of the Café Social and introduction to the challenges lived by aging migrants”**, by Association Ayyem Zamen
- 13:15-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **“An example of local action: Access to health for African women in La Goutte d’Or”**
Tiphaine Avrillon, social worker at URACA Center
- 16:00-17:30 **“Intersectional Feminism”**
Sihame Assbague, Activist, Consultant at StudioPraxis
- 17:30-18:30 **Fellows Group Discussions**
Moderated by Kaoutar Abousmir and Edi Ebiefung

Wednesday, June 10th

Why and how should the Shoah be "taught" in the 21st century? Fellows will learn about the transmission of the memory and the lessons of the Shoah. Such issues are at the heart of the Memorial's mission, and of the work of the historians, researchers and educators who come together here to be a source of inspiration open to all, ready to welcome the new generations. The scene will be set for an afternoon workshop on contemporary antisemitism.

- 10:30-12:00 **Guided visit of the Memorial de la Shoah**
- 12:00-13:30 **Fellows Discussion at the Memorial de la Shoah**
Moderated by Noufel Bouzeboudja and Kaoutar Abousmir
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch in LeMarais*
- 15:00-17:00 **Evolution of antisemitism in France from 1945 until today**
Workshop and interactive discussion
Fabrice Teicher, President of the Association Passeurs de Mémoires
- 17:00-18:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
Moderated by Noufel Bouzeboudja and Kaoutar Abousmir

Thursday, June 11th

This day is two-fold. First, The Fellows will be presented with the history of the Drancy camp, where 70 years after the start of the deportation of the Jews of France towards nazi extermination camps, the Shoah Memorial inaugurated at Drancy, a new space destined for the history and education of that period, opposite the Cité de la Muette. On the way back to the capital, the Fellows will discover the Indian quarter as part of Paris colorful history.

- 10:00-13:30 **Guided visit of the Cité de la Muette, Drancy concentration camp**
- 13:30-15:00 *Lunch and return to Paris*

- 15:15-16:30 **Fellows Group Discussions**
 Moderated by Kaoutar Abousmir and Edi Ebiefung
- 17:00-19:00 **Cultural tour of Paris Little India**

Friday, June 12th

The Fellows will reflect on “imagined borders”, sexuality, religion and prejudiced perceptions. They will then discover another neighborhood of Paris that has been marked by various waves of immigration.

- 09:30-11:30 **“How on Earth can you be Heterosexual”**
 Louis-Georges Tin, President of the CRAN
- 11:45-13:15 **“Religious education in France”**
 Marine Quenin, political scientist and founder of ENQUÊTE
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch in Belleville*
- 15:00-17:00 **Guided visit of Belleville “Immigration through the decades”**
 Original tour by Kévi Donat
- 17:00-18:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
 Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Kaoutar Abousmir
- 19:00-22:00 **A movie TBA seen from the perspective of a Rroma**
 Mirabela Maragelu, Rroma mediator and activist

Saturday, June 13th

Does interfaith dialogue work? How are our perceptions of the other shaped? The Fellows will discuss means of striving for peace, overcoming ignorance and indifference, and building bridges of understanding and compassion between adherents of different faiths and traditions.

- 10:00-13:00 **“Interfaith Dialogue in Europe today” Roundtable discussion**
 Thibaut Tekla, Dialogue Delegate at Coexister
 Samia Hathroubi, Foundation for Ethnic Understanding
 Rafaël Tyszblat, European Mediation Institute
- 13:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **“History of the Rroma”**
 Saimir Mile, Rroma activist, Chair of “The Voice of Rroma”
- 15:45-17:30 **“Take the Rroma out of your head and get to know the Rroma in front of you”, Perception game**
 Mirabela Maragelu, Rroma activist
- 17:30-18:30 **Fellows Group Discussions**
 Moderated by Kaoutar Abousmir and Edi Ebiefung

Sunday, June 14th

Greece, like many other European countries, has seen the rise of populist parties and politicians who convey a strong and disconcerting anti-immigrant message. Populism is not a new phenomenon, nor is it necessarily linked to the political right or even constrained to politics at all. So what exactly is populism, why is it perceived as a threat to democracy and what are possible strategies to counter it?

- 10:00-13:30 **Spotlight on Greece, Presentations by Summer Fellows from Greece**
- "The Impact of the Crisis: unemployment and other consequences"
by Odysseas Konstantinakos
 - "Seeking Refuge and Asylum: the Situation in Greece"
by Sylvia Delapaschou
 - "Civic Engagement: the role of youth and NGOs in Greece"
by Maria Adamopoulou
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30-15:30 **"Speaking about Greece: a European Crisis"**
Kaoutar Abousmir, Former adviser at European Parliament
- 15:30-17:00 **"Rethinking the immigration debate"**
Marley Morris, Author, Researcher at the Institute for Public Research
- 17:00-18:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Edi Ebiefung

Monday, June 15th

From this day onwards, the sessions will continue the conversations on human rights related topics while the Fellows work individually and in small groups to develop their action project. During "group work on action projects", the Fellows learn how to maximize the impact of their future Action Project and explore how to effectively translate ideas into action.

- 10:00-10:45 **"Racism and xenophobia in sports"**
Patrick Mignon, Researcher at the INSEP
- 11:00-11:45 **"French football supporters and their links to right-wing extremism",**
Nicolas Kissis Martov, Journalist at SoFoot.com
- 12:00-12:45 **"Is football a natural vehicle of nationalism?"**
Loïc Trégourès, Researcher and journalist
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-17:00 **Community Organizing Workshop**
Tara Dickman, Community organizer, trainer & strategy consultant
- 17:00-19:00 **Individual and Group work on action projects**

Tuesday, June 16th

"Betzavta" is a Hebrew word and means "together". The title of this method of learning democracy sets the program and philosophical background at the same time. Through a series of workshops containing an interactive task or activity followed by a reflection session afterwards, the goal of the day is for people to delve into their natural patterns and behaviors, while the reflection session afterwards gives an opportunity to reflect on that behavior.

- 10:00-13:30 **"Democracy with Betzavta: Between the Personal and the Political"**
Tali Padan, Director of Mellem Education
- 13:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-17:00 **Continuation of the workshop**
- 17:00-18:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Kaoutar Abousmir

Wednesday, June 17th

What have diversity policies achieved in France? Are spatial peripheries necessarily marking social peripheries? The Fellows will have to reflect on the realities of the "suburbs" of Paris; discuss the role of the media today and deconstruct common perceptions on minorities.

- 9:30-11:00 **"Diversity in the Workplace: 11 years on"**
Soraya Khadir, HIA France Board member, Consultant in Diversity
- 11:15-13:15 **Social Media Campaigning and Fundraising Workshop**
Leila Haddouche, HIA Senior Fellow and Social Media Consultant
- 13:15-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:15 **"Media Representation of the French Banlieue"**
Ladji Real, Actor and filmmaker
- 15:30-16:45 **"Diversity in the French Media"**
Florence Morice, Journalist
- 17:00-18:30 **"Case study: the perception of Rroma in the Paris metro"**
Prejudice toward Rroma: what people do and what people say.
A field experiment in Paris metro
Martin Aranguren, researcher at EHESS
- 20:00-21:30 **"Economic discrimination against women and the Pink Tax"**
Géraldine Franck & Sophie Janinet, Feminist Collective *Georgette Sand*

Thursday, June 18th

The Fellows will get a first-hand expertise set with the *Institut Montaigne*, a French think tank aiming to promote both competitiveness and social cohesion and shape public policy by bringing together leaders from civil society, industry, university, and public administration, fostering independent thinking on policy matters and exploring ideas free from any economic or political preconceptions. The afternoon is then dedicated to the specific case of one vulnerable minority.

- 10:00-12:30 **Visit and Presentation of Institut Montaigne, Think Thank**
“Economic discrimination, equal opportunities to employment and education” by Lucie Piolot et Hugo Micheron
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:15 **“Transgender migrants in France”**
by Giovanna from Acceptess-t
- 15:30-18:30 **Individual and Group Work on Action Projects**
with *HIA France > Senior Fellows network*

Friday, June 19th

All Fellows are required to implement an Action Project within one year after completion of the Fellowship program, projects may differ significantly in their thematic scope, size, number of people involved etc. The Fellows are therefore provided with examples of Action Projects successfully conducted. In the evening, the Fellows meet with Dr Judith Goldstein, the Founder and Executive Director of Humanity in Action. Through a conversation with her, the Fellows have the opportunity to discover more about the origins and aims of Humanity in Action.

- 10:00-13:30 **Action Projects at glance, Presentations by Senior Fellows**
- “Training Package for Allophone Families”
Barbara Joannon, Project & Advocacy Officer at *Forum réfugiés*
 - “Sistas Club” for proactive young female
Yolande Libène, Founder of the Sistas Club
 - “The Diversity Volcano”
Tonia Asimakopoulou, HIA Senior Fellow from Greece
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-17:00 **Hold-Up on Actions Projects Financing**
Emmanuel Birba, "gangster" at MakeSense.org
Christian Vanizette, Founder of MakeSense.org
- 17:00-18:00 **Meeting with Humanity in Action’s Founder - Dr Judith Goldstein**
Moderated by Edi Ebiefung, Program Intern

Saturday, June 20th

Joint Program with HIA Diversity & Diplomacy Fellowship

The Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is a transatlantic educational program from Humanity in Action offering students the chance to explore the changing international dynamics of diplomacy and diversity. On this occasion, the Fellows will be provided with an extensive workshop on networking skills and discover the diplomatic side of diversity.

- 09:00-12:00 **Workshop on Advanced Networking**
Martine Alonso Marquis, Director of the Pat Cox Fellowship
- 12:00-13:00 *Lunch*
- 13:00-14:00 **Senior Fellow Panel Discussion**
Engaging with the Humanity in Action Community
Tiphaine Lefebvre (Project Coordinator, France Terre d'Asile)
Nabil Berbour (Co-founder, Studio Praxis)
Maryna Soula (Senior Fellow, Humanity in Action)
Presider: Ignacio Petitcollot (International Development Manager)
- 15:30-17:00 **Guided visit of Institut du Monde Arabe**
- 17:00-18:00 **Debriefing and discussion with the fellows**
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Kaoutar Abousmir

Sunday, June 21st

Ahead of their meeting with Algerian-Canadian documentary filmmaker Nadia Zouaoui, Fellows watch a significant piece of her work that has been rewarded internationally. The rest of the day is dedicated to the development and building of individual action projects. The afternoon gives space for sharing personal experiences about action projects and to make room for more brainstorming about turning initial ideas into actions.

- 11:00-12:00 **Movie Time: "Nadia's Journey"**
A movie by Nadia Zouaoui, Journalist and documentary film maker
- 12:00-13:00 **Group discussion with the fellows**
Developing Action Projects
Moderated by Martine Alonso Marquis and Kaoutar Abousmir
- 13:00-18:00 **Individual and Group work on action projects**
Fellows have the chance to refine their project pitches and to prepare their project presentations.
- 18:00 onwards **Celebrating World Music day**
Optional program

Monday, June 22nd

Fellows meet with Journalist and Filmmaker Nadia Zouaoui to discuss her work and the movie they have watched the day before and then exchange views on the particular issue affecting equality of chances in relation with France overseas territories. The afternoon is dedicated to preparing the Humanity in Action International Conference, focusing mainly on international justice and mass atrocities.

- 09:30-11:45 **"Nadia's Journey", violence against women**
Discussion with filmmaker Nadia Zouaoui
- 12:00-13:30 **"Equality of chances and access to employment and education for youth in French Oversea Territories"**
Prof. Eustase Janky, Conseil économique, social et environnemental
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:00-17:00 **"Judging Crimes Against Humanity, Historical and Legal Aspects"**
Workshop with Fabrice Teicher, President of Association *Passeurs de Mémoires*
- 17:30-18:30 **"Have war crimes tribunals helped to prevent mass atrocities?"**
Chuck Sudetic, Writer and journalist (*via Skype*)

Tuesday, June 23rd

All Fellows meet to present and receive feedback on the development of their Action Projects.

- 10:00-13:00 **Presentation of Action Projects followed by exchange of views**
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-16:00 **Fellows present Action Projects followed by exchange of views**
- 16:00-17:00 **Debriefing and wrap up**

Wednesday, June 24th

- 09:30-13:00 **Fellows present Action Projects followed by exchange of views**
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-16:00 **Evaluation of the Program**
- 18:00 **Hand in Project Plans**
- 19:00 *Cooking & farewell activities*

Thursday, June 25th

07:30 **General Meeting**
08:00 **Departure for The Hague**
15:00 **Arrival in The Hague**

Humanity in Action International Conference

When? June 25 to June 28, 2015
Where? The Hague, The Netherlands

The Humanity in Action International Conference is the annual gathering of Humanity in Action Fellows, Senior Fellows, Board members, friends and partner organizations.

The 2015 International Conference, titled “Gateway to Justice: The Hague,” will investigate the city’s unique role to shaping international values and institutions. The Hague has become the epicenter of engagement in international issues, especially in regard to peace, justice and reconciliation.

GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Group Discussions in the Program mostly take place at the end of the day, after the sessions with the speakers are over. They follow a highly participant-centered, rather than teacher-centered approach in which every Fellow will be expected to contribute actively. Lack of participation is taken seriously by the staff and will be addressed.

We will be primarily contextualizing the contributions from the speakers—clarifying the concepts they have introduced, questioning them, and thinking imaginatively about the issues they've presented. It is important to bear in mind that one idea or concept might not mean quite the same in France that it does in the US or in Greece. Thus, we ask you to approach the discussions with an open mind, aware of the “cultural lenses” with which we approach reality, trying not to jump to assumptions. For the American and Greek fellows, this is an ex-citing opportunity to gain an understanding of the French socio-political context and compare it with the models in their home countries. To assist them, we hope the French fellows will become “cultural translators” who can contextualize things and provide the necessary background to grasp the issues we will be exploring (same for the American and Greek fellows when talking about their own countries). For the French fellows, the discussions offer an opportunity to deepen their own knowledge about France and question the “received wisdom” with which they have grown up, as well as hearing about different approaches from the international fellows.

Another important goal of the discussions will be integrating the readings assigned for that day, so please make sure that you have read the articles the day before the sessions.

The discussions should be active, dynamic, intellectually challenging and rigorous, as well as a safe space to explore difficult/controversial questions. In order to achieve this, we ask that all participants: respect some basic rules of etiquette:

- Read the assigned articles in an active and critical manner and ensure that they are fresh in your mind on the day in which we'll discuss them.
- Remain active during the morning and afternoon sessions; thinking critically and taking notes/questions that can be used during the discussion.
- Finally, never be afraid to say you don't understand something or ask for clarification. The only stupid question is the one that remains unasked.

We hope the group discussions will be inspiring and empowering; it is here that a lot of the actual learning and growth will happen. The staff will be facilitating these sessions but it is you, the fellows, who are responsible to make sure they are a success.

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