

HUMANITY IN ACTION

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“Hindsight is easy. Thinking ahead is harder. While governments are consumed with investigating terrorism and genocide, one group of concerned global citizens strives to protect endangered minorities and stands against intolerance before violence occurs.

NORA BOUSTANY, *Washington Post*

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MISSION

Humanity in Action (HIA) believes that an important test of a genuine democracy is how it treats its minority populations. HIA also believes that the commitment to democratic values and the protection of minorities cannot be taken for granted today in the United States and Europe.

Therefore, HIA creates educational programs that seek to instill moral responsibility for the protection of minorities in a new generation of social, cultural, and political leaders by:

- >> Educating 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.



2009 HIA Fellows in discussion during the opening program in Paris



ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action (HIA) is an international educational organization that educates, inspires and develops a network of students, young professionals, and established leaders committed to protecting minorities and promoting human rights—in their own communities and around the world.

HIA has educated over **1,000 emerging leaders in their 20s and 30s** who now form a unique international network. It contributes in innovative ways to advance human rights and democratic freedoms.

HIA's **annual fellowship programs** bring together more than 100 European and American university students and young professionals each summer in **Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands** and the **United States** to discuss, learn and research in international groups. HIA Fellows meet with leading experts and activists to study the Holocaust and contemporary challenges to minority rights. Fellows write **research-based articles** and develop **teaching tools** to share what they learned in their programs. HIA supports all Fellows financially for the duration of their programs, allowing for the merit-based selection of diverse applicants.

HIA also provides professional development opportunities. It maintains an international network of students, young professionals, established leaders, experts and partners for which it organizes a range of **educational and career opportunities**,

including international seminars and one-week study trips, lecture and discussion series, and fellowship positions at the European Parliament, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Anne Frank Foundation, U.S. Congress and other civic and political institutions. These opportunities encourage emerging leaders to develop their professional skills and introduce established leaders to the ideas of the younger generation.

HIA's network of students and young professionals is a valuable resource to policy-makers, diplomats, educators, business leaders, and civic-minded individuals and organizations. **By the end of the decade, HIA will connect over 2,500 professionals working in all sectors, on a range of critical issues, in countries around the world.**

HIA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory Boards in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States. HIA's international headquarters is in New York City. Major supporters of HIA have included the Ford Foundation, Mellon Foundation, Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility, and Future (EVZ), Dutch Ministry for Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) and the U.S. Department of State. Over 12 years, HIA has raised more than \$12 million for its work.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Dr. Hans Binnendijk
*Chairman of the
Board of Directors
Humanity in Action Inc.*

Now more than any time in the last decade, Humanity in Action serves a crucial purpose. Diverse, divisive pressures strain important international relationships and domestic commitments among our democratic societies. HIA is dedicated to fostering transatlantic and transnational conversations about these pressures, advocating for solutions that reinforce our bonds.

When HIA was founded in 1997, liberal democratic states appeared ascendant and unassailable. The collapse of the Soviet Union validated the strength of Western ideals, including the universality of individual rights, the values of diversity within states and the virtues of free markets. We in the West assumed that all other societies aspired towards these ideals. Instances of violence, terrorism, repression and protectionism were the side effects of rapid convergence towards consensus.

In hindsight, it is clear that the world we imagined was quickly fragmenting. Instead, the allegiances and ideals we held to be self-evident are being tried and tested. Unpopular wars in Afghanistan and Iraq strain the transatlantic alliance. The global financial crisis may threaten the fundamental project of the European Union. Politicians are exploiting demographic changes to restrict immigration and proscribe civil liberties. Daily, we hear prejudiced and xenophobic rhetoric about what our states cannot accommodate. Ethnic divisions in the Baltics, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, Sudan, Georgia, Kosovo, the Middle East and Ukraine persistently challenge our understanding of and commitment to the right to national self-determination.

History tells us that in times of conflict and change, countries retreat into their borders. The financial crisis in particular has tempted countries to renege on international commitments.

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But none of the problems described above will be satisfactorily resolved unilaterally. Now more than ever we need to seek transnational solutions to our global problems.

The bonds that form between European and American Fellows in HIA's Fellowship Programs are the basic building blocks of stronger transatlantic relationships. As we further enhance our professional development programs, international conferences, study trips and other programs for our Senior Fellows, we provide greater opportunities for young professionals and emerging leaders to form meaningful connections with their international peers. The very fact of these life-long bonds and friendships will help us resist economic and social isolationism now and in response to future crises. Moreover, HIA believes that many of our Senior Fellows will be at the forefront of creating solutions to our shared problems.

The education, experience and opportunities HIA offers are as necessary now as ever before. We are therefore deeply grateful to all who have contributed to HIA's success—those who generously share their expertise as speakers, Board members, and advisors and those whose financial support sustains our efforts despite and because of these difficult times we all face.



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dr. Judith S. Goldstein
*Founder and
Executive Director
Humanity in Action*

This year has proved to be pivotal for HIA. Since the first fellowship programs in 1999, HIA had grown so much during the many years of prosperity and promise. However, the impact of the global economic recession was deeply transformative. Suddenly, as was true for many other non-for-profit organizations in the United States and Europe, HIA had to stop assuming that innovative, strong and successful educational programs would attract ever-expanding financial support. Under the guidance of the Board, we managed our programs carefully and were able to meet the challenges of the economic downturn. We focused our resources on finding innovative ways to continue and improve upon the programs available to our Fellows and Senior Fellows.

If 2009 was a year of adjustments, it was also a year of advances. Despite the stark recession, HIA and all of its national offices raised \$2,275,899 for six national programs and new investments in the Senior Fellows community. The French office, in particular, did Herculean work by managing European coordination, as well as the opening and closing events for the 2009 HIA Fellowship Programs. The San Francisco Fellowship program focusing on grassroots action expanded to include Senior Fellows already engaged in professional work. HIA received a major donation from the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice for the continuation of the Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellowship in Washington, DC for its tenth consecutive year. For the first time, HIA received substantial funding from the U.S. State Department to support the summer fellowship programs.

The Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport also gave us much encouragement. Because of their support, we have

established a new five-year plan that includes an annual international conference to replace the opening and closing events for the European programs. Each year, this international conference will introduce new Fellows to the HIA Network and reunite Senior Fellows, Board Members, donors and friends with each other and with ideas to strengthen democratic values. Also thanks to the generosity of the Dutch ministry, we began planning for a Senior Fellows study trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the past year, in a period of increasing tensions among minorities and majorities in Europe and the United States, we have expanded HIA's public reach and knowledge about our programs and objectives. This is a difficult task—ever difficult—since HIA assumes a broad educational mandate to explore the fears, uncertainties and opportunities inherent in diversity and to encourage action and leadership.

We are ever grateful to the 2009 Fellows, Senior Fellows, Board members, donors and all who endeavor with us to advance our mission and meet the challenges confronting democratic and just societies.

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 10 - 16	"Introducing America" Program in Washington, DC
January 19	"Visions of Race in America" in Washington, DC, with filmmaker Ken Burns
January 25 - May 22	Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellowship Program
February 2 - April 30	Pat Cox-HIA Fellowship Program in the European Parliament
March 30 - April 5	HIA Germany conducts workshop "The 1989 Regime Changes in Europe: From Dictatorship to Democracy" in Berlin
April 1 - 3	Dutch-American Pioneers Program in Amsterdam
April 24 - 25	"Campaigning for Minorities" training seminar for Senior Fellows in Brussels
June 5 - July 8	HIA Fellowship Programs in Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris and Warsaw
July 1	HIA Poland and U.S. Embassy in Poland co-sponsor "Let's Get Down to Work!" grant competition
July 3 - August 4	HIA Fellowship Program in New York
July 16	American Senior Fellows Association Benefit in New York
August 12 - 20	Bosnian Senior Fellows Network Event at Sarajevo Film Festival
September 1	HIA Germany and HIA France launch a European network for the development of mentorship strategies through the Grundtvig EU Lifelong Learning Programme
September 2 - 12	HIA Poland organizes "Lessons from the Rwandan Genocide" lecture series with Rwandan survivor, Assumpta Mugiraneza
September 4 - 6	Annual European Senior Fellows Reunion in Poznan, Poland
September 10 - December 18	HIA Professional Fellowships in San Francisco at grassroots organizations
September 30	Launch of the HIA UK Fellowship Initiative in London, hosted by the Danish Ambassador Birger Riis-Jørgensen
October 3 - 10	"Introducing America" Program in New York
October 23	Launch of HIA Bosnia-Herzegovina Steering Committee in Sarajevo
October 23	HIA Germany hosts "KICK!Start Your Career," bringing together underprivileged youth and young professionals for a soccer tournament in Berlin
November 3	HIA Denmark hosts a public discussion with U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano
November 18 - 21	Dutch-American Pioneers Program in New York
November 26	"The Future of the Past" Conference marks the 10th anniversary for HIA The Netherlands in Amsterdam
December 1	Announcement of Owusu Akoto and Anna-Delia Papenberg as the 2009 Barney A. Karbank Memorial Award and Dr. Louis Rabineau Award recipients
December 4	French Senior Fellows Network hosts a conference on diversity and the media in Paris
December 5 - 6	Sue B. Mercy Fellowship inaugural event in New York



DESCRIPTION OF 2009 HIA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The HIA Fellowship Programs are the flagship educational program for Humanity in Action. The Fellowship seeks to educate and inspire the next generation of leaders to protect human rights and be active citizens.

In 2009, HIA organized five-week programs in Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland and the United States, with opening and closing events in Paris. The curricula of each program were based on four pillars: examination of historical examples of societies that persecuted or protected minorities, especially those drawn from the Holocaust and American slavery; a survey of contemporary issues in a given national and cultural context, including the rights and opportunities afforded to various immigrant, religious, ethnic and sexual minority groups; meetings and site visits with professionals, academics and advocates on the cutting edge of human rights issues; and inclusion in HIA's international network of emerging leaders, who support and educate each other. As in past years, the programs each culminated in original research and writing projects by transatlantic teams of Fellows.

The diversity of the 2009 HIA Fellows ensured that whether Fellows participated in a program in their home country or abroad, they were challenged by new ideas and insights. One Hundred and Thirty Two Fellows came from 82 universities in the six countries in which HIA ran programs, as well as Bosnia-Herzegovina and Ukraine. Although all students or recent graduates, Fellows ranged in age from their late teens to early 30s and represented a wide range of academic interests, from the arts to the natural sciences. Maintaining HIA's commitment to providing opportunities to the most qualified, HIA funded the vast bulk of all Fellows' expenses despite the global recession.

After the summer, Fellows are obligated to complete Action Projects in their communities. It is central to HIA's philosophy that Fellows put their knowledge and enthusiasm to positive use. HIA is therefore proud to report that several 2009 Fellows undertook exemplary action projects:



Disappointed with the electoral victories of the xenophobic, nationalist Dutch politician Geert Wilders, **Spencer Heijnen (Dutch Fellow, 2009)** co-founded a publicity campaign called "Geert does not speak for me." Spencer's campaign used social networking media and sold bracelets with the campaign's message to empower over ten thousand Dutch people to demonstrate their commitment to a diverse, inclusive country.



Seeking to help others benefit from their HIA experience, **Lisa Sig-Olesen (pictured), Maja Viola Buskbjerg, Sofie Nielsen, Søren Lytken Larsen and Isa Gry Lindemann Elowsen**—all Fellows in the **2009 Danish program**—developed a project to educate 7th grade children about their own human rights. Drawing upon resources from local nonprofits, such as Save the Children Denmark, the group created a curriculum to teach the school children about the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The project used arts, rap, acting and sports to engage the children both physically and mentally, thereby reaching children with different learning patterns. The project succeeded in attracting funding from the British Council and Tryg Foundation and was completed in August 2010.



Kennedy Odede (American Fellow, 2009) is giving back to his home community by providing basic education and healthcare facilities, which were previously lacking. Originally from Nairobi's Kibera slums, where millions go without necessities, Kennedy had the opportunity to study in the US. Now, Kennedy and his university classmate Jessica Posner are building the Kibera School for Girls and the Shining Hope Community Center. The project has received international media attention.



2009 SUMMER PROGRAM FELLOWS

AMERICAN PROGRAM

Till Altpeter, Germany, Humboldt University Berlin
Sami Asali, France, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Miriam Beck, Germany, University of Osnabrück
Thérèse Dettwiller, France, HEC School of Management, Paris
Roqaya Dhaif, Denmark, Copenhagen Business School
Jörn Eiermann, Germany, University of Maastricht
Christian Foldager, Denmark, University of Copenhagen
Nathan Furukawa, United States, Seattle University
Danielle Goonan, United States, Dickinson College
Sanne Hattema, The Netherlands, University of Amsterdam
Sarah Howard, United States, University of Washington
Umar Ikram, The Netherlands, University of Amsterdam
Mia Sung Kjaergaard, Denmark, University of Copenhagen
Joanna Łakomiec, Poland, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznań
Amy Larsen, United States, Yale University
Marisol León, United States, Yale University
Terin Mayer, United States, Carleton College
Benjamin Meriçli, United States, University of Pittsburgh
Marta Poślad, Poland, University of Warsaw
Lionnel Rigobert, France, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris
Shiloh Tilleman-Dick, United States, University of Denver
Christine Topinka, United States, Seattle University
Marta Usiekniewicz, Poland, University of Warsaw
Sandra van Beest, The Netherlands, Radboud University Nijmegen
Janine White, United States, Rutgers University

DANISH PROGRAM

Sesi Aliu, United States, University of Pittsburgh
Sarah Brajtbord, United States, Swarthmore
Maja Viola Buskbjerg, Denmark, Aarhus University
Isa Elowsson, Denmark, University of Copenhagen
Jamila Sørine Hussain Espersen, Denmark, Roskilde University
Trine Grønberg, Denmark, Copenhagen Business School
Najhee Jackson, United States, Augusta State University
Rune Justesen, Denmark, University of Copenhagen
Inga Kotlo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, University "Džemal Bijedić" Mostar
Alexandra Lu, United States, Harvard University
Ursula Moffitt, United States, Reed College
Sofie Boudigaard Nielsen, Denmark, Aarhus University
Jakob Øster, Denmark, Copenhagen Business School
Alena Residovic, Denmark, Copenhagen Business School
Isaac Rowlett, United States, New York University
Luis Santoyo-Mejia, United States, Yale University
Marissa Schneiderman, United States, Reed College
Lisa Sig Olesen, Denmark, University of Southern Denmark
Søren V. Larsen, Denmark, Copenhagen Business School
Maribel Vasquez, United States, Franklin and Marshall College
Igor Vukic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, University of Banja Luka
Catherine Zinnel, United States, Hunter College (CUNY)

“After the HIA program, it is much harder to make the excuse that today’s great injustices are inevitable, or that solutions are impossible.

BEN MERIÇLI,
American Fellow, American Program



2009 SUMMER PROGRAM FELLOWS, CONTINUED

DUTCH PROGRAM

Abigail Augus, United States, University of California, Davis
Mina Barahimi, United States, University of Washington
Julia Choe, United States, Harvard University
Danijel Cuturic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, University of Tallinn
Jan de Graaf, The Netherlands, University of Amsterdam
Sierra Fleenor, United States, Colorado College
Spencer Heijnen, The Netherlands, University College Utrecht
Lauren Henry, United States, Yale University
Ahmed Mabruk, United States, Harvard University
Darya Marchenkova, United States, The New School
Andrew Moe, United States, Vanderbilt University
Bertine Moenaff, The Netherlands, VU University Amsterdam
Dena Mokhberolsafa, The Netherlands, University College Utrecht
Krishnaveeni Naganathar, The Netherlands, VU University Amsterdam
Djeyhoun Ostowar, The Netherlands, Roosevelt Academy
Raymond Ratti, United States, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Jasmijn Sloopjes, The Netherlands, University College Utrecht
Nikolai Smith, United States, Northwestern University
Anida Sokol, Bosnia-Herzegovina, University of Sarajevo
Lyske van der Werf, The Netherlands, University of Groningen
Willem van Golstein Brouwers, The Netherlands, University College Utrecht
Veerle Vrindts, The Netherlands, University of Maastricht

FRENCH PROGRAM

Kaoutar Abousmir, France, Institut d'Études Politiques de Toulouse
Nabil Berbour, France, Institut d'Études Européennes (Paris 8)
Alice Bonnet, France, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques
Sara Canby, United States, Columbia University
Laura Chambers, United States, George Washington University
Charlotte Traeger, France, ESCP Europe
Gorčin Dizdar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Oxford University
Yousef Farsakh, United States, University of California, Los Angeles
Daniel Gore, United States, University of Pittsburgh
Hannah Schafer, United States, Brown University
Maryna Kumeda, France, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris
Minja Leko, France, Université Lumière Lyon 2
Kuong Ly, United States, Boston College
Yasmine Mahdhaoui, United States, The City College of New York (CUNY)
Kennedy Odede, United States, Wesleyan University
Ignacio Petitcollot, France, Université de Vincennes à Saint-Denis (Paris 8)
Claire Schmitt, France, Université de Vincennes à Saint-Denis (Paris 8)
Deva-Dee Siliee, United States, Columbia University
Fanny Toutou-Mpondo, France, Université de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris 4)
Lijia Xie, United States, University of California, Berkeley



2009 SUMMER PROGRAM FELLOWS, CONTINUED

GERMAN PROGRAM

Nuriesya Abu Bakar, United States, Wellesley College
Julie Bernath, Germany, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris
Allyson Brantley, United States, University of Notre Dame
Michelle Cho, United States, Harvard University
Simon Gaus, Germany, University of Bremen
Casey Gerald, United States, Yale University
Gülay Gün, Germany, University of Bremen
Jasmin Hasić, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Masaryk University, Brno
Elizabeth Krasner, United States, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ruth Langer, Germany, Free University Berlin
Lilly Padia, United States, New York University
Jelena Radeljic, Bosnia-Herzegovina, University of Banja Luka
Tim Rauschan, Germany, Free University Berlin/
University of California, Berkeley
Shahin Rothermel, United States, New York University
Dominik Rüede, Germany, University of Hohenheim
Leon Schettler, Germany, University College Maastricht
Gauthami Soma, United States, Northwestern University
Jasamin Ulfat, Germany, University of Duisburg-Essen
Colette van der Ven, United States, Middlebury College
Frithjof Wodarg, Germany, University College Utrecht
Max Zuckerman, United States, Washington University in St. Louis

POLISH PROGRAM

Tetiana Babycheva, Ukraine, Chornomorsky State University
Oksana Dekhtiarova, Ukraine, Luhansk Taras Shevchenko
National University
Christine Esche, United States, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Marta Gawinek, Poland, University of Warsaw
Justyna Gmitrzuk, Poland, University of Warsaw
Corey Jentry, United States, Augusta State University
Anna Kendrick, United States, Harvard University
Steven Kochevar, United States, Yale University
Kamil Kolata, Germany, University of Konstanz
Elena Mechik, Germany, Technische Universität Berlin
Natalia Mileszyk, Poland, University of Warsaw
Denver Nicks, United States, Southern Methodist University
Barbara Pięta, Germany, Leiden University
Jessica Prue, United States, Cornell University
Karolina Sacha, Poland, Humbolt University
Nadiia Sokolova, Ukraine, Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University
Ira Stup, United States, Columbia University
Katharina Timm, Germany
Sandra Topalska, Poland, Jagiellonian University, Krakow
Artur Wieczorek, Poland, Jagiellonian University, Krakow
Maryna Zhukovska, Ukraine, National University of
"Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"



PROGRAM REPORTS*

AMERICAN

Till Altpeter, Danielle Goonan and Sandra van Beest
Copy, Change and Paste: Posse Foundation Goes Europe

Thérèse Dettwiller, Benjamin Meriçli and Marta Poślad
A Woman for President? Impossible! Transferring The White House Project to Poland and France

Jörn Eiermann, Christian Foldager and Marisol León
New York Community Media Alliance Proposal

Sanne Hetteema and Terin Mayer
Harlem to Bijlmer: Implementing Community-Based Environmental Justice in The Netherlands

Sarah Howard, Sami Asali and Marta Usiekiewicz
PRYDE Project Proposal for Expansion

Umar Ikram, Miriam Beck, Joanna Lakomiec and Christine Topinka
Suffering Voices Learn to Speak Up: A Global Initiative to Empower Youth through Media Technology

Amy Larsen, Lionnel Igobert and Mia Sung Kjærgaard
Art and Action: Defining a New Paradigm for Social Action through the Art of Alfredo Jaar

Janine White, Roqaya Dhaif and Nathan Furukawa
Finding Common Ground: Implementing Culturally-Competent Care in Denmark

DANISH

Maja Viola Buskbjerg and Najhee Jackson
How is Integration Possible in Denmark?

Isa Elowsson and Luis Santoyo-Mejía
The Gay “Other” in Contemporary Copenhagen

Trine Gronborg and Sarah Brajtford
Choosing a Different Path: Muhabet and an Alternative Approach to Recovery

Alexandra Lu and Lisa Sig Olesen
The Danish Illusion: The Gap between Principle and Practice in the Danish Welfare System

Ursula Moffitt
A Litmus Test for Danish Society: The Case of the Iraqi Asylum Seekers

Alena Rasidovic and Marissa Sophia Schneiderman
Self-Rule of Greenland 2009 – a Step Further Towards Independence?

Isaac Rowlett and Rune Justesen
Rights Deferred: Political Participation of Ethnic Minorities in Denmark

Jamile Sorine, Hussain Espersen and Maribel Vasquez
Human (Re)Trafficking in Denmark: Looking for a Solution or Recycling a Problem?

Igor Vukic, Søren Viskum Larsen, and Sofie Boudigaard Nielsen
The Absence of Positive Recognition for Individuals of Marginalized Groups in Danish Society

* Program reports will be made available at the HIA website at www.humanityinaction.com



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FRENCH

Kaoutar Abousmir, Laura Chambers and Gorčin Dizdar

Remembering the 1961 Massacre of Algerians as a Key Element for the Recognition and Inclusion of Post-Colonial Minorities in France

Nabil Berbour and Deva-Dee Siliee

Social Mixing, Gentrification... and De-Concentration: Who Has the Right to the City?

Sara Canby, Minja Leko and Yasmine Mahdhaoui

Building Communications Networks between Associations and Potential Publics: Using Social Networking to Inform Teens about Cultural Programming

Daniel Gore, Alice Bonnet and Yousef Farsakh

Minority Integration within the French Political Sphere

Maryna Kumeda, Hannah Schafer and Lijia Xie

Breaking the Vicious Circle: Youth-Police Conflict in Parisian Banlieues

Kuong Ly, Kennedy Odede, Claire Schmitt and Fanny Toutou-Mpondo

Reevaluating the Criteria for Legal Permits to Integrate 1,300 Undocumented Workers Occupying the Bourse du Travail on rue Charlot, Paris, France

“ In Paris I learned that a universal aspect of the human experience is struggle. This has changed my understanding of my youth in a Kenyan slum.

KENNEDY ODEDE,
American Fellow, French Program



DUTCH

Abigail Augus and Veeni Naganathar

Send the Children Home: Dutch Policies Towards Minors Seeking Asylum

Danijel Cuturic, Lauren Henry and Jasmijn Slootjes

Holocaust Education: The Search for Effective Approaches to Educating Children

Jan de Graaf and Julia Choe

The Unlucky Ones: Accounting for the Roma and Sinti Populations in Dutch Culture

Ahmed N. Mabruk, Dena Mokhberolsafa and Anida Sokol

Child's Play: Minors in the Dutch Sex Industry

Bertine L. Moenaff and Sierra E. Fleenor

Opening the Religious Closet: The Lives of Gay Christians and Muslims in The Netherlands

Djehoun Ostowar and Mina Barahimi

The Political Participation of Dutch Muslims: A Dilemma for a Multicultural Society

Raymond Ratti

Different Generations, Different Needs: Generational Variance in Political Participation Rates among Dutch Muslims

Lyske van der Werf and Nikolai Smith

Fish, Folk Music and Politics: Why did Volendam Vote for Wilders?

Willem van Golstein Brouwers, Spencer Heijnen and Darya Marchenkova

Democracy Gone Wild: The Problem of Geert Wilders

Veerle Vrindts and Andrew Moe

The Right to be Seen and Heard: Case Analyses of the Rights of Deaf-Blind Students at the Academy



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GERMAN

Nuriesya Abu Bakar and Jasamin Ulfat
"In Kreuzberg, there are no Ausländer!" Scrutinizing Berlin's Diversity

Julie Bernath, Jelena Radeljic and Shahin Rothermel
The Quartersmanagement as a Local Strategy for Integration

Allyson Brantley, Michelle Cho and Ruth Langer
Stadtteilmütter: Approaching Integration Through Education in Berlin-Neukölln

Simon Gaus and Colette van der Ven
A Needle in Red Flesh: The Dynamics between a Former Stasi Prison and its Town

Casey Gerald and Tim Rauschan
Soccer as an Avenue for an Inclusive National Identity

Gülay Gün and Jasmin Hasić
The Freedom of Movement Principle within the EU: The Case of Roma in Berlin

Elizabeth Krasner, Frithjof Wodarg and Max Zuckerman
Stop Gentrification—Take Your Right To The City

Lilly Padia and Leon Schettler
"LGBT" in Berlin: Questioning the Box

Dominik Rüede and Gauthami Soma
The Margin of Action, Revisited: Contemporary Developments in Third Reich Education in Oranienburg, Germany

POLISH

Marta Gawinek, Jessica Prue and Maryna Zhukovska
Moving Beyond Statistics: Narratives of Chechen Refugees in Poland

Justyna Gmitrzuk, Elena Mechik and Denver Nicks
Where Everyone Was Invited: Art in the Streets and the Humanization of Warsaw

Natalia Mileszyk, Anna Kendrick and Oksana Dekhtiarova
"We Are Not Scouts": The Reality of the Polish Development Cooperation

Barbara Pięta, Ira Stup and Kamil Kolata
Never Again? Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Representations of Jews in Modern Poland

Nadia Sokolova, Karolina Sacha and Corey Jentry
To Be or Not to Be: The Tatar Identity, Promise or Problem?

Sandra Topalska, Christine Esche and Katharina Timm
Lost and Found: Communism Nostalgia and the "Communist Chic" Among Poland's Old and Young Generations

Artur Wieczorek, Tetiana Babycheva and Steven Kochevar
All Quiet On the Eastern Front: A Sound and Developing Polish Migration System

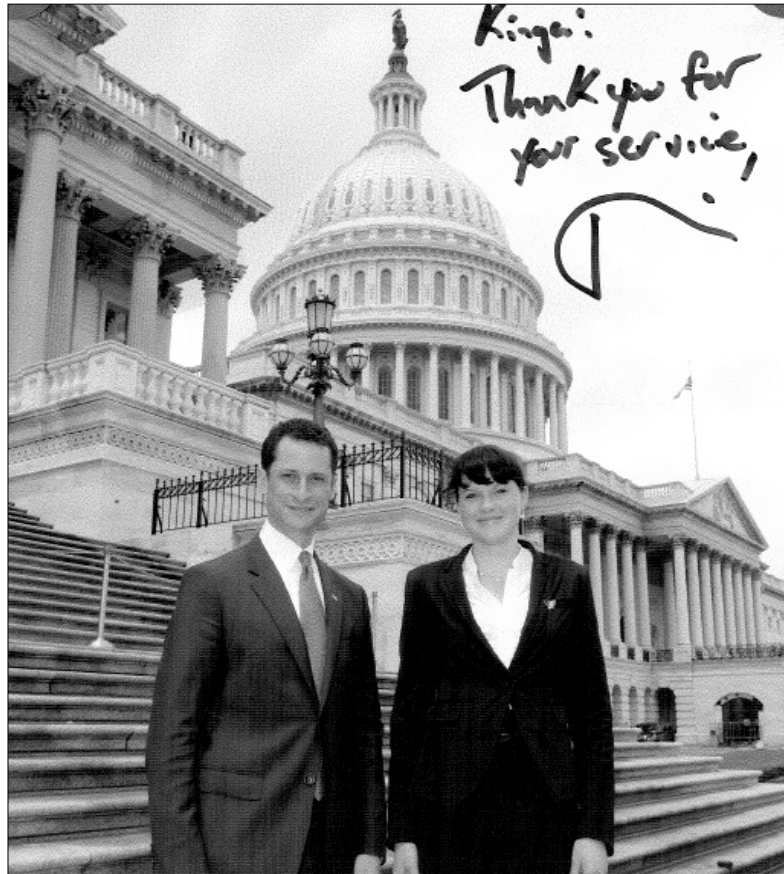
“ I loved that HIA intertwined past and present, working within the context of national histories in order to illuminate universal questions of tolerance and resistance.

ANNA KENDRICK,
American Fellow, Polish Program



INTRODUCTION TO HIA PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

HIA is dedicated to providing continuing professional opportunities for the HIA Senior Fellows, the alumni of the HIA Fellowship who choose to remain engaged with HIA and its mission. Professional fellowships are opportunities to gain first-hand knowledge and experience of policy-making, advocacy and social entrepreneurship on behalf of human and minority rights. In partnership with a variety of international and grassroots organizations, HIA provides internships and training in diverse professional fields.



Senior Fellow Kinga Brudzinska with Congressman Anthony Weiner at the conclusion of her Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellowship in Washington, DC.

“ I am looking forward to many more years of engagement with the HIA Senior Fellows network as well as with the many global challenges and opportunities.

AMY LARSEN,
American Fellow, American Program



LANTOS-HIA CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP

DESCRIPTION

HIA has organized this four-month Fellowship in the United States Congress since 2001 with the generous support of the family of the late Tom Lantos. Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellows work in the office of a member of Congress or a congressional committee and also participate in weekly seminars about American political, social, legal, economic, educational, religious, cultural, and human rights issues. Thanks to the continued support of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice and Annette Lantos, the Fellowship continues to provide an unparalleled introduction to American political culture and the functioning of the nation's highest legislative body.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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The Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellowship is made possible by the generosity of the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice.



The 2009 Lantos-HIA Congressional Fellows in front of the US Capitol Building

FELLOWS

Fellow (Country of Citizenship)	Office (Affiliation-State)
Cihan Tekeli (The Netherlands)	Subcommittee on Europe, Representative Robert Wexler (Democrat-Florida)
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Felix Arnold (Germany)	House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Republican-Florida)
Jakob Bo Neilsen (Denmark)	House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Republican-Florida)
Joseph Kaifala (Sierra Leone)	Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, Representative Donald Payne (Democrat-New Jersey)
Kinga Brudzinska (Poland)	Representative Anthony Weiner (Democrat-New York)
Louis Middelkoop (The Netherlands)	Representative Thomas Perriello (Democrat-Virginia)
Magnus Harrison (Denmark)	Representative Grace Napolitano (Democrat-California)
Nienke Venema (The Netherlands)	Subcommittee on Europe, Representative Robert Wexler (Democrat-Florida)
Oliver Skov (Denmark)	Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific and the Global Environment, Representative Eni Faleomavaega (Democrat-American Samoa)
Sofie Birk (Denmark)	Representative Donald Manzullo (Republican-Illinois)
Steffen Hurka (Germany)	Representative Ben Ray Lujan (Democrat-New Mexico)



PAT COX-HIA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

DESCRIPTION

The Pat Cox-HIA Fellowship is a three-month competitive internship opportunity in the European Parliament. From Mondays to Thursdays, the Fellows work in the offices of influential Members of the European Parliament. On Fridays, the Fellows attend seminars with high-caliber speakers from a wide variety of organizations, including NGOs, think tanks and international institutions. With the support of the Fellowship's patron Pat Cox, former President of the Parliament, the Fellowship is designed to introduce an emerging generation of leaders to the workings of the European Parliament and this body's commitment to ensuring global human rights.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Mona Shair

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

The Pat Cox/HIA Fellowship is made possible in part by the generosity of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.

“Days are long, but you don't mind as the work is interesting and you see the clear results of what you do—after all, it is politics that makes the world go round!

MARIE MOGELVANG,
Danish Fellow, 2009 Pat Cox-HIA
European Parliament Fellow



FELLOWS

Fellow (Country of Citizenship)	Member of European Parliament, Country, Committees (Political Party Affiliation)
Neaka Balloge (United States)	Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, MEP, Britain, Human Rights, Foreign Affairs (ALDE)
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SAN FRANCISCO GRASSROOTS FELLOWSHIP

DESCRIPTION

HIA organized placements for an international group of Senior Fellows at leading, innovative non-governmental organizations and civic institutions in California's Bay Area. From September to December 2009, HIA's San Francisco Fellows worked in their respective offices during the week and on Fridays participated in a seminar series to learn about the region's rich tradition of grassroots action and civic responsibility. This fellowship introduces young activists to social, cultural, and political leaders in the San Francisco region.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Rhian Miller

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The HIA San Francisco Fellowship is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund with additional support from the Taube Center for Jewish Life.



The 2009 San Francisco Fellows at the home of HIA Board member Linda Gallanter

FELLOWS

Fellow (Country of Citizenship)	Organization
Monika Kozuń (Poland)	Jewish Community Relations Council
Vasyl Kvartyuk (Ukraine)	Green for All, Apollo Alliance
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SUE B. MERCY FELLOWSHIP

DESCRIPTION

2009 was the inaugural year for the Sue B. Mercy Fellowship, named in honor of philanthropist and HIA co-founder Sue B. Mercy. This year, five HIA Senior Fellows were nominated for this honor based on their commitment to philanthropy and social entrepreneurship. The Fellowship is an opportunity for the Fellows to expand their knowledge of the broader field of philanthropy by undertaking a collective research and writing project focused on philanthropy. This year, the Fellows researched how innovative nonprofit organizations have responded and adapted to the economic downturn. The Fellows' report is available at the HIA website.



Inaugural class of Sue B. Mercy Fellows Amish Dave, Beth Rossi, Ebone Bishop, Heather Lord and Michael Brickner with Sue B. Mercy at her home

FELLOWS

Fellow	Project
Ebone Bishop	Ebone Bishop examined organizations that focus on social entrepreneurship and effecting change in local communities. She sought to understand how economic difficulty affects grantors and grantees and its impact on progressive, community-based initiatives. She researched Ashoka and the Audre Lorde Project.
Michael Brickner	Michael Brickner researched Cleveland-area nonprofits working on issues of housing discrimination. He examined how shifts in the economy afforded these organizations opportunities to become more efficient, productive and innovative. He interviewed the Housing Research & Advocacy Center and Community Shares.
Amish Dave	Amish Dave focused on organizations in Chicago improving the security—physical, mental, social and emotional—of populations susceptible to abuse or violence. He met with the organizations Apna Ghar and New Life Volunteering Society.
Heather Lord	Heather Lord focused on place-based philanthropy dynamics in Michigan, specifically looking at how grant-making organizations are framing the economic challenges and making targeted interventions in the region. She interviewed the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and Kresge Foundation.
Elizabeth Rossi	Elizabeth Rossi focused her research on organizations in the Boston area working with refugees and asylum seekers because this important area for advocacy has particularly suffered since the onset of the economic crisis. She researched the PAIR Project and Mapendo International.



PIONEERS PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

The Pioneers program was a part of the NY400NL celebrations recognizing the 400th anniversary of the Dutch settlement of the Hudson River Valley. The program brought together a group of 40 recognized young leaders—20 from Amsterdam and 20 from New York City, selected for their creative thinking and outstanding professional accomplishments in a range of fields. The program facilitated a dialogue on social innovations to promote active citizenship in diverse, open cities such as Amsterdam and New York City. Participants gathered in Amsterdam for four days in April and New York for four days in November. During these sessions, the Pioneers met with renowned speakers and explored topics including free speech, the inclusion of minority youth in the political process, urban diversity and the potential for new technology to stimulate community building and social integration. The program closed having articulated three transatlantic initiatives: A project engaging minority and immigrant youth in Amsterdam and New York City to integrate cultural histories into local history class curricula; a project empowering minorities and immigrants to become more effective activists in their communities through new media; and a project encouraging city governments to take greater risks in support of innovative solutions to a variety of urban problems.

PARTNERSHIPS

The Pioneers program was an initiative of HIA and the Felix Meritis Foundation as part of the NY400NL celebrations. The program was developed with HIA Senior Fellow Marietje Schaake and generously supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment and the Ministry for Youth and Families.

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Nicky Zwaan, Rietveld Academy and independent visual artist

“ This program has put me in contact with people that would never have been in my circle... They constantly challenged me to think in a different way.

GUSTAVO RIVERA,
New York State Senator



PIONEERS PROGRAM, CONTINUED

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Dutch Ambassador to the US Renée Jones-Bos and Pioneer Baratunde Thurston at the concluding Pioneers event in New York



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In 2006, HIA Board Chair Emeritus Neil Karbank and his family established the Barney A. Karbank Memorial Award and the Dr. Louis Rabineau Award to recognize outstanding leadership by HIA Senior Fellows. Each of the \$1,000 awards is given annually to one American Senior Fellow and one European Senior Fellow. In 2009, the recipients of these awards are Anna-Delia Papenberg and Owusu Akoto.



Anna-Delia Papenberg

*Berlin Program 2007, European Senior Fellow
Barney A. Karbank Memorial Award Recipient*

In the process of gaining a law degree, Anna-Delia organized community leaders to use a high-profile publicity campaign to confront a clothing store in her neighborhood that sells brands typically attractive to Neo-Nazis, a project she called “Mitte Gegen Rechts” (Center Against the Right).



Owusu Akoto

*Copenhagen Program 2003,
American Senior Fellow
Louis Rabineau Award Recipient*

Owusu has created and led the development of the Senior Fellows association in the United Kingdom, worked closely with several Ambassadors in their sponsorship of HIA activities and arranged for a lecture series of the highest quality that is bringing HIA's perspective on minority issues to other students and young leaders in the United Kingdom.



Anna-Delia Papenberg persuaded Berlin authorities to permit her to place a mobile educational exhibit outside a Neo-Nazi storefront.



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SOFIE BOUDIGAARD,
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenue in US \$	
Government Grants	241,500
Grants from Foundations	826,300
Contracted Services	145,000
Individual and Business Contributions	144,400
Other Revenue	14,600
Total Revenue	1,371,800
Expenses	
Program and Program Related Costs	908,572
Management and Support	402,256
Total Costs and Expenses	1,310,828
Net Income	60,972

TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR HIA EUROPEAN PARTNERS

(in EUR €)

	Total Revenue*	Total Expenses**	Net Income
Denmark	99,021	96,966	2,055
France	115,635	109,402	6,233
Germany	118,315	124,896	(6,581)
Netherlands	237,535	250,547	(13,012)
Poland	124,955	94,118	30,837
Total	695,461	675,929	19,532

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