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Hans Binnendijk
Chairman of the Board of Directors

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Minority rights are once again of strategic importance on both sides of the Atlantic. The need has never been greater for innovative thinking about the new challenges surrounding immigration, the integration of minorities, and the delicate balance between respect for diversity and the maintenance of core political, social, and cultural values in democratic societies. If these challenges go unattended, they can lead to national abuse and extremist responses.

HIA programs bring together witnesses to the past, experts of the present, and leaders for the future to think carefully and creatively about these issues. The programs are unique in bringing a transatlantic perspective to bear on domestic minority issues, promoting a set of common values and understandings among tomorrow's leaders. They have the potential to restore some of the lost trust across the Atlantic.

In its first decade, HIA built a strong set of international programs in six countries. The impact of HIA programs on the Fellows is profound and life changing. Lasting bonds of collaboration, friendship, and accountability among present and future leaders are among the most important and immediate outcomes of these programs. HIA is the nexus of an extensive network of speakers, board members, advisors, partner organizations, and young professionals in diverse fields who come to HIA as Fellows in the core programs and continue their involvement through the Senior Fellows Associations.

The challenge ahead is to build new institutions to support this network as HIA enters its second decade. Thanks to a grant from the Ford Foundation, HIA has completed a yearlong process of evaluation and strategic planning. As a result, HIA will establish two Centers in 2008, one in the U.S. and one in Europe. These Centers will build HIA's capacity to sustain and improve its existing programs for university students, expand programming for the Senior Fellows as young professionals, and embark on new initiatives oriented to business, political, and social leaders who are confronting minority issues.

The Board of Directors is grateful to all whose expertise, commitment, and support have sustained and inspired us.

Sincerely,

Hans Binnendijk, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Judith Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Defining HIA precisely is a complex task since HIA blends national and international perspectives, specific and broad educational strategies, and immediate and long-term goals. Initially, the core programs provide an intense five-week immersion in knowledge about complex minority issues. Then HIA seeks, in multiple ways, to engage its network in ongoing civic engagement oriented to the improvement of democratic societies.

HIA depends for programs, governance and administration upon connections among Fellows from different countries in the core programs; among Fellows from different years; and among different national boards, programs directors, coordinators, interns, and lecturers from a multiplicity of disciplines.

HIA programs explore connections between past and present and among the Second World War, the Holocaust and human rights doctrines and institutions, all of which constitute the historic base for connecting to contemporary issues. These connections were clear when the Polish program met with Halina Bortnowska-Dąbrowska and Marek Antoni Nowicki, two leaders of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Warsaw. They had courageously pressed the Communist government to live up to human rights agreements that the Polish government had signed in the 1970s. When asked by HIA Fellows to connect their past actions with the present, these two Polish leaders implored the Fellows to be committed to ideals: “Stay with it. Do something real—one step at a time. Object to ethnic smears. Work on public opinion. Be careful to challenge all forms of xenophobia and anti-Semitism.”

Although most of us do not live in areas of violent conflict, such as the Middle East or several African countries, passivity and latent fears in regard to minority issues are pervasive in too many countries. Fear is used as a political tool to win elections. Passivity is employed as a way of stepping back from dealing with incendiary issues such as diversity, the use of torture, and the war in Iraq.

Some in the HIA network will act in political and legal realms, some in the fields of science, medicine, the arts and journalism. Whatever the profession or course of work, HIA tries to provide unique connections between individual values and collective strength; between hope and despair; between conviction and action; and between the force of the state and the freedom of the individual to assert his or her own power to resist violations of human rights.

Judith Goldstein, Ph.D.
Founder and Executive Director

MISSION AND VALUES

HUMANITY IN ACTION is an international consortium that fulfills its mission to instill the values of human dignity and moral responsibility for the protection of the rights of minorities in a new generation of social, cultural, and political leaders by:

- Engaging student leaders in histories of resistance to institutionalized violations of minority rights in democratic countries;
- Promoting the growth and development of young professionals dedicated to protecting human dignity and the rights of minorities;
- Building a multi-national, intergenerational network of present and emerging leaders in diverse professional fields who share these commitments.

HIA BELIEVES that an important test of a genuine democracy is how it treats its racial, ethnic, and religious minorities, and that the commitment to democratic values and the protection of minorities cannot be taken for granted in the United States and Europe.

Therefore, HIA seeks to engage younger generations in histories of resistance and to inspire them to fulfill their moral responsibilities to protect those in danger from institutionalized violations of minority rights. It seeks to strengthen the commitment of American and European university students to democratic values and to foster their knowledge of resistance to intolerance—past and present.

The Holocaust, among the most devastating examples of human failure in the denial of rights to minorities, is the historical starting point for HIA. But HIA moves beyond the pathology of evil to explore the little-studied norms of decency and human triumphs. Examples of moral rectitude and courage are central to all HIA inquiries. Concentrating on historic and contemporary examples of protection of minorities, HIA seeks to identify the conditions under which people act according to the highest principles, and to encourage university students to become morally responsive citizens.



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HIA 2007 PROGRAMS IN REVIEW

January 15 – May 30	● Congressman Tom Lantos / HIA Capitol Hill Internship Program
March 1 – May 30	● Pat Cox / HIA Brussels Internship Program
March 17	● American Senior Fellows Association Conference, New York
June 2-5	● European Opening Program, Berlin
June 6-30	● Danish Core Program, Copenhagen ● Dutch Core Program, Amsterdam ● French Core Program, Paris ● German Core Program, Berlin ● Polish Core Program, Warsaw
July 2-4	● European Closing Program, Berlin
July 9 – August 10	● American Core Program / Transatlantic Study and Internship Program, New York
August 13 – October 12	● American Program Internships in San Francisco
August 18 – November 16	● American Program Internships in Berlin
October 6-12	● Introducing America Program, New York
November 2-4	● European Senior Fellows Conference
January 13-17, 2008	● Introducing America Program, Washington, DC

AMERICAN CORE PROGRAM / TRANSATLANTIC STUDY AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The United States is a nation that is wrestling with its commitments to diversity and equality. From rising nativism to racial profiling, greater income disparity to an increasingly segregated school system, examples abound of America's failures to live up to its ideals. Despite these failings—or perhaps because of them—the U.S. features many striking examples of current leaders with the moral imagination to pursue actively a more tolerant, participatory, and equitable democracy.

In the 2007 American Core Program / Transatlantic Study and Internship Program, university students from six countries came together in New York to study U.S. minority issues from a wide range of perspectives and to explore innovative models of action addressing them. Fellows met with politicians, journalists, artists, scholars and NGO leaders. The Fellows made site visits ranging from immigration hearings to alternative youth courts and traversed the New York area from Brooklyn to Harlem and Queens to Newark, New Jersey.

The result was a vibrant, comparative dialogue that inspired participants to question their assumptions about American society and, as their reports suggest, to think creatively about American minority issues.

Following the Core Program in New York, Fellows from Europe participated in internships at grassroots organizations in San Francisco; six of the American Fellows completed internships in Berlin. The internship programs provided a window into American and German not-for-profits, foundations, and all levels of government—and the ways in which these various institutions work together. The internships significantly enhanced the Fellows' capacities to develop constructive programs and policies in regard to minorities as young leaders in their respective countries.

HIA is grateful to all who contributed to the success of this ambitious program, including its major sponsors: The Ford Foundation, The Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund and The Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany through funds of the European Recovery Program of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

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Program Coordinator: Nick Farrell

Berlin Internship Coordinators: Anne Stalfort, Rainer Ohliger

San Francisco Internship Coordinator: Michael Allan

Interns: Nailah Fernando and Julia Winding

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The American Program Fellows visit The National Dance Institute

2007 AMERICAN CORE PROGRAM FELLOWS

Denmark

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Anders Pedersen, *University of Copenhagen*

Jakob Tuborgh, *University Copenhagen*

France

Soraya Khadir, *French Institute of Geopolitics*

Halimatou Nimaga, *Sciences Po Paris*

Alix Zuinghedau, *Humboldt University*

Germany

Katharina Binz, *University of Mainz*

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Shauna Aminath, *Westminster College*

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Jessie Dessus, *Hunter College*

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Diana Jou, *University of California, Irvine*

Thomas M. Miller, *Whitman College*

Sian O'Faolain, *Princeton University*

Hollis Wear, *Seattle University*

Kayla Rae Whitaker, *University of Kentucky*

Sean Williams, *University of Iowa*

2007 AMERICAN CORE PROGRAM

Monday, July 9

Program Introduction

- Welcome and Introductions, Matthew Hirshberg, Co-Director
- "What is HIA?" Judith Goldstein, Executive Director, HIA
- "The HIA Fellowship Experience," Elidor Mehilli, Senior Fellow
- "Introduction to the American Program," David Machacek, Associate Director, HIA
- Film: "Four Hours in My Lai"
- Fellows Presentations:
 - "Secularism in France"
 - "Religion in Poland"

Tuesday, July 10

Diversity in America: An Overview

- "Managing and Regulating Diversity in America," Peter Schuck, Yale Law School
- "Philanthropy and Volunteerism," Arthur Brooks, Syracuse University
- "The American Constitutional Tradition," Burt Neuborne, Legal Director, Brennan Center for Justice, NYU
- "Race and Economic Inequality," Dalton Conley, NYU
- Fellows Presentations:
 - "Racism in Germany"
 - "Free Speech in Denmark"
 - "Tolerance in the Netherlands"

Wednesday, July 11

Refugees & Asylees

- Observe Asylum Hearings, U.S. Immigration Court
- "Overview of Refugee Resettlement Program," Bob Carey, Vice-President, International Rescue Committee, Resettlement Department
- "Legal Issues for Refugees," Elissa Mittman, National Immigration Director, International Rescue Committee
- Cook-out hosted by Alan Schlechter, Board Member

Thursday July 12

Immigration and Integration

- "Becoming American," John Mollenkopf, Director of the Center for Urban Research, CUNY Graduate Center
- "Poverty in the Native American Community," Tonya Frichner, President and Founder, American Indian Law Alliance
- Lunch with Human Rights Summer Institute students
- Film: "Alienated: Undocumented Immigrant Youth," followed by discussion with Jen Meagher, Educational Video Center
- "Walking Tour: Immigration History of the Lower East Side," Jung Pak, Hunter College

Friday July 13

The Causes of Intolerance

- Film: "Faces of the Enemy"
- "The Neurology of Prejudice," Damian Stanley, New York University
- "Hate Groups on the Internet," Jessie Daniels, Hunter College



Fellows visit Harlem

Sunday July 15	<p>Visit Allen Cathedral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Religion and Economic Development in Jamaica Plains,” Rev. Dr. Floyd Flake, Senior Pastor, Greater Allen, A. M. E. Cathedral of New York
Monday July 16	<p>Race since Brown v. Board of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The Civil Rights Movement and its Legacy,” David Levering Lewis, Professor of History, NYU ● “Education Reform in New York City Public Schools,” Joel Klein, Chancellor, New York City Public Schools ● Visit National Dance Institute
Tuesday July 17	<p>Harlem</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Arts in the Black Community,” Harlem Heritage Tours ● Visit Schomburg Institute, Exhibit on Stereotypes ● Film: “Incarceration in America,” followed by discussion with Shola Lynch, Director
Wednesday July 18	<p>Race, Poverty, and Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Race, Poverty, and Health,” Kai Wright, Writer ● Film: “Harvest of Shame” ● “Immigrants and Migrant Labor in U.S. History,” Aristide Zolberg, New School University ● Board of Directors Reception
Thursday July 19	<p>Justice Sector Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit Red Hook Community Justice Center, Youth Court Model ● Visit Vera Institute of Justice ● “Origins and Mission of Vera Institute of Justice,” Herb Sturz, Founding Chairman ● “Current Programming at Vera,” Monica Thornton, Regional Representative, Altus Global Alliance ● “Alternatives to Youth Incarceration,” Sara Mogulescu, Director of Center for Youth Justice, Vera Institute
Friday July 20	<p>Newark Trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit New Community Corporation – Robert Curvin, Msgr. William Linder, Ray Ocasio ● “The Economic History of Newark,” Richard Roper ● Tour of New Community Development Projects ● Tour of Newark with City History by Robert Curvin ● Visit The Newark Performing Arts Center – Larry Goldman, Executive Director
Saturday July 21	<p>Senior Fellows Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transculturalism, Claude Grunitzky, Editor-in-Chief, TRACE Magazine
Monday July 23	<p>Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Evangelicals and Domestic Politics,” Randall Balmer, Barnard College ● “Evangelicals and US Foreign Policy,” John Washburn, Convener of the American NGO Coalition, International Criminal Court ● “Current Debates over Gay Rights,” Bill Eskridge, Yale Law School
Tuesday July 24	<p>Diversity, Corporate and Religious</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit Saatchi & Saatchi, Diversity in the Corporate Sector ● The Mainline Christian Denominations and Public Moral Issues, Bishop Andrew St. John

Wednesday July 25	<p>The Politics of Poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The Criminal Justice System, Prisons, and the Impact on Black Communities,” James Jacobs, NYU School of Law ● “Association to Benefit Children,” Gretchen Buchenholz, Executive Director, Association to Benefit Children ● “The Welfare State: The U.S. and Europe,” Larry Mead, NYU ● David Saltzman, Robin Hood Foundation
Thursday July 26	<p>Civil Rights/Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Environmental Justice,” Veronica Eady, Senior Staff Attorney, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest ● “Bringing Human Rights Home,” Cynthia Soohoo, Columbia Law School ● “Campaign to Restore Civil Rights,” Marianne Engelman-Lado, General Counsel, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest ● National Dance Institute Final Performance
Friday July 27	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Strategies for Reforming Public Education,” Mimi Corcoran, Executive Director, Beginning with Children Foundation ● “Viewing Education through a Human Rights Framework Models of Engagement,” Ejim Dike, Urban Justice ● “Community Philanthropy Along the U.S-Mexico Border,” Shari Turitz, Director, Strengthening Bridging Organizations ● “High Impact Entrepreneurship/High Impact Change,” Linda Rottenberg, CEO, Endeavor
Saturday July 28	<p>After the Core Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● David Lau, Internships ● Brian McElroy, Action Plans
July 29-August 5	<p>Research and Writing Period</p>
Monday August 6	<p>Human Rights Summer Institute Constitutional Convention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Observe HRSI Mock Constitutional Convention on Education Amendment
August 9-10	<p>Fellows’ Report Presentations</p>

BERLIN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Saturday August 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Orientation ● “Germany’s Way Towards an Immigration Country” ● Tour of the Kreuzberg District guided by Henriette Rytz, HIA Senior Fellow ● Dinner with HIA Senior Fellows hosted by Karl Lemberg, HIA Senior Fellow ● “Immigration Policy within the Framework of the European Union,” Wilhelmina Welsch, HIA Senior Fellow
Wednesday August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Religious Freedom and Muslim Representation in Public Life,” Ufuk Topkara, HIA Senior Fellow
Wednesday August 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Migrant Minorities in Berlin: The City Government’s Integration Policy,” Ulrich Raiser, Office of the Commissioner of the Berlin Senate for Migration and Integration

HIA is the finest of challenges. It dares Fellows to examine their own assumptions and understandings about how inequity develops into full-blown injustice. The program leaves each individual with a heightened sense of personal and public responsibility.

-Kayla Rae Whitaker

Tuesday September 4	● “The Concept of Race in Germany: Looking into the Lives of Immigrants,” Masayo Kajimura, Film Artist
Wednesday September 12	● “The Reality of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People with a Migrant Background,” Rashid Al-Taliq, GLADT e.V.
Wednesday September 19	● “Forced Migration and the Treatment of Torture Victims,” Discussion with Britta Jenkins and Leyla Schön, Treatment Center for the Victims of Torture
Monday September 24	● “Human Trafficking in Europe: The Interrelation of Trafficking in Persons and Restricted Immigration Options,” Nivedita Prasad, Ban Ying Counseling and Coordination Center Against Trafficking of Persons
Wednesday October 10	● “Restitution, Compensation, Commemoration – How Societies Deal with Crimes Against Humanity in their Past,” Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future”
Wednesday October 17	● Reception at the Federal Foreign Office ● Discussion with Dirk Augustin, Chief of Staff to the Coordinator of German-American Cooperation, Karsten D. Voigt

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Sunday August 12	● Senior Fellows’ BBQ hosted by Marla Landa
Sunday August 19	● Film, “Berkeley in the 60s”
Thursday August 23	● Reception at the German Consulate with Keynote Speaker Ronald Takaki, University of California at Berkeley
Friday August 24	● Visit to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
Friday August 31	● “Inequality and Incarceration,” Lizbet Simmons, San Francisco State University
Friday September 7	● Attend “Racing the Republic Conference,” University of California at Berkeley ● “Distinguishing Human Rights and Civil Rights,” Samera Esmeir, University of California at Berkeley ● Tour of UC Berkeley Campus, Telegraph Avenue, and People’s Park ● “Secularism,” Patrick Weil, Centre national de la recherche scientifique
Friday September 14	● “Environmentalism as a Human Rights Issue,” Ann Riley, Director of the Waterways Restoration Institute
Wednesday September 19	● Public Lecture co-sponsored with the American Constitution Society and the Jewish Community Center: ● “The Inside Story from a War Crimes Prosecutor: What the U.S. and Others Are/Are Not Doing about International Human Rights Abuse,” Michael Johnson, Former Chief of Prosecutions, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Discussion moderated by Robert Rubin, Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.
Friday September 21	Visit to Sacramento ● California Museum of History ● Tour of the State Capitol by Matthew Haney, HIA Senior Fellow

Friday September 28	● Site Visit: People’s Grocery hosted by Brahm Ahmadi, Executive Director and Co-Founder
Saturday September 29	● Oakland Historical Society, New Ear/New Politics Walking Tour
Friday October 5	● “Transgender Law, Gender Bill of Rights,” Sarah Burgess, University of San Francisco
Friday October 12	● Lunch with Adam Hochschild, University of California at Berkeley. Hosted by Linda Gallanter

Although I was an American Fellow, I felt like I was receiving an immersion experience, plunging into the policy and political world’s most salient questions regarding minority populations on a local, national and global level.

-Hollis Wear

AMERICAN PROGRAM INTERNSHIPS

San Francisco

- Progressive Jewish Alliance
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children
- Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
- Urban Habitat
- San Francisco Organizing Project
- African Immigrant & Refugee Resource Center
- United Religions Initiative
- International Institute of the East Bay
- Project Homeless Connect
- Congressman Tom Lantos District Office
- Holocaust Center of Northern California
- California Council for the Humanities
- San Francisco LGBT Community Center
- Anti-Defamation League
- Bay Area Wilderness Training
- Jewish Community Relations Council

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- Aspen Institute Berlin
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- American Academy Berlin
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I ended up with more and more question marks in my notebook, and every question mark stands for an enriching experience, intriguing lecture, fascinating discussion, arguable thesis or surprising observation. Approaching critical issues with such an amazing and diverse group was an extraordinary experience.

-Jędrzej Witkowski

2007 AMERICAN CORE PROGRAM REPORTS

“Harlem’s Little Senegal: A Shelter or a Home?”

Hollis Wear, Purnima Kumarathas and Halimatou Nimaga

“Tailoring Financial Services to Transient Identities”

Anders Pedersen and Sian O’Faolain

“Taking Crisis as a Chance: Innovation, Community Change, and Reforming the Criminal Legal System in Red Hook, Brooklyn”

Koen Vriend, Thomas Miller, and Attila Gerhaeuser

“It is not Pretty Woman: Rethinking Sex Work Stereotypes”

Shauna Aminath, Katharina Binz, and Nina Koopman

“Beyond Infidels and Fundamentalists: The Progressive Muslim Movement in the United States”

Louaay Messari, Julia Thimm, and Sean Williams

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Galen Baynes, Joanna Lewandowska, and Ingmar Schuster

“Transgender Immigrants in New York: A Game of Survival”

Diana Jou, Paweł Mania, and Alix Zuinghedau

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The Humanity of Progress: Perspectives on The New Harlem Renaissance

Jessie Dessus, Gregor Pischke and Jakob Tuborgh

GENTRIFICATION—reads last week’s headline of Harlem’s historic black-owned and operated newspaper The New York Amsterdam News. Beneath the headline: a photograph of eighty-two year old Calvin Copeland standing in front of his counter at Copeland’s Restaurant, looking forlornly at the camera. Lined up side-by-side behind the counter, the employees of Copeland’s Restaurant appear equally dispirited. Copeland’s Restaurant, which has been serving soul food to the Harlem community since 1958 (well-known for its Gospel Brunch on Sundays) was forced to close its doors on July 29, 2007. Mr. Copeland claims Harlem’s gentrification was part of the reason for his restaurant’s demise. Copeland’s Restaurant, the Amsterdam News cites, is the “latest casualty” of Harlem’s current economic development. Reporter Tallise D. Moorer writes, “Businesses that have been a staple in the community are falling prey to franchises and insurmountable commercial leases. It’s sort of an ethnic cleansing—to the benefit of a handful of millionaires, according to the cries of the community.”

Harlem is said by some to have entered a new renaissance, but unlike the first renaissance of the 1920s, known as the black cultural revival that revolved around music, literature and theatre, the New Harlem Renaissance can be characterized mainly by economic development.

Since the beginning of the 1990s crime rates have declined, real estate prices have been skyrocketing, and new shops are popping up all over Harlem. Compared to last year, real estate costs have risen by almost 40% - the biggest rise in all of Manhattan. It is increasingly difficult to find a one-bedroom apartment rental for less than \$1000 per month even on the outskirts of Harlem. On any given day you will find at least a dozen condominiums for sale in the New York Times for about \$5 million. Harlem is still lagging behind other parts of Manhattan, but times have changed. Celebrities like Bill Clinton, Earvin “Magic” Johnson and Bill Cosby have come to Harlem, either to live or set up their office or business. Harlem has become hip and increasingly expensive. But what is the cost of progress?

Beyond Infidels and Fundamentalists: The Progressive Muslim Movement in the United States

Louaay Messari, Julia Thimm and Sean Williams

March 2005 marked the beginning of the progressive Muslim movement in the United States. Or maybe it was the end. Or maybe it was neither. On the 18th day of that month, amidst a crowd of cameras and security guards, a female Muslim scholar named Amina Wadud led 50 men and 50 women in prayer. As expected, many traditionalists condemned the event as a violation of the Islamic norm of male-led prayer, while some progressives cheered it as a victory for women’s rights. Yet, the responses were far from uniform. An influential Egyptian Mufti issued a public statement indicating that nothing in the Qur’an or Islamic law prohibits the prayer. Further, the initial joy of progressive Muslims quickly turned sour as a result of their skepticism towards relying on public media to bring about change in the Muslim world. Two years later, the consequences of that day continue to reverberate in the Muslim community, both progressive and traditional, in America and abroad.

From scholars to grassroots organizations to everyday practitioners, progressive Muslims in the U.S. are challenging traditional understandings of what makes one an ‘authentic’ Muslim. The prayer highlighted not only the potential for success for progressive Muslims in the U.S., but also the struggles they face to this day. While progressive Muslims agree about the need to encourage ‘moderate’ Muslims, they disagree about whether to use ideological labels like ‘moderate,’ ‘progressive’ or ‘liberal’ at all. Though they identify common opponents in American foreign policy, the media and fundamentalist ideologies, progressives disagree about what strategies would best combat them. They have successfully reintroduced issues of human rights into the Muslim community, but disagree about how to engage in discussion with fellow Muslims on religious matters.

I acquired a lot of knowledge, not only about human rights and minority issues but also about American society. Many things that seemed obvious were in fact much more complicated. Humanity In Action is not only a program. It’s a commitment, a challenge and a social experience.

-Halimatou Nimaga

EUROPEAN OPENING AND CLOSING PROGRAMS

The HIA Core Programs in Europe began with a collective opening program that introduced Fellows to the HIA mission, with its special focus on relating lessons of the past to present minority issues. The program focused on the lessons of the Holocaust, resistance to totalitarianism, and how the memory of the Holocaust and World War II shapes contemporary attitudes and responses to minority and human rights issues in Europe.

Following the Core Programs, which focused on these issues in the specific context of each country's unique history, cultural traditions and institutions, the Fellows reconvened for a closing program. During the closing program, Fellows had the opportunity to discuss and compare their experiences with those of Fellows in the other national core programs.

In 2007, these programs were organized and hosted by HIA Germany.

OPENING PROGRAM, BERLIN

Saturday June 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Guided Tours: Concentration Camp Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen● "Discussion with Eyewitness and Historian Arno Lustiger," Moderated by Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, Board Chair of HIA Germany● "Goals and Vision of Humanity in Action," Judith Goldstein, Executive Director, HIA
Sunday June 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● "Humanitarian Intervention: Moral Obligation, National Interests, and Strategic Limitations," Josef Joffe, Editor in Chief, Die Zeit● "Minority Rights and Anti-Discrimination Policies in Europe," Bashy Quraishy, President, European Network Against Racism
Monday June 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Simulation Games led by Simon Raiser and Björn Warkalla (planpolitik), Topics: "An Anti-Terrorism Act For The Fictional Country Fontania" and "A Constitution For The Fictional Country Fontania"

Tuesday June 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● "Human Rights and Minority Issues in Europe," Panel Discussion with HIA Board Chairs Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen (Germany) and Patrick Weil (France)● "The Middle East Conflict: Causes and Roots," Herbert Pundik, former Executive Editor, Politiken● Introduction to the 2008 Pat Cox Brussels Internship Program, Mona Shair, HIA Internship Coordinator● "The Trade-off of a Saint: Balancing Self-Interest and Philanthropy," Michael Johnson, Chairman of the HIA Board of Directors● Welcome Note, Phil Ugelow, President of the HIA American Senior Fellows Association
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CLOSING PROGRAM, BERLIN

Monday July 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● "Transatlantic Relations: Between Conflict and Cooperation," Panel Discussion with Karsten Voigt, Coordinator of the German-American Cooperation at the Federal Foreign Office, and Peter R. Claussen, Cultural Attaché of the U.S. Embassy● Presentations by Fellows● "Political Mobilization and Radicalization among Muslim Youth in Germany," Siddik Bakir, HIA Senior Fellow● "Rwanda: Thirteen Years After Genocide," David M. Peyton, HIA Senior Fellow and Irene Ndikumwenayo, HIA Fellow
Tuesday July 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Film: "With Wings and Roots," by Christina Antonakos-Wallace, HIA Senior Fellow● "The Beauty of Diversity: Immigration and Its Repercussions," Panel Discussion with HIA Senior Fellows Semra Çelebi, Mozhdah Ghasemiyani, Fairouz Hadji, Ufuk Topkara, and Elena Wasylew● Presentation by Fellows● International Working Groups on Similar Research Topics: Findings Across Countries
Wednesday July 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to HIA Internship Programs● "Senior Fellow Networks: Goals and Vision," HIA Senior Fellows Henry Haaker, Mikkel Landsdorf, Joanna Srednicka, Dieuweke Luiten, and Helene David● "Dealing with Darfur: Inside the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan," Matt Bowlby, HIA Senior Fellow● Farewell Party

Program Directors: Ulla Gade Bisgaard and Camilla Bredholt

Program Coordinator: Mikkel Selmar

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DANISH CORE PROGRAM

“What year did the Danish national soccer team win the European Championship?”

Those who can answer this question are one step closer to passing the new Danish Citizenship Test, which features this and 199 similar questions on Danish society, history and culture. “Danishness” or “Danskheden” lies at the core of the national identity. The content in the concept of Danishness is a dominant theme in the current public debate on citizenship, minorities, immigration and integration in Danish society and was a central issue in this year’s Danish HIA Core Program.

The radicalization of language surrounding minorities and integration in the Danish media and the rhetoric of political parties was another important topic in the 2007 Core Program. Meeting with journalists, political observers, and politicians, Fellows confronted the question of responsibility by opinion-makers and citizens for acting against daily instances of discrimination and speaking out against hate crimes.

Site visits to Vridsløselille State Prison and the Sandholm refugee camp made lasting impressions among the Fellows and stirred heated debates on human dignity and the rights of the incarcerated. Differences between what legislation intends and actual implementation of national policies in areas such as integration in primary schools, prison systems, and asylum policies became evident as a result of these site visits.

The 2007 Danish Program Fellows themselves reflected the increasing diversity of the Danish and U.S. societies, including international students from Botswana, Sierra Leone, Germany, Bosnia, and Kosovo and students with family roots in South Africa and Chile. This diversity of the group contributed immensely to the discussions of identity and nationality, minorities and majorities in contemporary democratic societies.

2007 DANISH CORE PROGRAM FELLOWS

Bosnia

Enes Tuna, *University of Sarajevo*

Dijana Grahovac, *Banja Luka College*

Denmark

Mads Mariegaard, *The Danish School of Journalism*

Mette Skovbjerg Jensen, *University of Aarhus*

Andreas Sampson, *University of Copenhagen*

Marie Mogelvang, *University of Copenhagen*

Inge Sidenius Petersen, *University of Copenhagen*

Lumi Zuleta-Navarette, *University of Roskilde*

Neil S. Bloem, *University of Aarhus*

Mette Buskjær Christensen, *Copenhagen Business School*

Lea Kryger Olsen, *University of Roskilde*

Helle Skovmose, *University of Roskilde*

United States

Laura Hanson, *Whitman College*

Bronwyn Lewis, *Duke University*

Reny Diaz, *Yale College*

Moabi Garebamono, *Whitman College*

Eric Dwoskin, *Columbia University*

Ezekiel Rediker, *Cornell University*

Joseph Kaifala, *Skidmore College*

Natalie Chwalisz, *Beloit College*

Sarah Baggé, *Wheaton College*



Danish Program Fellows

2007 DANISH CORE PROGRAM

Wednesday June 6	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff, Introduction to the Danish ProgramMeet Host Families
Thursday June 7	Introduction to Denmark <ul style="list-style-type: none">“The Danish Political System,” Clement Kjersgaard“From Copenhagen to Strasbourg - National Courts and the European Court Of Human Rights,” Judge Jonas Christoffersen, High Court of Eastern Denmark
Friday June 8	Refugees and Asylum Policies in Denmark <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit to the Sandholm Refugee Camp, led by Ann-Sofie Beck, Danish Red Cross Asylum Department“The Danish Asylum Policy in a Media Perspective,” Olav Hergel, Journalist“The Danish Institute for Human Rights,” Morten Kjærum, Director
Saturday June 9	Site Visit: Christiania with Guided Tour by Nils Vest
Monday June 11	Remembering World War II <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Resistance, Rescue and the Policy of Collaboration in Denmark During WWII,” Jørgen Kieler, Resistance Fighter“Bystander or Helper: Acting In or Against a Genocide,” Torben Jørgensen, Researcher“The Crisis in Darfur,” Ms. Marlene Haakanson, Journalist, The Danish Church Aid

Tuesday June 12	<p>Working with Human Rights and Integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit the Kofoeds Skole ● “Promoting Self-reliance for People with Socio-economical Problems,” Karin Larsen ● “Danish Voluntary Organizations and Integration,” Mohammad Rahimi, Vice Chairman of Save the Children Youth, Denmark ● “The Road to Recognition for the Indigenous People,” Prof. Ida Nicolaisen
Wednesday June 13	<p>Contemporary Human Rights Dilemmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interactive Presentation: “Free2choose” by Helene Ratner and Caroline Nyvang, Senior Fellows ● “Human Rights Education in Practice,” Helene Ratner and Caroline Nyvang ● “Religious Symbols in the Public Sphere,” Tøger Seidenfaden, Chief Editor ● “The Ever Changing Work with Refugees,” Andreas Kamm, Secretary General, Danish Refugee Council
Thursday June 14	<p>Integration in Denmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Danish Integration in Primary Schools,” Lise Egholm, Principal of Rådmandsgade Skole ● “What Happened to the Danish Integration Policy?” Rushy Rashid ● Visit the Copenhagen Town Hall ● “Copenhagen Integration Council,” Helle Stenum ● “Documenting Racism and Intolerance,” Eva Smith, Chair of The Council of Europe Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
Friday June 15	<p>Visiting the Danish Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The War in Iraq in a Human Rights Perspective,” Mogens Lykketoft, former Minister of Foreign Affairs ● “The Danish Peoples’ Party,” Kenneth Kristensen, Candidate for the Danish People’s Party and former Chairman of Danish People’s Party Youth
Monday June 18	<p>Integration and the Role of Religion in Denmark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The Danish State Church and Religious Minorities,” Tim Jensen, Lecturer ● “Anti-Semitism and Anti-Muslim Attitudes Today,” Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke, The Danish Institute for International Studies ● “Today’s Danish Integration Policies,” Henrik Kyvsgaard, Head of the Integration Department at the Ministry of Refugee, Immigration and Integration Affairs ● “Islam in Denmark,” Visit to Mosque, Imam Abdul Wahid Pedersen
Tuesday June 19	<p>Crime, Punishment and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit Vridsløselille State Prison ● “The Danish Prison System,” Hans Jørgen Engbo, Warden ● “Hate Crimes,” Cecilia Decara, Danish Institute for Human rights ● “GAM3 - Integration through Basket Ball and Street Activities,” Anne Kahl, GAM3 ● Visit “Basketball Game Zone” with Anne Kahl, Urbanplanen, Amager
June 20 – 29	<p>Research and Writing</p>
Sunday June 24	<p>Guided Tour of The Danish Broadcasting Corporation by Clement Kjersgaard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Lasse Jensen, Senior Editor
Tuesday June 26	<p>Site Visit: “Dialogue in the Dark”, Exhibition at the Experimentarium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Human Rights and Disabilities,” Henrik Person, The Danish Institute for the Blind and Visually Impaired
Saturday June 30	<p>Fellows’ Report Presentations</p>



The 2007 Danish Program Fellows

I was overwhelmed by all the energy and motivation regarding both professional interests and personal motivation for human rights.

-Dijana Grahovac

2007 DANISH CORE PROGRAM REPORTS

“Willing Accomplices? The Danish Media and the Political Discourse on Minorities”

Natalie Chwalisz and Mads Mariegaard

“Bottle Collectors: An ‘invisible minority’ in Kongens Have?”

Lea Kryger Olsen and Laura Hanson

“More than Arab-wannabes: Conversations with Denmark’s New Muslim Women on the Development of a Danish Muslim identity”

Sarah Baggé and Mette Skovbjerg

“Black, Muslim & Somali: A Testimony of Life in Denmark”

Ezekiel Rediker, Joseph Kaifala, and Inge Sidenius Petersen

“If you focus too much on integration, you focus too much on the differences.’ The Challenges of the Rådmandsgades Skole in Embracing Multiculturalism”

Zuleta-Navarette and Moabi Garebamono

“White Flight: Integration through Segregation in Danish Metropolitan Public Schools”

Neil Stenbæk Bloem and Reny Diaz

“Difficult Crossings: Challenges with Diversity in the Labour Market”

Eric Dwoskin and Mette Buskjer Christensen

“Becoming a Dane: Can Danish-ness be Tested?”

Andreas Sampson and Enes Tuna

“Same, Same – But Different! Bridging an Identity between Religion and Nationality”

Dijana Grahovac and Marie Møgelvang

“A Fit for Misfits: Christiania as ‘the Net beneath the Net”

Bronwyn Lewis and Helle Skovmose

With its interdisciplinary approach to human and minority rights, Humanity in Action has shown me that the profession you choose is not as important as the focus and values you bring into it.

-Mads Mariegaard

EXCERPTS

White Flight: Integration through Segregation in Danish Metropolitan Public Schools

Neil Stenbæk Bloem & Reny Diaz

White flight, as used in the context of education, is a demographic tendency in which ethnically Danish parents remove their children from public school in order to avoid an increased presence of non-whites. This trend often sets off a race to the bottom, where resourceful children's mass departure has a devastating impact on the general academic and economic progress of the school. Two schools from the city of Århus, the second largest city in Denmark, are now facing the possibility of closing. Nordgårdskolen, one of the two schools, holds a record: It is the only public school in Denmark with no ethnically Danish children enrolled. In certain areas with a large population of bilingual residents as the ones mentioned above, the trend is so severe that the municipality has been forced to get involved.

According to the City of Copenhagen's official policies on integration, children of non-western backgrounds in Copenhagen are, on average, almost an entire grade level below children of western origins when it comes to academic performance. None of the teachers interviewed said they had experienced white flight as a result of open intolerance towards other cultures. Ethnically Danish students are generally perceived as having better prior knowledge and family support in comparison to their non-ethnically Danish counterparts when it comes to the Danish style of learning.

More than Arab-wannabes: Conversations with Denmark's New Muslim Women on the Development of a Danish Muslim Identity

Sarah Baggé and Mette Skovbjerg

It is ironic that increased negative attention to Islam in the public debate has been associated with a surge in the number of Danes converting to Islam. New Muslims represent only three percent of the Muslim population (4,000-5,000). When we asked for his estimate, imam Abdul Wahid Pedersen (himself a Dane who converted in 1982) proudly pulled out a thick green binder. The binder contains the conversion certificates of the Danish converts who have come to him in the last two years. Though it is only June, the number of converts from 2007 already exceeds the total from 2006. Abdul Wahid estimates that there is an average of at least one new convert each day in the whole of Denmark.

Fatima is one of Denmark's New Muslims, ethnic Danes who have converted to Islam. She was introduced to Islam while dating the bouncer, a Muslim of Pakistani descent, at the club where she was working as a bartender. Though she jokes about the Danish stereotype of the 'she did it for him' conversion, Fatima was far from open to her boyfriend's religion, and actually began studying Islam to find problems with it in order to persuade him to abandon Islam. Her friendship with his sister, however, persuaded her to take a more serious look at Islam, and she chose to convert. What follows are the stories of the journeys of Fatima and six other Danish women into Islam. We explore what it means to be a Danish Muslim, and how Danish Muslim identity can counteract the growth of Islamophobia in Denmark.

DUTCH CORE PROGRAM

In all HIA European Core Programs, the Holocaust is the starting point to teach future leaders about human rights and minority rights in our contemporary societies. Through meetings with survivors and resistance fighters, the Fellows learn much about the history of WWII. This year the relevance of that history was made clear by the participation of three students from Bosnia and one from Rwanda in the Dutch program. As these Fellows shared their own experiences with the group, everybody learned painful lessons about the results of ethnic violence and genocide in the past and present.

During the course of the Dutch program the Fellows heard lectures, had site visits, and discussed the state of human rights and minority rights in The Netherlands—a country with a strong reputation for tolerance and open-mindedness. During the program, the Fellows learned that the situation in The Netherlands is more complicated than is generally thought. They discussed the collision of the Dutch image of a tolerant welfare state and the reality of daily life. It became clear that not all groups feel part of this country and that equal rights in theory is not the same as equal opportunities in practice. The Fellows uncovered the holes in the system. They met people who felt discriminated against, and they learned about the strict borders of the welfare state. The program showed the dilemmas of the welfare state in dealing with realities of irregular migration. The international context gave new perspectives to all.

The group consisted of Fellows with many different backgrounds. In the open and frank discussions Fellows learned about each other and themselves. Even students who thought they were very open minded and would never discriminate against others were confronted with other participants who felt offended and misunderstood. During the presentation of one controversial speaker, the Fellows discovered that it is much harder to speak out and stand up than they had anticipated.

The coming years are critical for the remembrance of WWII. HIA will continue to examine the relevance of the past to young leaders in the field of human rights and minority rights. Through the history of the Holocaust and by teaching Fellows about human rights violations today, HIA wants to make these talented young people aware of their own responsibilities. They have the power to make a difference if they choose never to be bystanders.

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Program Coordinator: Anouk Eigenraam

Intern: David Mandel-Anthony

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2007 Dutch Program Fellows

2007 DUTCH CORE PROGRAM FELLOWS

Bosnia

Selma Zahirovic, *Webster University Vienna*

Igor Letina, *American University Bulgaria*

United States

Kadrieh Abu Shchada, *Oberlin College*

Anastasia Aguiar, *Brown University*

Clara Chow, *University of Pennsylvania*

Felix Forster, *Lafayette College*

Aisha Fukushima, *Whitman College*

Elizabeth Hammond, *Tufts University*

Irene Ndikumwenayo, *Princeton University*

Melissa Richer, *Duke University*

Catherine Althea Skinner, *Rice University*

Jonathan Yazer, *University of Western Ontario*

The Netherlands

Caroline de Bruin, *Utrecht University*

Iona Ebben, *University of Maastricht*

Laure Heilbron, *University College Utrecht*

Suzanne de Jager, *Vrije Universiteit*

Nejra Kalkan, *University of Amsterdam*

Derya Kaplan, *Vrije Universiteit*

Barbara Klen, *University of Amsterdam*

Boudewijn Sterk, *University of Amsterdam*

Diederik Vergunst, *Erasmus University Rotterdam*

2007 DUTCH CORE PROGRAM

Wednesday June 6	<p>Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet Host Families Reception Hosted by the American Consulate
Thursday June 7	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, Introduction to Program “Three Generations Later,” Ed van Thijn, HIA The Netherlands Board Co-Chair “The International Criminal Tribunals: Answer to Human Rights Violations,” Frederiek de Vlaming Discussion on Ian Buruma’s book “Murder in Amsterdam” Film: “Simon”
Friday June 8	<p>Remembering the Second World War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “New Insights and Research on Holocaust Studies,” Dr. Dienke Hondius, HIA The Netherlands Board Member, Historian “Relevance of Commemoration” Panel Discussion with Hans Blom, ex-Director of the War Documentation Center NIOD; Liesbeth ter Horst, Director of the Resistance Museum; Dienke Hondius and Anna Timmerman Visit to Hollandsche Schouwburg and Auschwitz Monument “Resistance During WWII,” Sieny Cohen and Rut Matthijssen Discussion on Anti-Semitism in The Netherlands, with David Hein and Jacqueline Bouscher, Senior Fellows, and HIA The Netherlands Board Member Harry van den Bergh. Moderator: Simone Kukenheim, Senior Fellow
Saturday June 9	Assignment: Fellows conduct street interviews on integration
Sunday June 10	Evening with Frieda Menco, Survivor and Member of the Advisory Board of HIA The Netherlands

Monday June 11	<p>Allochtoon and Autochtoon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The IMC Weekend School,” Natalie Markuszower, Interactive ‘Blind Date’ with Dutch-Moroccan and Arabic Exchange Students, Organized with TANS (a Dutch Moroccan network organization) Dinner with TANS
Tuesday June 12	<p>Slavery in Past and Present and LGTB Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Slavery in the Dutch Context,” Dr. Glen Willems, Director of NiNsee Film: “Katibu Ye Ye” Discussion: “The Meaning of Slavery Today,” with Nailah Fernando, Iza Tavares, and Liza Francisco, Senior Fellows “How Liberal is the Netherlands? The Complexities of Queer Politics in the Netherlands,” Prof. Gert Hekma Presentation by TRUT (a volunteer organization for Queers) Discussion with Volunteers of LGTB Organization COC on Gay Life in The Netherlands
Wednesday June 13	<p>Migration, Asylum & Refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Irregular Migration: Between Binary Thinking and Benign Neglect,” Dr. Jeroen Doomernik “The Work of the Dutch Refugee Council,” Stefan Kok Site Visit to Asylum Seekers Center (ASC) in Amsterdam Lunch with Asylum Seekers and staff of ASC Senior Fellow Tewelde Bahta, Former Child Soldier and Refugee, Tells His Life Story Guided Tour ASC
Thursday June 14	<p>Religion, Beliefs & Conviction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “My Culture Made Me Do It: The Idea of Cultural Defense in Criminal Law,” Dr. Frank Bovenkerk “Honor Killings. The Experiences of the Black Tulip Projects,” Yeter Akin and Seren Dalkiran “The Rise of Christianity in American and Dutch Politics,” Prof. Ruth Oldenziel, Co-Chair of HIA The Netherlands “Influence of International Politics on Local Minority Issues,” Prof. Ruben Gowricharn Annual HIA Dinner in Honor of Frieda Menco
Friday June 15	<p>Women in Dutch Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “I Am a Bourgeois Bxxxx, and I Am Proud of It!” Fleur Jurgens, Journalist Discussion on Gender Roles with Fleur Jurgens and PhD students Iris van der Tuin and Maayke Botman, Moderated by Doutje Lettinga, Senior Fellow “The Borders of Practical Idealism,” Evert Nieuwenhuis “Off-Stream,” Prem Radhakishun
June 16 – July 1	Research and Writing
Monday June 18	<p>Drives and Passions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Editorial Introduction into Topics” Tino Wallaart, Former Journalist, Political Adviser
Wednesday June 20	Anouk Eigenraam interviews Marjan Sax, Co-Founder of “Mama Cash,” on How to Put Ideals into Practice
Friday June 22	<p>Out of the Box Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Can You Think Out of Your Inbox,” Hiske Arts and Rachel Moolenaar, Senior Fellows Presentation on the Story Project by Aldo de Pape, Senior Fellow

Meeting people passionate about contemporary global problems not only provides hope, but also courage in trying to make a difference in the world. Humanity in Action programs, carefully designed to educate young people about issues still hindering harmony in contemporary societies, also give the Fellows a plethora of opportunities to make a difference in the world. HIA not only elucidates the fact that humanity is capable of both destruction and reconstruction, but also helps to formulate a vision of justice to guide responses to particular human situations.

-Irene Ndikumwenayo



HIA Senior Fellow David Mandel-Anthony with children at the Asylum Center

Monday June 25	Workshop: “The Action in HIA,” Marietje Schaake, Senior Fellow
Friday June 29	Fellows’ Report Presentations

2007 DUTCH CORE PROGRAM REPORTS

“I Speak for Myself: The Question of Spokespeople for the Dutch-Moroccan Community”
Anastasia Aguiar, Caroline de Bruin, and Clara Chow

“The Informal Economy in the Bijlmer”
Iona Ebben, Felix Forster, and Igor Letina

“Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Racial Profiling at Schiphol Airport”
Aisha Fukushima and Derya Kaplan

“Unwanted Patients: The Search for Healthcare for Holland’s Undocumented Migrants”
Elizabeth Hammond and Diederik Vergunst

“Pardon Me? Does Anyone Know How to Integrate 26,000 Refugees?”
Laure Heilbron and Melissa Richer

“Hymenal Ethics: An Evaluation of the Hymen Reconstructive Surgery in The Netherlands”
Kadrieh Abu Shchada and Suzanne de Jager

“A Rough Way Forward: The Struggles of Allochtone Students in Amsterdam Schools”
Jonathan Yazer and Nejra Kalkan

“From Catastrophic Societies to the Netherlands: In the Light of the Holocaust, How Does the Contemporary Dutch Government and Society Respond to Refugees from Catastrophic Societies?”
Barbara Klen and Irene Ndikumwenayo

“Women on Waves: Navigating National and International Laws and Values”
Althea Skinner

“The Bijlmer: A Dutch Approach to Multiculturalism”
Boudewijn Sterk and Selma Zabirovic

EXCERPTS

Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Racial Profiling at Schiphol Airport

Aisha Fukushima and Derya Kaplan

In 2002 there was a 60% increase in drug trafficking through Schiphol Airport in The Netherlands resulting in the enforcement of stricter procedures, known as the “one hundred percent controls,” used to check passengers for drug smuggling. Although The Netherlands is known for its liberal and progressive views, these one hundred percent controls have uncovered present day racial and ethnic discrimination closely linked to the Dutch colonial past.

Flights from Surinam and the Dutch Antilles are among the incoming planes that undergo these one hundred percent controls. The preliminary round of the controls consist of having one’s person or one’s luggage sniffed by dogs, undergoing an interview upon arrival, being monitored for drug smuggling symptoms, a possible pat-down, and an x-ray luggage inspection. If suspected for any reason by a customs agent, the passenger can be detained in the airport, interrogated several times, x-rayed for drug pellets, strip searched, and even subjected to cavity checks.

Minority passengers have quickly become the main target of these controls, resulting in many innocent passengers being subjected to invasive searches and mistreatment by airport authorities. One Surinamese woman even claimed that the severity of the one hundred percent controls resulted in the miscarriage of her baby. The notion of “racial profiling,” however, is just being introduced to Dutch dialogues on injustice and human rights; as a result, the recognition and resolution of the mounting controversy around these checks makes slow progress. Ultimately the contentious controls highlight future goals for The Netherlands to foster a larger societal dialogue on racism and discrimination, to re-evaluate a national principal of “tolerating” diversity, and to treat future passengers undergoing the controls as innocent unless they are proven guilty.

Hymenal Ethics: An Evaluation of the Hymen Reconstructive Surgery in The Netherlands

By Kadrieh Abu Shchada and Suzanne de Jager

Virginity is an essential aspect of pre-marital life amongst Muslims. Although the Qur’an calls for both men and women to remain ‘pure’ and preserve their ‘chastity,’ in practice it is mostly the women who have been pressured to adhere to the strict interpretation of this ancient command that takes ‘chastity’ to mean ‘virginity’. Culturally, this has translated to the honor of the family being closely associated with the virginity or ‘purity’ of the unmarried females in that family. For many Dutch Muslims, a woman’s virginity is defined by the intactness of her hymen. It is believed that the flow of blood during a woman’s defloration is the only proof to her ‘purity’. Worried about their family’s honor, an increasing number of Dutch Muslim women in The Netherlands are opting for hymen reconstruction surgery to ‘regain’ their virginity.

The tension between the concept of virginity and living in a modern western society puts an immense pressure on Muslim women. Virginity is an essential aspect of Muslim tradition and therefore must be respected as such. On the other hand, the surgery itself presents a medico-ethical dilemma as it is a form of deception and doctors should not be obliged to partake in that. There are many arguments in favor of reconstruction of the hymen: the relativity of the surgery, the fact that a ‘simple’ surgery can save the honor of the woman and the family to prevent a bigger personal catastrophe (such as honor killings). However, at the sound of the words “hymen reconstruction”, many people cringe and toss around the accusation that it is contrary to medical ethics and a violation of human rights. In order to better understand the place of the hymen reconstruction surgery in the Netherlands, this article explores the issues around the surgery from three main perspectives: medical, anthropological, and theological.

As for the program, I still stand in awe of how much I have learned, witnessed, and experienced. The themes we covered ranged from memorialization of the Holocaust to the Allochtoon/Autochton discourse; from perceptions of contemporary slavery to “the complexities of Queer Politics in The Netherlands.” The people I met and talked to— including refugees, WWII resistance fighters, feminists, and Dutch-Moroccan students—forced me to take a step back, reflect, and think outside of my inbox.

-Caroline de Bruin

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FRENCH CORE PROGRAM

A month into the new French presidency, discussions in the 2007 French Core Program were intense and engaging. With emphasis laid on the universalistic principles of the French Republic and its aversion to any structuring of the population in distinct religious, ethnic, or other communities, many of the most interesting debates centered on the social and economic tensions that have become so visible in recent years. These tensions threaten to make Republican principles vague and abstract, while unequal access to education, housing, and employment is immediate.

The Fellows were able to visit the Conseil Constitutionnel and question one of its members about the constitutional constraints on any preferential treatment—or even identification—of distinct groups, be it to favor access to employment or to fight discrimination. They also participated in a roundtable at Publicis Groupe, where the discussion focused on diversity in the workforce and in the clientele as a challenge that French businesses sometimes seem more eager to take up than political authorities are. In one of Paris's underprivileged suburbs, Dammarie-les-Lys, they met with a police commissioner, a prosecutor, the head of a high school, an urban planner and an educator, and discussed the concentration of social difficulties in suburban enclaves where populations of immigrant descent, as well as the hostility and violence between youth and the police, have often been relegated. They asked many pointed questions about the French educational system, its tendency in recent years to favor the promotion of children of the traditional elites, and where and how attempts are made to remedy the resulting inequalities.

The curiosity of Fellows about these issues, and also about each other, seemed endless. They were a diverse, smart, and pleasant group. The Fellows applied critical thought and vibrant idealism in equal shares to the materials that were brought to them. The generous input of our Board members was much appreciated, and for this opportunity to cross-fertilize experiences and knowledge, we are all very grateful. Social mobility and its role in furthering integration may be at risk in France today, but the commitment of varied individuals and groups to unite a people of different colors and creeds certainly is not.

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2007 French Program Fellows

2007 FRENCH CORE PROGRAM

Wednesday June 6	Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Meet Host Families
Thursday June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Introduction, Anne-Lorraine Bujon, Program DirectorPresentations by French Fellows“Conflicts Between Youth and Police,” Fabien Jobard“The Commemoration of Slavery,” Michel Giraud
Friday June 8	The History and Memory of the Empire <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentations by French Fellows“Is There a Continuity Between Colonial Times and Today?” Emmanuelle Saada
Monday June 11	From Colonization to Immigration? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentations by French Fellows“The Harki Community,” Jeannette Miller

Tuesday June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Suburbs: Youth and Authority. How Courts, Schools, Social Workers and Police Work Together in France Today,” Roundtable Discussion with Ghislaine Hudson (Headmaster of the Joliot-Curie high school), M. François Magdalena (Responsible for urban planning), M. Vogler (Dammarie-les-Lys Chief of Police), and Serge Dinitroz, (District Attorney of Melun)
Wednesday June 13	<p>Vichy and the Jews of France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided Tour of the Memorial de la Shoah “Can We Learn Lessons from the Past,” Fabrice Teicher “A Survivor’s Testimony,” Charles Baron
Thursday June 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Is Anti-Semitism on the Rise in France?” Johan Weisz <p>Discrimination and Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Trade Unions and Diversity Issues,” Anusheh Karvar “Discrimination in the Workplace,” Laurent Blivet “Diversity in the French Elites,” Roundtable Discussion at the Institut Montaigne with Philippe Manière, Mehdi Ouraoui, Eros Sana and Chenva Thieu
Friday June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Is Diversity an Issue for Corporations?,” Roundtable Discussion with Publicis Groupe actors including Communications Corporate Eve Magnant <p>Human Rights Activism in France</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Humanitarian Emotions, Humanitarian Activism: Seeing the World Through Humanitarian Lenses,” Johanna Siméant Roundtable with the HALDE (Haute Autorité de la Lutte contre les Discriminations et pour l’Egalité)
Monday June 18	<p>Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit of the Cité Nationale de l’Histoire de l’Immigration “The Colonial Exhibition of 1931,” Maureen Murphy “History and Memory, and the Use of Photo Archives,” Marianne Amar
Tuesday June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit in for Hearings of the Commission de Recours des Réfugiés (CRR). Discussion with a Representative of the UNHCR and François Bernard, President of the CRR <p>French Secularism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Laïcité Today,” Patrick Weil, HIA France Board Chair “Islam as Display? The Social and Political Experience of Young People from North African immigration,” Nancy Venel
June 20 – 30	Research and Writing
Friday June 30	Fellows’ Report Presentations

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Diversity in the Workplace”

David Bradley and Clémentine Dardy-Dumeur

“Dynamics of Language among les jeunes des cités: Youth Culture and its Implications for Present-Day France”

Samira Zaid and Sun Lee

“Education and Social Mobility: Fixing the Social Elevator?”

Federico Brusa, Anna Ninan, and Nungari Mwangi

“Harkis: The Forgotten of the Algerian War”

Sonia Lépine and Lejla Hasanovic

“People with Disabilities as an Exception to the French Republican Model: Legal Recognition but Practical Discrimination?”

Pauline Fossat and Amanda Stone

“The Gay Pride: Is it Still Useful?”

Noémie Capdevila and Nikko Lencek-Inagaki

“Two Sides of the Immigrant Mirror”

Helena Zeweri, Bogdana Buzarnescu, and Carine Monga Nzefa

“Voices from les Banlieues: Rap Activism in French Ghettos”

Toufik El Ouardani and Stefan Allen-Hickey

“Who are We, Anyway? Sensitive Data, Classification and Discrimination in France”

Tara Dickman, Alex Bartik and Jeanne Tadeusz



2007 French Program Fellows

HIA is an excellent opportunity to learn about and reflect on diversity and discrimination on national and international scales and in an international context. Given that I study human rights, I was not sure what to expect from the program and feared that it might go over many things I already knew. In fact, we discussed the topics from so many different points of view that I learned something new every day, especially in terms of the influence national history on contemporary societies. I became more aware of the problems minorities face in France and, above all, of the necessity to fight discrimination on every level of society, even when solutions are very difficult to find.

-Sonia Lépine

EXCERPTS

Who are We, Anyway? Sensitive Data, Classification and Discrimination in France

Tara Dickman, Alex Bartik, and Jeanne Tadeusz

The argument started when new European legislation recommended that member states produce statistical data based on race and ethnicity to monitor the fight against discrimination. In this, European law seemed to challenge a fundamental principle of French law protected by its Constitution: the indivisibility of the people under the Republic according to race, beliefs, or origin. Shortly after the E.U. laws passed in November 2005, violent riots took place in French suburbs. The international media hastily portrayed them as racially—and then religiously—motivated, as signs of rejection of French society. Although analyses of the riots have since shown that these interpretations were inaccurate, Pandora’s box was open. Discrimination in France had contributed to dividing the country into haves and have-nots, but its current legal and policy frameworks seemed unable to address the issue.

In the debate over measuring diversity in France, there has been relatively little discussion about statistical categories—skin color, ancestry or heritage, social class, or religious affiliation. Similarly, there has been relatively little discussion regarding how the French population would respond to different sets of classification methods.

We decided to conduct a survey assessing reactions to different types of personal classification questions. Investigating the reactions of the French population to different classification systems was important to us for four primary reasons. First, if the classification system seeks to correspond to the actual social structure of France, it must reflect groups or communities that effectively exist. Second, individuals’ reactions to different classification systems can give insight into unknown bases for discrimination. Third, the majority of the population must feel that any chosen classification model is legitimate. A classification system is impossible to implement if it has no political support, or enough legitimacy among respondents. Finally, the classification system must be precise enough that researchers and policy-makers are willing to base decisions on data derived from it.

Two Sides of the Immigrant Mirror

Bogdana Buzarnescu, Carine Monga Nzefa, Helena Zeweri

Dating back to the French Revolution, the French republican model has emphasized equal access and opportunities for all citizens, regardless of ethnicity, skin color, religion, or gender. This model is thought by many to be a unique framework with which people who live in France can identify themselves. But, after almost one hundred years of constant immigration to France, has the French republican model been conducive to the full integration of immigrant populations and their offspring into mainstream French society? Does the French system put the neutral stance of the republican model into practice, or does discrimination against visible minorities still exist? Does being French mean that one believes in and maintains the political agreement between the individual and the government, reminiscent of Rousseau’s social contract the traditions of the French Revolution, or does being accepted as French encompass more than upholding a set of political obligations?

The goal of this paper is to take an in-depth look at how three university students in France identify themselves as French. These students are the children or grandchildren of families who immigrated to France from former French colonies, and who now are naturalized French citizens, born French citizens, or are in the process of acquiring French citizenship. Although this paper by no means hopes to draw any definitive conclusions by looking at only three case studies, it does hope to better understand the gap that may lie between the ideal of the neutral republican model and the ways in which mainstream French society might actually be a site of discrimination; how this discrimination might contribute to identification with a more citizenship-oriented, or political, French identity rather than with a social and cultural French identity; and how minorities do indeed feel an allegiance to French republican ideals although, ironically, they do not feel socially or culturally integrated within mainstream French society.

Ultimately, the stories shed light on the possibility that being “French” may in part require one to adhere to not only to certain political obligations, but also to a social and cultural code that some minorities may have not adopted and to which they might not be inclined—or perhaps not even exposed.

Two months after the end of the Humanity in Action summer program, it still seems hard to describe HIA exactly. More than anything, HIA is demanding—five weeks of seminars, visits to incredible and often seemingly inaccessible places, meetings with strong and influential human rights leaders, politicians, civil servants, diplomats, scholars, artists, philanthropists... and fellows! Indeed, HIA is not only about these meetings, as inspiring and interesting as they are. It is first and foremost about the gathering of young and enthusiastic fellows who all feel like they can contribute to society. HIA brings them together, allowing them to see that they’re not alone and that there are so many different ways in which they can help.

-Federico Brusa

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GERMAN CORE PROGRAM

The German education sector was a crucial area for analysis and discussion in the 2007 Berlin summer program. The three-tier system, in which students are placed into different tracks according to their academic performance at the age of ten or twelve, stirred heated debates on social mobility and educational integration. The Fellows visited the Heinrich-von-Stephan-Oberschule, a school with a multi-ethnic and multi-religious composition of students, most of which come from a non-German-speaking environment. Whereas some 30 years ago this school was known as a problematic institution, it was put on a reform track and succeeded in transforming into a model school.

Immigrant integration, the status of Muslim communities, and social cohesion in an increasingly diverse society were other major areas of discussion and research during the summer program. Since the fall of 2005, important moves have been made in Germany to tackle immigration and integration related issues. In September 2006, the government started for the first time an institutionalized dialogue with representatives of the Muslim communities and formed a standing committee (Islam-Konferenz). In July 2007, a first “National Integration Plan” was adopted, to which a large number of local, regional, and federal government agencies, advocacy and immigrant organizations, and economic interest groups contributed. Apart from a state-of-affairs analysis, the plan spelled out some 400 concrete commitments for sustainable integration.

In the 2007 German Core Program, Fellows met with people from many immigrant groups—first and second generation ethnic German immigrants (Aussiedler), refugees, and illegal immigrants—who offered insider perspectives on how equal social, political, and economic participation could be achieved. The Fellows also tackled heated debates over the representation of Muslim life in public. These debates were exemplified by controversies over the construction of new mosques in Berlin, Munich, and Cologne. The Fellows met with a mediator team working in the district of Berlin-Heinersdorf, where the building of a mosque has been met with fierce opposition.

“Does race matter?” This was one of the most thought-provoking questions raised during the German Program. Three Fellows investigating the discourse on racism and German identity discovered a great deal of insecurity among Germans when it came to discussing these issues. Other important topics covered were contemporary Jewish life in Germany, the rights and public representation of homosexuals, and Germany’s role in the global human rights arena.

The program also focused on historic issues such as the Third Reich and the East German Communist past. A visit to the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe inspired discussions on how various victim groups such as Jews, Sinti and Roma, and homosexuals, are recognized in the commemorative landscape and what that means for contemporary Holocaust education. Speaking to a former inmate of the Stasi-prison in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen made a powerful impression on the Fellows, revealing how human rights were violated during the Communist regime in East Germany.

This year’s program benefited immensely from the enthusiasm, input, and involvement of Senior Fellows. The Senior Fellows organized a day focused on secularism in the U.S. and Europe. They tackled the topic of German refugee legislation. They also organized a visit to an aid project for the homeless, a minority seldom attended in discussions of minority issues in Germany. Senior Fellows from all six HIA countries contributed greatly to the success of the international opening and closing programs in Berlin as speakers, panelists, film makers, and advocates for the protection of human dignity and the rights of minorities.

HIA is grateful to all who contributed to the success of this ambitious program, especially the following foundations: Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung, Marga und Kurt Möllgaard-Stiftung im Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft, West LB AG, Stiftung „Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft“, Checkpoint Charlie Stiftung, Gemeinnützige Hertie-Stiftung.



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2007 GERMAN CORE PROGRAM

Wednesday June 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Tour Berlin Senior Fellows' Welcome, Karl Lemberg and Diana Aurisch, HIA Senior Fellows Introduction to the Berlin Program, Antje Scheidler and Rainer Ohliger, Program Directors Welcome Party with Board Members and Host Families
Thursday June 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Human Rights: Germany's Role in the Global Human Rights Arena" <p>Panel Discussion with Marianne Heuwagen, Human Rights Watch, and Martin Huth, Deputy Head of Human Rights Department, Federal Foreign Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action Plans Workshop, Anne Stalfort, HIA
Friday June 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Human Rights in the East-German Socialist Regime," Guided Tour of the former Stasi-Prison Berlin-Hohenschönhausen with former inmate and psychologist Hans-Eberhard Zahn "Coming to Terms with Communism: Victims, Perpetrators and Bystanders," Diana Moraru and Pavlina Doublekova, HIA Senior Fellows Film: "The Lives of Others"
Sunday June 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit The Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe
Monday June 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guided Tour of the Jewish Museum <p>"Commemorating Victim Groups of the Holocaust: Conflicts, Debates and Approaches," Panel Discussion with Sergey Lagodinsky, Advisor to American Jewish Committee's Berlin Office; Albert Eckert, Initiative "Commemorating Homosexual Victims of National Socialism"; and Ulla Kux, Stiftung „Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft“</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Being Queer in Germany," Manuela Kay, Editor in Chief of L-MAG
Tuesday June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Integration Policy in Berlin," Ulrich Raiser, Office of the Berlin Commissioner for Integration and Migration, and Karl Lemberg, HIA Senior Fellow "Immigration to Germany: A Case Study," Antje Scheidler and Rainer Ohliger, HIA Program Directors "Illegal Immigration to Germany – Undeclared Work in Private Households: European Experiences and Options," Norbert Cyrus, Researcher, University Oldenburg Film: "Planeta Alemenia," Discussion with Film Protagonist
Wednesday June 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Visit: Marienfelde Memorial Site, Exhibition on East-West Migration Guided Tour of Reception Camp for Ethnic German Immigrants "Ethnic German Immigrants," Panel Discussion with Authors Richard Wagner and Alexander Reiser Action Plans Workshop, Anne Stalfort, HIA
Thursday June 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Educational Integration of Immigrant Children: Challenges and Answers," Ulrike Grassau, Berlin Senate Visit Heinrich-von-Stephan-Oberschule: Participant Observation in Classrooms Discussion with Karin Jaeger, Teacher; Jens Großpietsch, Headmaster; and Ulrich Raiser, Researcher, Office of the Berlin Commission for Integration and Migration "Muslim Representation in Public Life: The Case of the Mosque in Pankow-Heinersdorf," Carl Chang and Nina Hader, Mobiles Beratungsteam "Ostkreuz"
Friday June 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Intersection of American Christianity and Politics," David M. Peyton, HIA Senior Fellow Film: "Le Heim" (Asylum Seekers in Berlin) Site Visit: Hertie School of Governance with Henry Haaker, HIA Senior Fellow Site Visit: "Straßenfeger"-Project for Homeless People

Monday June 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site Visit: Anne Frank Zentrum, Julia Franz "Jewish Life in Germany: Between Anti-Semitism, Philosemitism and Normalcy," Stephan Kramer, General Secretary of the Central Committee of Jews in Germany "Being Black in Germany: Does Race Matter?" Victoria Robinson, Respect Research Group
June 20 – 29	Research and Writing
Saturday June 30	Fellows' Report Presentations

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"Beyond Herbert Baum: Searching for Signs of Jewish Resistance to the Holocaust in Berlin"

David J. Michael and Anna-Delia Papenberg

"Filling the Gap: Educational Integration and Achievement Programs for Migrant Youth in Germany"

Dora Arva, Katie Mesner-Hage, and Diana Moraru

"Fighting Uphill: Uncovering Lesbians in Germany's Queer Community"

William M. Blaustein and Janine Neumann

"Schnitzel, Schwarma and Spaghetti: How Immigrants Are Globalizing Berlin's Culinary Scene Wollankstraße. A Street in Berlin"

Pavlina Doublekova, Johanna Gereke, and Kateryna Pere-manova

"Something's Missing in Germany.' An Exploration of Discriminatory Terminology In German Discourse"

Charmaine Chua, Julia Himmrich and Asad Rahim

"The Politics of Hip-Hop: Culture versus Commodification"

Daniela Calvano, Samir Sonti, and Maurice Stanfer

"Germany's Iraqi Refugees: Saddam is Gone, it's Time to Go Home"

Wenke Niehues and Sally Ong

"Making Diversity Positive: A Case Study of the Heinrich-von-Stephan-Oberschule"

Nikola Franke, Michaela Fuhrmann, and Erica Jaastad



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EXCERPTS

Filling the Gap: Educational Integration and Achievement Programs for Migrant Youth in Germany

Dora Arva, Katie Mesner-Hage and Diana Moraru

When you get off the metro at Mehrower Allee it seems as if you have left Berlin and entered an entirely new place. There are Soviet-style apartment buildings running the length of a highway and that is all; no stores, restaurants or cafes can be found. If you walk a little farther you will come across Thüringen-Oberschule, a relic of sorts of the Soviet era but with a forward-looking agenda.

Before *Humanity in Action* I was an activist, but a selfish one. I fought tirelessly, but only for those minorities with whom I shared a common identity: African Americans and Muslims. It wasn't that I was unconcerned with others; I was just too consumed by my own struggle to fight "someone else's battle." What this summer taught me, more than anything else, is to push my thinking past those false dichotomies of "my fight" and "their fight" and realize Blacks, Muslims, Jews, homosexuals, immigrants and so forth are all essentially fighting for the same thing—the right to exist. And our plights are mutually inclusive.

-Asad Rahim

When Berlin was still divided, Russian language was commonly taught in schools as the first foreign language. When the Wall fell in 1989 and the city reunited, this particular school preserved Russian as the first foreign language instead of switching to English. Russian immigrants that came to Germany after 1990, many of whom were ethnic Germans, were attracted to this school because of the language component.

Because of this history, Thüringen-Oberschule has a substantial population (about 50 percent) of first generation migrant children from the former Soviet Union, many of whom are ethnic Germans but did not speak German when they arrived as children or adolescents. The school only runs until the tenth year and is a mix of Hauptschule and Realschule, but it defies all the trends of lower level schools with large migrant populations. It has amassed a formidable network of support and offers a wide array of opportunities to its migrant students.

What is unique about Thüringen-Oberschule is not just its extensive support network and opportunities, but also its willingness to foster the native identity of its migrant students alongside their new German identity.

“Something’s Missing in Germany”: An Exploration of Discriminatory Terminology In German Discourse

Charmaine Chua, Julia Himmrich, and Asad Rahim

Tenzile Maraslieglu, a student of Philology at the Free University Berlin, points out a fundamental problem in the process of integration. “We are told that we have to first integrate, and demonstrate how ‘German’ we are, before we acquire citizenship. They think that integration can come before citizenship. It cannot.” Tenzile’s comment hits the nail on the head. It seems unrealistic that the onus falls on the immigrant population to adjust and integrate themselves into German society when citizenship and participation in public and political life are still very much withheld. In fact, this mentality creates a formidable barrier to the integration process, by allowing authorities and the political class to evade the responsibilities of initiating the integration process.

According to Dr. Matthias Mahlmann, a professor of public law at Free University Berlin, “the concept of ethnic descent and belonging is in deep trouble.” Dr. Mahlmann pointed to the 2005 Mikrozensus of the Federal Statistical Office. The analysis of the data, a representative one percent sample of the German population, revealed a surprising finding: 20 percent of all Germans have an immigrant background. The Mikrozensus has thus put a completely different perspective on the concept of German descent and belonging. Dr. Mahlmann stresses, “I don’t know how anyone ever believed that the concept of the ethnic German ever existed, but I don’t think it exists anymore. It’s gone.”

POLISH CORE PROGRAM

Each year, the HIA mission and objectives take on a new, unique expression, meaning and dynamic. The main factors that make it possible are the leadership of our Board, the cooperation among HIA offices and staff, the passion and knowledge of our speakers, and the extraordinary energy, potential, and talent of our Fellows. It is thanks to all of these people that the Polish Program proved once again to be a vibrant, challenging, and intense experience—both intellectually and emotionally. Putting the Polish Program in a nutshell, we should say: “We did it again, and it was well worth it!”

The Polish Program was comprised of twenty-one students: seven Americans, one Belarusian, three Germans, seven Poles, and three Ukrainians. The diversity was even greater, given that participants’ ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds varied substantially. Keeping this in mind, it should not come as a surprise that the biggest challenge for all of us was first to find the common ground required to reach a mutual understanding. The Fellows, however, never backed down from the challenge to find points of agreement and contention concerning their conceptions of culture, history, human rights, politics, policy, the rule of law and religion.

We would like to present the highlights of the program. The renowned Mr. Konstanty Gebert led a panel on Polish-Jewish relations, which focused on clarifying the origins of the so-called double narrative—with all its nuances and drama—in Polish history concerning Jews and Poles. We also had a very special and meaningful meeting at the respected Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights during which representatives of three generations of human rights activists (including Mrs. Halina Bortnowska-Dąbrowska, Mr. Marek Antoni Nowicki, and Ms. Agnieszka Mikulska) shared their perspectives. The Vetting-In panel, which took place at the Institute of National Remembrance, was a unique opportunity to discuss the issue of vetting vs. democracy with a representative of the Institute (Mr. Krzysztof Persak) and a human rights lawyer (Mr. Adam Bodnar, who is also a representative of Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights). Mrs. Agnieszka Graff-Osser, a leading Polish feminist and academic, conducted an extremely inspiring workshop and lecture on women’s rights, in which she analyzed the roots of the Polish mother ideal or the concept of Polonia vs. Polish nationalism and Catholicism. We also focused on what is likely the most invisible Polish minority group—the disabled. A workshop about NGO, governmental, and disabled peoples’ perspectives turned out to be very insightful. Last but not least, we met with Mr. Krystian Legierski, an LGBT activist and very well known figure in Polish public life, who shared his views and experiences regarding the situation of homosexuals in Poland.

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Intern: Jeffrey Hochstetler



2007 Polish Program Fellows

Throughout the program, the Fellows were exposed to divergent historical narratives and challenged to analyze their impact on the current situation, learning from the past in order to change the future. The Fellows' commitment, engagement, and intellectual input are the main reasons for the Polish Program's success. It provides hope for their future activism in the field of human and minority rights, and will no doubt begin with their soon-to-be-implemented Action Plans for HIA.

HIA is grateful to all who contributed to the success of this ambitious program, especially its major sponsor, the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future (Stiftung „Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft”) whose initiative and support was crucial for the establishment of this program. Moreover, HIA would also like to thank its partner organizations, Collegium Civitas and the Center for International Relations, for fruitful collaboration and support.

2007 POLISH CORE PROGRAM FELLOWS

Bulgaria

Lidziya Semiankova, *Belarusian College of Journalism and European Humanitarian University*

Germany

Henrike Korte, *Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster*

Johanna Lieser, *Humboldt-Universität Berlin*

Kemal Etem Önel, *University of Cologne*

Poland

Małgorzata Dziewanowska, *Warsaw University*

Przemysław Iwanek, *Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin*

Monika Kozuń, *Naval Academy of Gdynia*

Aleksandra Lipczak, *Jagiellonian University*

Agnieszka Meller, *University of Gdańsk*

Magdalena Pająk, *University of Wrocław*

Anna Źamejć, *University of Wrocław*

Ukraine

Daria Kalenyuk, *National Law Academy of Ukraine*

Viktoriya Khomuk, *Volyn Institute for Economics and Management*

Iryna Marchuk, *Lund University*

United States

Rachael Dizard, *University of Pittsburgh*

Lydia Downing, *Colorado College*

Carmine Grimaldi, *Amherst College*

Gagan Gupta, *Davidson College*

Liat Krawczyk, *Hunter College*

Megan Metzger, *Macalester College*

Robert Vainshtein, *Cornell University*

2007 POLISH CORE PROGRAM

Thursday June 7	Urban Game: Getting to Know Past & Present Warsaw
Friday June 8	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Welcome,” Waldemar Markiewicz, Board Chair of HIA Poland, and Monika Mazur-Rafał, Program Director “Key Note Speech,” Halina Bortnowska-Dąbrowska, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights <p>Faces of Totalitarianism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition: “Twentieth Century Europe: Faces of Totalitarianism,” Karta Center, followed by discussion moderated by Piotr Głogowski, History Meeting House
Sunday June 10	<p>Fight for Human Rights Under Socialism and Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Film: “Man of Iron” and “Man of Marble” by Andrzej Wajda “Deconstructing Iron and Marble: Context vs. Content in Wajda’s Films,” Magda Szarota, HIA Program Coordinator
Monday June 11	<p>Poles and Jews in the Past and Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Historical Overview of Polish-Jewish Relations,” Dr. Annamaria Orla-Bukowska, Jagiellonian University “Polish-Jewish Relations: What Do They Look Like Now & Why?” Konstanty Gebert, Journalist, <i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i> and <i>Midrasz</i>
Tuesday June 12	<p>The Holocaust and Auschwitz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Auschwitz, Guided by Wojciech Smoleń “Legacy of Holocaust in Poland: Impact on Polish Society,” Dr. Annamaria Orla-Bukowska, Jagiellonian University “Casting Light Over a Long Dark Shadow,” Kazimierz Smoleń, Auschwitz Survivor
Wednesday June 13	<p>The Role of the Catholic Church in Polish Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “The Role of the Catholic Church in Polish Society,” Fr. Marek Pieńkowski, Association ESPACES Center
Thursday June 14	<p>Fight for Human Rights Under Socialism and Today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Wanted: Man of ??? – Fighting for Human Rights During the Socialist Regime and Today,” Panel Discussion with: Halina Bortnowska-Dąbrowska, Helsinki Committee and Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights; Marek Antoni Nowicki, President of the Board, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights; Agnieszka Mikulska, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights “Vetting in: Overcoming the Difficult Past or Human Rights Violation?” Dr. Adam Bodnar, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, and Dr. Krzysztof Persak, Institute of National Remembrance
Friday June 15	<p>Women’s Rights in Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Are We There Yet? Women in Public Life,” Dr. Agnieszka Graff-Osser, Warsaw University “Peeling Potatoes: Women in the Private Sphere,” Urszula Nowakowska, Director of the Women’s Rights Center “About Private Parts in Public (Schools): Sexual Education in Schools,” Anna Grzywacz, PONTON
Monday June 18	<p>How Polish Society Deals with Diversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Patchwork or Ethno-demographic Composition of the Polish State: The Role of the Polish State in Assisting Minorities to Preserve their Identity,” Dobiesław Rzemieniecki, Department of Denominations and National and Ethnic Minorities in the Ministry of Interior and Administration “Muslims in Poland: an Example of Successful Integration?” Tomasz Miśkiewicz, Mufti, Muslim Religious Association in Poland “Towards an Inclusive Society: Enabling or Disabling the Handicapped in Poland?” Izabela Siemaszko and Magda Szarota, co-founders of The Disabled Women Association ONE.pl



Polish Program Fellows

The HIA experience takes time. Sometimes it reaches you straight away during the program, but in most cases it requires some time to process. No matter how strongly you oppose, it will hunt you down and you will discover that you are not the same person anymore.

-Monika Kozuń

Tuesday June 19	How Polish Society Deals with Diversity: Migration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “About ‘Them’ and ‘Us’: Integration of Foreigners in Poland,” Adam Bernatowicz, Association for Integration and Protection of Foreigners “Proxenia” “‘I’m an Alien in Poland!’ Granting Protection to Aliens within the Territory of Poland in Theory and Practice,” Draginja Nadazdin, Amnesty International Poland “Forced Displacements as Human Rights Violations: Challenges for Historical Narratives in Poland, Germany, and Ukraine,” Prof. Klaus Bachmann, Warsaw School of Social Psychology
Wednesday June 20	How Polish Society Deals with Diversity: Sexual Minorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “A Life in the Closet and Out: The Situation of Homosexuals in Poland,” Krystian Legierski, Lawyer, Social Activist, and Co-owner of Le Madame
June 20 - 29	Research Period
Saturday June 30	Fellows’ Presentations

2007 POLISH CORE PROGRAM REPORTS

“Airing the Dirty Laundry: Exploring the Challenges of Domestic Violence in Poland”
Małgorzata Dziewanowska, Viktoriya Khomuk, and Liat Krawczyk

“Right-Wing Nationalism in Poland: A Threat to Human Rights?”
Rachael Dizard, Henrike Korte, and Anna Zamejć

“More than a Beautiful Game: Soccer, Sex Trafficking and Euro 2012 Poland-Ukraine”
Przemysław Iwanek, Daria Kalenyuk, and Robert Vainshtein

“The Effectiveness of Social Campaigns in the Polish Context”
Gagan Gupta, Monika Kozuń, and Lidziya Semiankova

“Political Clash, Or Just Low on Cash? An Examination of the Bases for Vietnamese Immigration to Poland”
Carmine Grimaldi, Aleksandra Lipczak, and Kemal Önel

“Hate in the Headlines: Media Reactions to Homophobic Rhetoric in Poland”
Lydia Downing, Johanna Lieser, and Agnieszka Meller

“Justice or Revenge? The Human Rights Implications of Lustration in Poland”
Iryna Marchuk, Megan Metzger, and Magdalena Pająk

EXCERPTS

Political Clash, Or Just Low on Cash? An Examination of the Bases for Vietnamese Immigration to Poland

Carmine Grimaldi, Aleksandra Lipczak, Kemal Önel

Robert Krzysztóń, one of the most prominent activists involved with Vietnamese immigrants in Poland, strolls with us through the Vietnamese section of the Stadion Dziesięciolecia, the largest bazaar in Europe and home to a panoply of cheap clothing, food, and appliances. “I would say that about 65% of the Vietnamese migrants are political refu-

gees,” he tells. He periodically points out workers nestled behind piles of t-shirts, antiquated knick-knacks, or dragging enormous piles of merchandise through the market: “This person over here is a wage-slave” or “That man standing over there was in a Vietnamese concentration camp for several years before he escaped to Poland.” After walking through the Stadium with Mr. Krzysztóń, it is hard not to believe that most of the Vietnamese immigrants are political refugees.

But this interpretation of Vietnamese immigrants as political refugees has not found acceptance among all commentators. Dr. Teresa Halik, a researcher from the Adam Mickiewicz University and Polish Academy of Sciences, for instance, argues that the goal of Vietnamese in Vietnam is to get “a good motorbike, DVDs, children studying in school... Policy, politics, regime, communist... they are not interested in this.” They mostly come here, she claims, not to escape political oppression in their motherland, but to improve their economic lot.

More than a Beautiful Game: Soccer, Sex Trafficking and Euro 2012 Poland-Ukraine

Przemysław Iwanek, Daria Kalenyuk, and Robert Vainshtein

Euro 2012 is still five years away. But in Poland, co-host of the 2012 European soccer championship with Ukraine, the race to prepare for the month-long tournament is well underway. With millions of fans expected to flood its hotels, stadiums, bars and restaurants, Poland faces the daunting task of rapidly modernizing itself while meeting unprecedented demands upon its infrastructure and economy. But as the organizers of Euro 2012 acutely understand, the honor of staging such a heralded tournament also offers Poland an unparalleled opportunity to prove its national worth and leadership in advancing the cause of European integration. As the first Eastern European countries to host a major soccer competition, Poland and Ukraine have a mission to make the 2012 games as smooth and festive as possible, while cultivating a new image of Eastern Europe suited to the tastes and desires of Western tourists.

Coming from across the continent, these tourists will travel to Poland in search of national glory on the pitch and revelry in the streets. For many Western Europeans, this will also be their first visit to the East, where food and vodka are plentiful and gorgeous women abound—or so they’ve been told. More than just a sporting spectacle, Euro 2012 will be an adventure into a part of Europe that remains relatively unknown and ripe for exploration. Yet Westerners can expect to find one thing for sure: a thriving, underground sex industry in Poland fueled by the trafficking of tens of thousands of women and girls from across Eastern Europe. With the demand for commercial sex predicted to peak during the 2012 games, Poland will likely face the highest surge in sex trafficking in its history.

Due to its unique geographic circumstances, Poland is the focal point of a trans-national human trafficking network that currently spans the entire European continent. Situated at the center of Europe, its borders are contiguous with six countries, including Germany on the West and Ukraine in the East. This proximity to the poverty of Eastern Europe and the comparative prosperity of Western Europe makes Poland a prime transit and destination country for trafficked persons, specifically those from Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, and Bulgaria.

The beautiful thing about Humanity in Action is that it will continue to inform the perspectives of its participants for a long time to come. None of us can yet truly comprehend what shape that process will take, but what we know for sure is that we are not finished with HIA, nor is it finished with us. I am particularly excited for those moments of struggle, wonder, exasperation, and joy and those instances of inspired curiosity and eager discovery as we continue acting collectively to better the world around us. I am confident that Humanity in Action has set all of us down that path with the right tools and with each other, knowing that we can’t and mustn’t go wrong.

-Gagan Gupta

New York Program Director: Nick Farrell
Washington, DC Program Directors:
Nick Farrell, Mark Goldberg, and Jesper Pedersen

INTRODUCING AMERICA PROGRAMS

The Introducing America Programs expose European participants in the HIA European Core Programs to minority and human rights issues in the United States. In 2007, for the first time, Fellows were given an opportunity to choose between a one-week program in New York focusing on American domestic minority issues and a one-week program in Washington, DC with an international, foreign relations orientation.

Discussions in these programs were heavily influenced by the way the 2008 U.S. Presidential primaries were taking shape. Even as Americans were seriously considering a woman and an African American as presidential candidates, hostility toward immigrants boosted other candidates to unexpected attention and success. These programs gave Fellows the opportunity to assess American cultural, legal and institutional safeguards against the abuse of minority rights, as well as forces that tend to encourage greater justice and equity within American society.

NEW YORK

Sunday October 7	<p>Race & Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Introduction,” Judith Goldstein, Humanity in Action ● “Diversity in America,” Peter Schuck, Yale Law School ● “History of Race Classification,” Ann Morning, New York University ● “Race, Poverty, and Health,” Kai Wright, Writer ● “The Neurology of Prejudice,” Damian Stanley, New York University ● Senior Fellows/Board Reception
Monday October 8	<p>Education & Religion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Education Reform in NYC,” Richard Stopol, NYC Outward Bound ● “Inequity in U.S. Public Education,” Julian Johnson, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity ● “Muslims in the U.S.,” Moushumi Khan, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard ● “Religious Diversity in America,” David Machacek, Humanity in Action
Tuesday October 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Civil Society ● “Bringing Human Rights Home,” Cynthia Soohoo, New York Lawyers for the Public Interest ● Visit The Ford Foundation: “Welcome,” David Chiel, “Immigration and Refugee Rights,” Taryn Higash, “Social Justice and Philanthropy,” Christopher Harris

Wednesday October 10	<p>The Criminal Justice System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit Redhook Community Justice Center ● “The Criminal Justice System and It’s Impact on Black Communities,” Delores Jones-Brown, John Jay College of Criminal Justice ● “The Vera Institute of Justice,” Karen Goldstein, Vera Institute of Justice
Thursday October 11	<p>Immigration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Observe Asylum Hearings, U.S. Immigration Court ● “Immigration History in the U.S.,” Aristide Zolberg, New School University ● “The Contemporary Immigration Debate,” Peter Schuck, Yale Law School ● Farewell Event, HIA Senior Fellows



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Curvin

WASHINGTON, DC

Sunday January 13	<p>Muslims in America; U.S. Foreign Policy; Presidential Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Introduction,” Esther Foer, Sixth & I Historic Synagogue ● “Civil Rights Issues Facing American Muslims,” Arsalan Iftikhar, Islamica Magazine ● “Iraq and American Foreign Policy Priorities,” Hans Binnendijk, National Defense University ● “U.S. Presidential Politics and the Primaries,” Mark Goldberg, Phil Ugelow, and Yoni Cohen, HIA Senior Fellows
Monday January 14	<p>The Immigration Debate; Race and Poverty in the U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “The Immigration Debate in the United States,” Michele Waslin, American Immigration Law Foundation ● “Immigration as a National Security Threat,” Clark Kent Ervin, Inspector General, U.S. Department of State ● “Race and Poverty in the U.S.,” Peter Edelman, Georgetown University ● Visit to the German Embassy
Tuesday January 15	<p>Minorities Petitioning Their Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Hispanics, the Immigration Debate, and the Role of Congressional Caucuses,” Angela Ramirez, Congressional Hispanic Caucus ● “H Res 106, Diasporas and U.S. Foreign Policy,” Ross Vartian, U.S.-Armenia Public Affairs Committee ● “Jewish American Engagement with U.S. Policy: Process and Politics,” Richard Foltin, American Jewish Committee
Wednesday January 16	<p>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the Permanent Exhibition ● Tour of the Permanent Exhibition ● Debriefing, Joan Ringelheim, Sarah Ogilvie, and Severin Hochberg
Thursday January 17	<p>LGBT Rights; U.S. and International Institutions; Education, Race, and Poverty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “LGBT Rights and Discrimination,” Dena Wigder and Marty Rouse, Human Rights Campaign ● “Political Dynamics of U.S. Relationships to International Institutions and Treaties,” Don Kraus, Citizens for Global Solutions ● “Race, Class, and the U.S. Education System,” Rajiv Vinnakota, SEED Foundation

HIA INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

HIA Internship programs provide Senior Fellows with valuable opportunities to gain first-hand experience working in national and international agencies concerned with minority issues and human rights. In addition to the internships in Berlin and San Francisco, which take place as part of the American Core Program / Transatlantic Study and Internship Program, HIA sponsors prestigious internship programs at the European Parliament and the U.S. House of Representatives. HIA has also developed partnerships with internship programs at the Anne Frank Foundation, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and the Danish Institute for Human Rights, among others, to encourage and facilitate participation by HIA Senior Fellows in these programs.

Program Director: Anna Isgro

CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS / HIA CAPITOL HILL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HIA gives special thanks to Anna Isgro for her service as director of the Congressman Tom Lantos / HIA Capitol Hill Internship Program. Under her energetic leadership over the past three years, the program has grown into one of HIA's most valuable training opportunities for HIA Senior Fellows.

The program will continue under the leadership of Mark Goldberg and Jesper Pedersen. Mark Goldberg is a senior correspondent at The American Prospect and writer in residence at the United Nations Foundation. Jesper Pedersen is foreign policy advisor to Congressman Robert Wexler. Both Goldberg and Pedersen are HIA Senior Fellows.

Under the sponsorship of Congressman Tom Lantos and with dedicated moral and practical support from Mrs. Annette Lantos, the Capitol Hill Internship Program provides Fellows first-hand experience of the process of policy-making and advocacy. Weekly lectures and site visits expand Fellows' knowledge of the workings of government and non-government institutions in addressing minority issues in the United States.

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Monday January 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Overview of Important Congressional Issues," Laura MacCleery, Congress Watch ● "Prosecution of War Crimes in Nonconventional Conflicts," Michael Johnson, U.S. Institute of Peace
Monday February 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Arrestment: The Heart of the U.S. Criminal Justice System," Hon. Joan Zeldon, Superior Court of the District of Columbia ● Discussion with Burt Wides, Senior Counsel, House Judiciary Committee ● "The Kurdish Perspective on Iraq," Qubad Talabany, U.S. Representative of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan
Monday February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Political Attaches Patrick de Vries, First Secretary, Political Department, Royal Netherlands Embassy; Jesper Møller Sørensen, Minister Counselor, Head of Political Section, Denmark; Andreas Krüger, Political Counselor, German Embassy ● "A Day in the Life of a Criminal Prosecutor," James Silverwood, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Monday March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Federalism," Michael Greve, American Enterprise Institute ● "Educational Services for Immigrant Students," Delia Pompa, La Raza ● Discussion with Charlotte Oldham-Moore, International Campaign for Tibet
Monday March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion with Vice Admiral John G. Cotton, Chief of Navy Reserve ● Visit Islamic Center of Washington, DC
Monday March 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Immigration, Criminal Justice, Counterterrorism, GITMO," Jennifer Daskal, Human Rights Watch ● "Wages and Poverty," Peter Edelman, Georgetown University Law Center
TMonday March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "Immigration Reform," Jack Martin, Federation for American Immigration Reform ● Visit to Howard University hosted by Alvin Thornton, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs ● "Prospects for Immigration Reform," Robert P. Deasy, American Immigration Lawyers Association
Monday April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "U.S. Political Strategy," Steve Clemons, New America Foundation ● Meeting with Deborah T. Fleischaker, Director, Death Penalty Moratorium Project, American Bar Association ● Visit to the Polish Embassy hosted by Beatta Krawczyk
Monday April 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with John Heffernan, Genocide Prevention Initiative, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum ● "Separation of Church and State," Aram A. Schvey, Americans United for Separation of Church and State ● Visit to the Swedish Embassy hosted by Caroline Vicini ● "Swedish Environmental Policies," Karin Widegren, Science and Technology Attaché
Monday April 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attend an Oral Argument at the U.S. Supreme Court ● "Briefing on North Korea," Human Rights Caucus
Monday April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Nicholas Burns, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs ● "Conflict Resolution," Oscar Desoto, U.S. Department of State ● "Homophobia in the U.S.," Marty Rouse, Human Rights Campaign
Monday May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting with Juan Romagoza, Director, Clínica del Pueblo ● Tour Seed School
Monday May 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "NRA Position on Gun Policy," Brandi Graham, National Rifle Association ● "Right to Life Viewpoint on Abortion," Olivia Gans, National Right to Life Committee ● "Homelessness in Washington, DC," Michael Stoops, National Coalition for the Homeless



The 2007 Congressman Tom Lantos / HIA Capitol Hill Internship Program Fellows

PAT COX / HIA BRUSSELS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

HIA is delighted to have the patronage of Mr. Pat Cox, Former President of the European Parliament, for its Brussels Internship Program. Now in its fourth year, The Pat Cox/ HIA Brussels Internship Program offers HIA Fellows an opportunity to put the knowledge, skills, and values acquired in the core programs to use in 3-month internships at the European Parliament.

The program has attracted the participation of a wide range of international leaders and highly ranked MEPs with a strong dedication to human rights, who serve as mentors to HIA Fellows in the program. These include, among others, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne; Helen Flautre, Chairwoman of the Human Rights Committee; Doris Pack, Chairwoman of the Delegation to South East Europe; Ignasi Guardans, Vice Chairman of International Trade. Speakers in the weekly lecture series included Nick Geron, Deputy President of the International Crisis Group, and Bashy Quraishy, a leader in the field of minority rights. Fellows visited the International Organization for Migration, Medecins Sans Frontieres, the European Policy Center, Asylum Centers, and many other organizations.

HIA Fellows have earned an excellent reputation as interns in the European Parliament. In 2007, two Fellows, Christophe Michels and Siddik Bakir were asked to remain as political assistants in the EP and the House of Lords by Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne. The year brought many successes, which have laid a solid foundation for the years to come.

HIA is grateful to the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future (Stiftung „Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft“) for supporting the participation of Fellows from Bosnia and Romania in this program.

Speakers / Site Visits: Bashy Quraishy, European Network Against Racism

Katharine Derderian, Médecins sans Frontières

Elizabeth Collette, European Policy Center

Amanda Klekowski von Koppenfels, Lecturer on Migration Studies

Nick Grono, International Crisis Group

Robin Sclafani, Centre Européen Juif d'Information (Jewish Information Center)

International Organization of Migration

College of Europe in Bruges

Asylum Center (Le petite Chateau)

2007 HIA INTERNS

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Yasemin Balci, 2006 American Core Program

Vica Bogaerts, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Pau-y Chow, 2006 German Core Program

Constanze Quosh, 2006 German Core Program

Dariusz Dybka, 2006 Polish Core Program

Jeppe Fogtmann, 2006 Danish Core Program

Raimer Rodrigues Rezende, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Ufuk Topkara, 2006 American Core Program

Ykje Vriesinga, 2005 Dutch Core Program

Iver Williksen, 2006 French Core Program

Pat Cox / HIA Brussels Internship Program

Siddik Bakir, 2005 German Core Program

Semra Celebi, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Nuray Dogan, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Vedran Grahovac, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Ruben Lindenberg, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Christophe Michels, 2006 American Core Program

Sabina Varga, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Wilhelmina Welsch, 2006 American Core Program

International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

Kimberly Ang, 2006 Polish Core Program

Tewelde Gebru Bahta, 2006 Dutch Core Program

Rory Gillis, 2005 German Core Program

Isabelle Khayat, 2006 French Core Program

Andrew Maki, 2006 Polish Core Program

David Mandel-Anthony, 2005 Dutch Core Program

Iryna Marchuk, 2007 Polish Core Program

Ditte Marie Munch-Hansen, 2006 Danish Core Program

Catherine Skinner, 2007 Dutch Core Program

Eleni Vossou, 2006 German Core Program

Jonathan Yazer, 2007 Dutch Core Program

Interpol

Sophie Chiha, 2006 American Core Program



(Left to Right) HIA Board Member Michael Th. Johnson, HIA Germany Board Chair Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, Pat Cox

Working in the parliament was both demanding and highly constructive. It was an opportunity to use my ideas and educational background in a professional setting that is highly paced and challenging. Furthermore, working in the European Parliament also gave me a valuable insight into the informal aspects of political work, something that can only be gained from direct experience.

-Ruben Lindenberg



MEP Cem Özdemir with HIA Senior Fellow Siddik Bakir

SENIOR FELLOWS ASSOCIATIONS

2007 was a very active year for the HIA Senior Fellows. To existing networks in Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United States, Senior Fellows added new associations in France and Poland, and made progress towards establishing a pan-European steering group. They also moved forward on the development of associations to represent the many Senior Fellows studying and working in the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Working closely together, these international associations have facilitated greater interaction among the global community of Senior Fellows, and served as a forum for exchanging ideas and developing projects consistent with the mission of HIA. In the coming year, the Senior Fellows networks look to increase their capacity for organizing conferences, action plans, training workshops, and to create other collaborative endeavors with the support of the HIA Centers in Europe and the United States.

Denmark

Since the beginning of 2007, the Danish Senior Fellows Network has initiated monthly planning meetings of its Board. The Network is currently working to become an independently incorporated organization, which will enhance its ability to raise funds for Senior Fellow projects. Among its many activities in 2007, the Danish Network organized and hosted the annual European Senior Fellows Conference, which was attended by 70 Senior Fellows from all six HIA countries. Discussion at the conference focused on how to coordinate more effectively across the five European Senior Fellows networks. It resulted in several working papers to guide the development of European Senior Fellows Networks.

France

The French Senior Fellows Network was established in January 2007. French Senior Fellows assisted HIA France by recruiting applicants and participating actively in the Core Program in Paris. The French Network also organized a site visit for its members to a hearing of a First Instance Tribunal to better understand how minority youth interact with the French judicial system. The French Network now holds a monthly gathering to build social ties and plan activities among the Fellows.

Germany

The German Senior Fellows Network continued its tradition of organizing a day of programming in the German Core Program. This year the Senior Fellows organized a lecture by Senior Fellow David Peyton on the interplay between religion and

politics in the United States and a seminar on asylum seekers, featuring a discussion with an African asylum seeker currently residing in Berlin. The Senior Fellows also arranged a site visit to a newspaper that works closely with the homeless population in Berlin. The German Network has begun to organize activities in cities across Germany and to cooperate with similar or complementary associations, such as the Alumni Network of the Carlo Schmidt Program, a high profile network of students with working experience in international organizations.

The Netherlands

The Dutch Senior Fellows Network has grown to more than 60 members. The Board of the Dutch Network meets monthly, and is frequently joined by other members of the Dutch Network. In 2007, the Dutch Network expanded its activities significantly. It now publishes a quarterly newsletter, organizes a major annual networking dinner for Senior Fellows and other leaders in the field of minority rights, and arranges lectures, discussion groups, and site visits, such as a recent trip to the Dutch Parliament. The Dutch Network also cooperated with other organizations to develop remembrance activities for Holocaust Memorial Day. Currently, the Dutch Network is developing a mentoring program, through which Senior Fellows will support and advise disadvantaged youth.

Poland

The Polish Senior Fellows Network was established in late 2007. The Polish Network holds monthly meetings to develop its organizational strategy. It is working closely with the staff and board to build HIA Poland as an independent organization. They were active participants in the 2007 Polish Core Program. Activities planned for 2008 include developing workshops for HIA's Relevance of the Holocaust Program.

The United States

The American Senior Fellows Association held local events in Boston, New York, San Francisco, and Washington throughout 2007. Events included working groups on HIA's strategic plan, outreach on college campuses, and active participation in the American Core Program. The American Senior Fellows organized their annual meeting in New York, with more than 60 Senior Fellows in attendance. At the conference, HIA Board Chair Dr. Hans Binnendijk engaged the Senior Fellows in a discussion on the future of American foreign policy, sociologist Dr. Dalton Conley spoke on his research into race and economic inequality, and Rockefeller University's Physician-in-Chief Dr. Barry Collier lectured on health ethics and human rights. The event also featured a photographic exhibit from Senior Fellows Elizabeth Rossi and Aditi Mehta that was developed as part of their HIA Action Plan and supported by a grant from the American Senior Fellows Association.

Annual Appeal Committee:

Ali Rosof (Chair), Benjamin Allen, Ebone Bishop, Matt Canfield, Nita Colaco, Amish Dave, Rocio Digon, Chad Doobay, Joshua Duclos, Nicholas Farrell, John Foster, Mark Goldberg, Sheri Halpern, Zachary Kaufman, Nicole Kirkwood, Ben Klein, Zachary Neumann, Alexandra Perina, Michelle Rosenthal, Molly Curren Rowles, Zachary Smith, Darren Teshima, Ben Trachtenberg, Amanda Wetzel, Rachel Maggie Whelan, Alexander Zevin

ASFA ANNUAL APPEAL

With 85% participation, American Senior Fellows contributed a record \$11,320 to the American Senior Fellows Association Annual Appeal. Matching grants added another \$3,790 bringing the total amount raised by the annual appeal to \$15,110.

The Appeal is one indicator of the continuing involvement of the HIA Senior Fellows and their commitment to the mission of Humanity in Action. Senior Fellows also contribute enormously through service during the core programs and as members of the HIA Planning Boards and Board of Directors.

2007 ASFA GRANT AWARDS

ROBBIE WHELAN

Support for volunteer work for American Jewish World Service in Dasra, India on strengthening the non-profit sector efforts to improve the rights and livelihoods of marginalized groups.

CHRISTINA ANTONAKOS-WALLACE

Documentary film, “With Wings and Roots,” on the cultures and identities of children of immigrants in Germany and the United States.

ADITI MEHTA & ELIZABETH ROSSI

“Kids with Cameras,” a photo essay by inner city Baltimore youth.

CELIA CHOY

Symposium at Yale University about the refugee experience in America, featuring a lawyer specializing in immigration, the director of a local refugee resettlement agency, two former refugees, and a film screening of “The Lost Boys of Sudan.”

AISULU MASYLKANOVA

One-day “Peace Games” training seminar for high school students dealing with hostility among ethnic groups in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Ilham Ali (2006 Danish Program) has completed a documentary film about the Kurdish village of Halabja, which was devastated by chemical attacks launched by Saddam Hussein in 1988. The project received an \$8000 grant from the Danish Foreign Ministry.

Olivia Andrzejczak (2006 Polish Program) was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study asylum policy in Poland. With institutional support from Warsaw University’s Center for Migration Research, Olivia is focusing on the controversial “Tolerated Stay” policy, a subsidiary form of protection issued to asylum-seekers from Chechnya. The project is a continuation of research she began during the 2006 Polish Core Program. Olivia’s HIA Action Plan was a photo exhibition on Chechnya at the Bernstein Gallery at Princeton. The exhibition belongs to the Honorary Polish Consul for the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria Mr. Adam Borowski, whom Olivia interviewed during the Core Program.

Christina Antonakos-Wallace (2006 American Program) received a grant from the German Soccer Federation Foundation (DFB-Stiftung Egidius Braun) for her documentary film “with WINGS and ROOTS,” which portrays second-generation immigrants in Berlin and New York.

Hiske Arts, Enno Koops, Floris van Eijk and Antoine Buyse (2001 Dutch Program) founded Critical Mass, an NGO that furthers understanding and awareness about grave violations of human rights and the social processes that lead to them. In 2006 they launched an exhibition on discrimination, group process and exclusion designed for high school students. The exhibition is traveling throughout The Netherlands and has been visited by thousands of people in 2007.

Siddik Bakir and Ben Harburg (2005 German Program) published findings from their research on “Muslim Radicalization in Germany after 9/11” in the German newspaper Taz - die Tageszeitung. They also presented their findings at international conferences in the UK, Belgium, and Germany.

Yasemin Balci (2006 American Program) and Jesper Pedersen (2002 Danish Program) helped to organize a Congressional hearing at the U.S. House of Representatives on the opening up of Holocaust-era archives in Bad Arolsen, Germany.

Allon Bar (2005 Dutch Program) led the development of a lecture series on Holocaust Memorial Day. In 2008, this work will be continued by Boudewijn Sterk (2007 Dutch Program) together with other Senior Fellows and student organizations. As a result of Allon's work, Humanity in Action has joined the official Holocaust Memorial Day organization in The Netherlands.

Elisabeth Becker (2006 American Program) received a Marshall Scholarship to study forced migration and global governance & diplomacy at the University of Oxford.

Agnes Blasselle (2006 French Program) arranged an exhibition of photographs taken by Chinese peasants, "Silent Revolution: Voices from Chinese Countryside" at the French Institut d'Études Politiques in Paris. Together with a screening of a documentary film on the European Union / Popular Republic of China training program on village governance, and a lecture by Jean Philippe Beja, the exhibition explored the process of democratization and the legitimacy and impact of participatory government.

C. Martin Caver (2004 Danish Program) received a Fulbright Scholarship to study U.S. and Canadian approaches to immigration, integration, and assimilation.

Pau-y Chow (2006 German Program) coordinates the newly created Department for Integration of the first and second generations of Chinese descendants in Portugal. This project is an initiative of the Chinese League in Portugal, a member of the Portuguese Consultation Council for Immigration Affairs.

Natalie Chwalisz and Mads Mariegaard (2007 Danish Program) published their core program report, "Willing Accomplices? The Danish Media and the Political Discourse on Minorities" in the Danish magazine Ekko. The report explores whether, and to what degree, the media has played a role in the radicalization of the Danish political discourse towards Muslims and immigrants.

Jessie Dessus (2007 American Program) was awarded a Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband grant to support her research on the interrelation of the residence status, access to healthcare, and mortality rates among HIV positive immigrants in Berlin.

Natalie Jesionka (2006 German Program) was awarded a Henry Luce Fellowship. The Luce Fellowship, awarded by the Center for Khmer Studies in Siem Reap, Cambodia, enables young scholars to pursue independent research in order to rebuild the academic field within Cambodian society. Natalie will be researching the impact of human rights education on young women in post-war Cambodian society.

Laura Kieler (2006 Danish Program) organized an event on October 7 celebrating diversity in Copenhagen. For the event Laura brought together musicians and vocalists of different ethnic background to compose "A song for Copenhagen," which became the title of the project.

Vasyl Kvartiuk (2006 Polish Program) is one of the key young leaders in Ukraine concerning patients' rights and patients safety. In 2007, He organized a Roundtable, "Patient Safety: New Challenge – New Approach" at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Among the participants were representatives from the Ministry of Health, the Parliamentary Committee on Healthcare, and the World Alliance for Patient Safety, and other leading NGOs. The meeting resulted in the Kyiv Declaration expressing participants' commitment to the development of national action plan.

Ruben Lindenberg (2006 Dutch Program) started a project in cooperation with IMC Weekendschool, in which HIA Senior Fellows mentor schoolchildren from disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Elidor Mehilli (2003 Dutch Program) held an art exhibit, "After Utopia," that explored the ruins of socialist cities. The exhibit was held in the Bernstein Gallery at Princeton University.

Lisa Montmayeur (2006 French Program) is writing a report on the Greece – Turkey reconciliation process in the 1920s based on interviews with refugees and their descendants.

Caroline Nyvang (2003 Danish Program) was awarded The University of Copenhagen's gold medal for her MA thesis. Caroline's thesis was submitted within the field of economic history.

Aldo de Pape (2004 Dutch Program) published his book I Am, a book of stories about a day in the life of children from India, Uganda, the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and The Netherlands. The children's book is intended to broaden horizons and create interest in the lives of children in other parts of the world.

Nilakshi Parndigamage (2004 German Program), a first-year law student at the University of Virginia, received the Class of 1957 South Africa Human Rights Summer Fellowship to spend a summer working for the International Center for Transitional Justice in Cape Town.

Anders Pedersen (2007 American Program) received a \$6000 grant from the Danish Youth Council to start a community media project in Copenhagen. The project will equip youth in the Nørrebro neighborhood of Copenhagen with skills to produce documentary videos addressing social justice and fighting racism.

Beth Rossi and Aditi Mehta (2006 German Program) completed an action plan entitled "Kids with Cameras," in which Baltimore youths were given the opportunity to photograph their own neighborhoods. The photographs were exhibited in diverse venues, including Load of Fun Art Gallery and the Enoch Pratt Free Library. The project was profiled in April in The Baltimore Examiner.

Indra Sen (2006 American Program) was named a Truman Scholar. A culture and politics major in the School of Foreign Service from Chapel Hill, N.C., is using the scholarship to further his study of English language acquisition among Southeast Asian immigrant communities in America. Indra is co-founder Empowering Young Asian Americans at Georgetown University, which encourages Asian high school students to explore their history, develop leadership skills, and engage in their communities.

Morten Svendstorp (2005 Danish Program) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study International Security Policy at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

Anna Timmerman (1999 Dutch Program) published Machteloos? Ooggetuigen van de Jodenvervolging ("Powerless? Eyewitnesses of the Holocaust"). The book, which is about bystanders, consists of interviews with non-Jewish witnesses of the Holocaust. It is based on research conducted for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC.

Sam Walker (2004 Dutch Program), Matthew Bowlby (2006 Dutch Program), Megan Carroll (2002 German Program), and Holly Dranginis (2006 Danish Program) participated in the 2007 Echenberg International Young Leaders Forum on the Prevention of Genocide. With 31 other young leaders from 23 countries, the forum produced a Declaration of Responsibility to prevent genocide.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2006 Barney Karbank Memorial Award:
Hiske Arts
2006 Dr. Louis Rabineau Award:
Michael Kunichika



Marietje Schaake

2007 KARBANK AND RABINEAU AWARDS

In 2006, HIA Board Chair Emeritus Neil Karbank and his family established the Barney Karbank Memorial Award and the Dr. Louis Rabineau Award to recognize outstanding leadership by HIA Fellows. The 2007 award recipients were named at the November conference of Senior Fellows in Copenhagen.

Named for his father, the Barney Karbank Memorial Award is given annually to a European Senior Fellow whose efforts reflect Mr. Karbank's conviction that it is every citizen's responsibility to hold governments and societies accountable for the protection of human dignity and the fundamental rights of those most vulnerable to persecution. Humanity in Action is proud to name Marietje Schaake as the 2007 recipient of this award.

Barney Karbank Memorial Award: Marietje Schaake (2003 Dutch Program; 2004 ICTY Internship; 2005 Tom Lantos / HIA Capitol Hill Internship)

Marietje Schaake is an independent consultant working with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the American Embassy in The Hague on diversity, integration, and Islam in the West. She recently organized an international conference of American and Dutch Muslim leaders, "Diversity Dialogues," and published her observations in the Turkish Policy Quarterly on the subject of Muslim integration in Western societies. As a member of the board of the Dutch HIA Senior Fellows Network, Marietje is devoted to building the HIA Network as a presence among public and political leaders on minority issues. Her projects include the "Night of the Future," an event on the future of human rights in Europe in an age of terrorism, and an Iftar meal that brought Dutch Muslims and non-Muslims together during Ramadan. She is currently writing a book on trans-Atlantic relations and policies and debates concerning Islam in the West.

The Dr. Louis Rabineau Award honors Dr. Rabineau's life-long efforts to improve education for all. As Chancellor of Higher Education for the State of Connecticut and President of the College of the Atlantic, Dr. Rabineau promoted programs to enhance educational opportunities for minorities and the physically handicapped. He established programs to train teachers of teachers and programs to promote social and environmental responsibility. The Award is given annually to an American Senior Fellow whose leadership furthers these commitments. Humanity in Action is proud to name Emmanuelle Lawrence as the 2007 recipient of this award.

Dr. Louis Rabineau Award: Emmanuelle Lawrence (2006 American Program)

Emmanuelle "Mimi" Lawrence is a Hatton W. Sumners Scholar at the University of North Texas, where she is pursuing a Master's in Public Administration. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society and Alpha Chi National Honor Society. In 2006, she graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas at Arlington. There, she served as President and VP of the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society. After the 2006 American Core Program in New York, she returned to Fort Worth to work for Fort Worth CAN! Academy, a nonprofit high school that educates at-risk youth. During her tenure there, she helped implement a Summer Leadership Program. She is active in the SisterFriend program at the Fort Worth/Dallas Birthing Project, a nationally renowned nonprofit organization that reduces infant mortality by providing emotional support to women during and after pregnancy. Mimi is the mother of a two-year-old son, Elijah Davis, who she hopes will grow into a person "of deep faith and who shares and advocates the tenets of Humanity in Action."

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Interest	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
Other Income	8,000	1,000	1,500	0	2,500	13,000
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Internship Programs	17,500	3,000	3,000	11,500	3,000	38,000
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Other Program Expenses	40,000	3,500	3,500	29,000	3,500	79,500
Total Program Expenses	730,500	95,000	91,000	246,500	119,000	1,282,000
Operating Expenses						
Strategic Planning	161,000	0	0	0	0	161,000
Administration	236,000	500	500	1,000	500	238,500
Development	14,500	0	0	0	0	14,500
Total Operating Expenses	411,500	500	500	1,000	500	414,000
Total Expenses	1,142,000	95,500	91,500	247,500	119,500	1,696,000



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