

### HUMANITY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL STAFF

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**Judith S. Goldstein**

Founder and Executive Director (New York)

Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith's leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. She received her PhD in history from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups. Judith grew up in Great Neck, Long Island.



**Renata Dixon**

Chief Financial Officer (New York)

Renata Dixon graduated from the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT and earned a BS/BA in Accounting from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Her extensive accounting and financial management career began at Ernst & Young. She continued her training in accounting while working in accounting and collections for 12 years in the insurance industry. She has responsibility for management accounting system development, and expert oversight of all the bookkeeping and accounting functions at Dixon & Company. Key areas of proficiency are in evaluating, auditing and reviewing the financial condition of going concerns, especially not-for-profit entities. She has managed the books of not-for-profit entities at various stages of their growth and development and is considered a reliable resource for not-for-profit accounting and financial management. She is particularly experienced in providing timely and accurate information for not-for-profit boards and executive directors as staff and resource change, diminish or evolve.



**Anthony Chase**

Director of Programs and Detroit Program Director

Anthony Chase joined Humanity in Action in 2011 — first as a Fellow in Paris and, in 2013, as a staff member in New York. He manages a range of initiatives, including the Detroit Fellowship, a program focused on inequality and development. He received his BA from the University of Michigan and will begin graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in fall 2018. He serves as a board member of Libraries Without Borders. Anthony is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., and lives in Brooklyn.

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### **Antje Scheidler**

International Director of European Programs and National Director (Berlin)

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2002, when she became Program Director of the newly established German fellowship program. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived in Berlin for almost her entire life where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. She studied English and American Studies, Sociology and Political Science at Humboldt University Berlin and at the University of Toronto. She shares a great interest in immigration-related issues and matters of social cohesion. Antje was a researcher at Humboldt University in the Department of Demography from 2000 to 2007 and the Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter "Migration und Bevölkerung" from 2000 to 2011. Since 2007 Antje has been the National Director of the German chapter of Humanity in Action. She is now the International Director of European Programs of the organization and among other things facilitates the transatlantic communication between the Humanity in Action chapters on both sides of the Atlantic. Her focus areas have been the Annual International Conferences, the organization's outreach to Greece as well as Grant Competitions for Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. Apart from enjoying family life with her two daughters, Antje enjoys long-distance running and she recently discovered a passion for yoga.



### **Jay Todd Richey**

Associate National Director (New York)

Jay Todd Richey is the Associate National Director for Humanity in Action. From Glasgow, Kentucky, he is also a graduate student in the MSc Human Rights program at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He graduated summa cum laude from Western Kentucky University with majors in political science and Asian religions and cultures and a minor in legal studies. At WKU, he served as Student Body President, received the Mahurin Honors College Scholar of the Year Award, and completed a thesis titled "Academic Freedom as a Human Right: The Problem of Confucius Institutes." He also co-founded the WKU Student Coalition for Renters' Rights, an organization that advocates for adequate legal protection for renters in Kentucky. In 2015, he served as an intern in the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, China. He was a 2017 Fellow in Warsaw. He also studies Mandarin language and Sinology.



### **Martine Alonso Marquis**

Program Director, Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship (Brussels)

Martine Alonso Marquis is Program Director of the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship in the European Parliament and a teacher of International Relations at Sciences Po Paris. Until July 2014, she was a political advisor on foreign affairs to a Member of the European Parliament. She has gained extensive work experience with Oxfam in Berlin, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade and Pristina. Martine has organised many educational workshops and trainings with the South Eastern Europe Initiative of the French-German Youth Office, mostly focused on interculturality, human rights and post-conflict reconciliation. She studied social sciences in Berlin, conflict studies and international relations in Paris, where she also obtained her PhD in political science.

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### **Yulia Shalomov**

Coordinator for Admissions and Administration (New York)

Yulia Shalomov serves as the Coordinator for Admissions and Administration. Yulia liaises with Humanity in Action's staff in New York and Europe to coordinate program admissions and outreach initiatives. She also supports administration, communications and program development. Yulia holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in political science and history from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She is also a graduate of The George Washington University, where she received her Masters of Arts degree in International Affairs, with a concentration in international law and organizations. She has previously held positions in the international education, conflict resolution and social justice fields.



### **Sylwia Vargas (Wodzińska)**

Program Coordinator (Warsaw)

Sylwia (Warsaw 2014) is a social activist passionate about women's empowerment and a feminist social entrepreneur. A double graduate in Linguistics and Cultural Studies from Poznan University, she took a break from her PhD in Sociology researching group dynamics between Israeli and Palestinian migrants in Berlin. Three years ago, as her Action Project, Sylwia co-founded MamyGłos, a nationwide foundation empowering teenage girls in Poland to stand up against sexism, delivering workshops to 1,500+ teens and free psychological counseling to over 300. Currently, she is developing a new solution to the underrepresentation of young women in IT. Sylwia was a Program Coordinator in the 2017 Warsaw Fellowship and co-created HIA Poland's social entrepreneurship school. She is a Global Laureate Fellow (2017), DO School alumna (2017) and Ashoka's Changemaker (2016). In her free time, Sylwia co-authors interactive books for teenagers on racism, menstruation, sexism and ableism, and is fiercely learning JavaScript to code for a better world. She is happily married to another Senior Fellow.



### **Jamie Sohngen**

Coordinator of Operations and Administration (New York)

Jamie hails from Cleveland, Ohio and received her bachelors degree in International Business with minors in Mandarin Chinese and German from the University of Cincinnati. She has spent an academic year in Shanghai, where she studied at Fudan University and worked for the Ameson Education and Cultural Exchange Foundation. She is passionate about exploring culture and conflict through language, and in her free time she enjoys cooking and running. Jamie first became involved with Humanity in Action while interning with the Berlin office for seven months, and is very excited to now serve as the Coordinator of Operations and Administration in the New York office.

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### **Beverly Li**

Program Associate and Conference Intern

A San Francisco native, Beverly Li is the Program Associate at Humanity in Action. She graduated cum laude from Whitman College in 2014 with a B.A. in Psychology. She is a 2014 Berlin Senior Fellow and a 2015 Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow. She was the program intern for the 2015 Berlin and 2017 Detroit Fellowship. She has been a part of social psychological research for over seven years, having been a part of labs at Whitman, Stanford, London Business School, and UC Santa Barbara. She received an Honorable Mention of the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program in 2016 for her research proposal to examine ways to reduce microaggressions. She is currently pursuing her Masters in the Psychology of Global Mobility, Inclusion, and Diversity in Society and currently resides in Istanbul, Turkey.



### **Laura Cahier**

Conference Intern

Born and raised in the French rural department of Ain, Laura is studying a dual Master's Degree in Human Rights law and International Affairs (Paris 2 / Sciences Po Lyon). She also spent a year abroad at UC Berkeley, where she studied sociology (inequalities/gender). She wrote her first thesis on gender-based violence in France and the legal and political obstacles migrant women face to access justice. As co-founder of an organisation called InterCambio, she shot a documentary about Mayan women's right to health in rural Guatemala and the importance of local empowerment. With Lumir Lapray, who founded the organisation Optimist, they work together to advance equal opportunities in higher education, especially in Sciences Po Lyon. She hopes to pursue a Ph.D in Human Rights law, about gender-based violence against indigenous women on the American continent and the necessity to take into account intersectionality and local demands for equal rights.



### **Sara Deitermann**

Conference Intern

Born and raised in a small town close to Münster in Germany, Sara left her hometown after graduating to pursue her professional aspirations. After working in Windhoek, living in Canada for one year and studying sociology in Utrecht for a couple of months, Sara now studies social science at the University of Cologne. Sara has been with Humanity in Action since March 2018 where she works as a Program Assistant to support the preparation of the 2018 HIA Fellowship Program and the annual international conference in Strasbourg. She is returning to Cologne in October to finish her bachelor's thesis. Besides her academic interests, Sara loves good wine, books and live music.



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### **Gage Garretson**

Conference Intern

Raised across the United States, Gage Garretson is a graduating senior at Macalester College majoring in Geography with a concentration in Human Rights and Humanitarianism. After studying abroad at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Gage participated in a public policy and international affairs fellowship at Carnegie Mellon University. Combining his interests in human rights and policy, he interned with The Advocates for Human Rights writing reports to the UN on migrant labor abuses and detention policies in the U.S, and with the U.S. State Department's Humanitarian Information Unit, crowdsource mapping emerging humanitarian situations. This past winter Gage spent time in Lesbos, Greece working in refugee camps which led to his senior capstone project focusing on gender and sexuality minorities in the Mediterranean refugee crisis. After Macalester, Gage is interested in pursuing opportunities to further research migration, asylum, and identity.



### **Katarzyna Klimowicz**

Conference Intern

Katarzyna is a PhD candidate at University of Warsaw (Poland) and is doing her research on the implementation of the idea of participatory and deliberative democracy with the use of digital tools. Another focus of her research is emergence of network parties promoting citizen-centered politics, such as Razem in Poland or Podemos in Spain. She is a Co-Founder and the Board President of 4YOUth Foundation, with which she coordinated a number of international and local projects promoting the idea of citizen participation, human rights, intercultural dialogue, ecology and sustainable development. Moreover she is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Warsaw Program 2013) and a current Visiting Fellow at Democracy Lab (Das Progressive Zentrum, Berlin). Katarzyna enjoys participating in various public speaking events (such as international conferences and TEDx Talks) in order to share and promote progressive ideas.

## JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP STAFF

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### **Tanya Washington**

John Lewis Fellowship Program Director

Tanya Washington is a Professor of Law at Georgia State University College of Law. Her articles have been published in law journals and periodicals across the nation, and Supreme Court Justice Kennedy cited her co-authored amicus brief in the 2015 marriage equality decision. Professor Washington has taught comparative law classes on race and domestic violence in study abroad programs in Brazil, Europe, and China. A belief that the true value of the law lies in its capacity to improve the human condition animates Professor Washington's work, which includes three years on the Atlanta Human Relations Commission, volunteer service to Atlanta's homeless population, work at area soup kitchens, several amicus briefs in Georgia appellate cases, and countless hours of pro-bono work. She is the Director of the John Lewis Fellowship, a HIA program funded by a grant to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights from the Mellon Foundation.



### **Ufuk Kâhya**

Associate Program Director

Ufuk Kâhya serves as Humanity in Action's Associate Program Director for the John Lewis Fellowship. Ufuk has an academic background in Public Administration, Political Science and International Relations. Ufuk currently serves as the Leader of the Green Party at the City Council of Hertogenbosch in The Netherlands and as a senior advisor for Kompas, the Dutch civil rights and liberties organization. Ufuk has experience as a senior trainer for United World Colleges on leadership, conflict transformation, community building and inclusion. He worked with diverse groups of youngsters internationally, such as the indigenous youngsters of the Marowijne, Suriname. Ufuk has served as a policy advisor to Congressman A.L. Hastings and is a member of the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network of the GMF. He serves on several boards, is a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum and a Fulbright Alumni. Ufuk focuses on intersectional approaches to social change and inclusion throughout his political, professional and pro bono efforts.



### **Faryn Wallace**

Program Assistant (Atlanta)

Faryn Wallace is an Atlanta Native and a recent graduate of Georgia State University College of Law. Before attending law school, Faryn received her bachelor's degree in World History from Kennesaw State University. During her time at Georgia State Law, she worked as a Graduate Research Assistant under the direction of Professor Tanya Washington, and assisted Professor Washington in drafting an Amicus Brief that was filed in support of the Plaintiffs' position in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and cited by the United States Supreme Court as a persuasive authority in this landmark Marriage Equality decision. Faryn also participated in a Refugee and Asylum Law Practicum – where, under the Third Year Practice Act, she worked closely with clients seeking asylum in the US. Additionally, Faryn has experience in personal injury law and indigent criminal defense. She currently works as a Judicial Staff Attorney in Juvenile Court.

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### **Hanane Abouellotfi**

Program Intern (Atlanta)

Born and raised in Heerlen, the Dutch equivalent of Texas, Hanane Abouellotfi moved to Amsterdam in 2000. She attended the VU Amsterdam University to obtain her BA degree in Political Science. In 2014, she attended the University of Amsterdam where she obtained her Master's degree in Political Communication. She has been involved in numerous youth civic engagement organizations, such as Mosa (youth radio and debate) and Hi5 (now IZI solutions). Hanane is also a Fulbright Summer Institute Alumni and has worked as technical manager at Kieskompas (Election Compass), a company specialized in developing Vote Advice Applications. In her spare time she also co-organized Django Girls, a free coding event for women. In the future she is hopeful to find meaningful and effective ways to contribute to social justice and positive change.

## AMERICAN PROGRAM FELLOWS

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### JOHN LEWIS FELLOWSHIP



**Kafilat "Adeola" Naomi Aderemi**

Birmingham City University

Adeola is a Nigerian-Greek artist, scholar, activist, and healer. She is currently an MPH candidate at the Birmingham City University, working as a curator, yoga therapist and creative director. Currently working on raising awareness among the general public on issues concerning human trafficking, gender equality, women's health and equal representation for voices of women of African descent in the global media. She is the currently elected coordinator of the Gender Equality Working Group of the Alliance Europe Network and works as a consultant on gender-based conflict resolutions. Her work in various medium has been featured in publications such as Women Under Siege, New York Times, Ms. Magazine, New Museum New York, Forbes, E-flux, Elle, and Vogue. Adeola is the founder of 'Distinguished Diva,' a collective that fosters community building, communication, outreach and global accessibility for women of African descent with a focus on telling and amplifying stories told by these women.



**Laila Alvarez**

Pitzer College

Born in Mexico and raised in Atlanta, GA, Laila Alvarez is currently a senior at Pitzer College majoring in Human Biology. She spent a summer abroad studying epidemiology and comparative perspectives of health in Costa Rica. After her time abroad, Laila volunteered at her local hospital, providing translations and enrolling patients into temporary health insurance in the emergency room. Laila hopes to pursue a career removing language, cultural, and economic barriers to health care. She has worked with the American Civil Liberties Union analyzing and collecting data on health and human rights violations in San Bernardino County jails in California. After Pitzer Laila hopes to pursue a Juris Doctor degree in order to advocate and remove policies that make health care inaccessible for communities of color.



**Rachel Atakpa**

University of Kansas

Rachel Atakpa is a poet and first-generation student at the University of Kansas studying English and Spanish. As a Ronald E. McNair scholar, Atakpa conducts research on Black women's writing. At KU, she is the chief editor of the Undergraduate Research Journal for the Humanities, a writing fellow and consultant for the writing center, Multicultural Scholar, and a honors student. Atakpa is the 2018 recipient of the Langston Hughes Award for Creative Writing in Poetry and Brosseau Creativity Award for Writing. Her poetry has appeared in Kiosk Magazine and The Shade Journal, and is forthcoming in Women, Gender, & Families of Color, Asterism, and Berkeley Poetry Review. Her work engages questions of body politics, materialism, and futurity, and believes in intuition, love, and healing. After graduating, Atakpa will pursue graduate studies in English with the intention to do work in community rebuilding, prison abolitionism, child and adult literacy, and academia.



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**Olha “Louise” Boleyn**

University of Warsaw

Born in Ukraine, Louise Boleyn currently attends University of Warsaw in Poland, majoring in US Society and Culture. Inspired by recent social activist movements, such as #metoo and Black Lives Matter, she aims to speak up against discrimination and injustices, to make a change both in her own and the international community. After graduating from University of Warsaw, Louise wants to pursue a degree in Law and further continue working on protecting those who suffer from human rights violations.



**Teodora “Mara” Dorofre**

University of Amsterdam

Originally from the north-eastern part of Romania, Mara currently lives in Amsterdam, The Netherlands and identifies as a European citizen, rather than belonging to only one culture. She will begin her third year as a student of Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics in a small-scale, unique, intensive program which raised her interest for academic research on Social Development and its applicability in policymaking. Before moving to Amsterdam, Mara was a professional fencer. As a student of an interdisciplinary major, Mara values a holistic perspective on the reality of human rights and wishes to bring empathy into the study of forced displacement and conflict resolution. She highly values storytelling and open-mindedness and hopes she will be able to use these qualities into a future career as an Identity Politics researcher. Even if it's a daily routine, Mara still enjoys biking through Amsterdam and is keen to see other cities becoming more sustainable!



**Elle Enander**

Centre College

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Elle is a graduate of Centre College where she received her BA in English and Environmental Studies. She studied abroad in Ecuador, France, Guatemala, Uganda, and Rwanda, researching issues of tropical biodiversity and conservation, community responses to genocide, French literature, and the intersection of religion and violence in Eastern Africa. Elle is currently an AmeriCorps member serving with City Year Boston, an organization that aims to confront the school-to-prison pipeline by increasing mentorship for students in under-resourced public schools. Elle recently trained with the Obama Foundation to grow as a civic leader and social change agent, and is passionate about creating spaces for youth empowerment and identity exploration through photography, storytelling, and the arts. She is currently working on a photography project exploring disability and identity focused on her sister and her experience living with disability. In her spare time Elle enjoys baking, drawing, and hiking.

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### **Desmond Fonseca**

Tufts University

Desmond Fonseca, the son of an Angolan mother and Cape Verdean father, is a rising junior studying History and Africana Studies at Tufts University. Growing up in South Shore Massachusetts, Desmond was immersed in Cape Verdean and Angolan community, and, as a result, is interested in studying cultural manifestations of Blackness across the Atlantic Ocean, as well as revolutionary Luso-Africa. On campus Desmond is treasurer of the Cape Verdean Students Association, has co-organized a conference pertaining to African and Caribbean culture, and annual cultural nights celebrating Cape Verde. A Laidlaw scholar, over the next two summers he will be conducting independent research on visual culture and cultural memory in "postcolonial" Angola, and during his junior year, he will be a visiting student at the University of Oxford. After graduation, Desmond will pursue a Ph.D in history and education to study global Black liberation movements.



### **Laurel Hiatt**

University of Georgia

A Washington transplant raised in Suwanee, Georgia, Laurel is a UGA Foundation Fellow currently earning dual degrees in biochemistry and molecular biology and Spanish, and working toward a certificate in interdisciplinary writing. An intersectional social justice activist, Laurel trains service animals as a spokesperson for disability rights as well as leads community initiatives through organizations including Lambda Alliance, the LGBT Resource Center, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness on Campus UGA. Laurel is also an award-winning journalist with a passion for enhancing science communication, developed during their two years of executive involvement within Science Olympiad Outreach. Laurel intends to earn an MD/PhD in clinical biochemistry. As a physician-scientist, Laurel will investigate disease mechanisms for transgender and intersex patients while also shaping health care policy to better ensure safe and successful engagement of vulnerable populations.



### **Abibat Iriafen**

California Polytechnic State University

Raised in Rancho Cucamonga California, Abibat Iriafen is a rising junior at California Polytechnic State University with major in political science with a concentration in global politics and minor French. She competes in NCAA division 1 track and field as a long and triple jumper. As a student assistant at the multi-cultural center she seeks to create a diverse environment for students of color and created her own mentor program called Poly Pipeline. She researched the efficiency of diplomacy in Haiti after the fall of the Duvalier regime. As a proud Nigerian-American, in her spare time, she loves to cook Nigerian food. She enjoys playing movie soundtracks on her bass guitar and string bass. After college she hopes to obtain a masters degree in international diplomacy and work for United Nations.

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### **Sophie Kupetz**

Brown University

From Los Angeles, Sophie Kupetz is a first semester junior at Brown University, studying History with a focus on race and law. She spent last Fall studying Spanish at Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco in Guatemala. Many of her most meaningful learning experiences have occurred outside of the traditional classroom: participating in campaigns to fight against the Prison Industrial Complex with grassroots organizations, such as Direct Action for Rights and Equality and Critical Resistance; volunteering as a Teacher's Assistant in educational programs at the Rhode Island prison; and teaching at Breakthrough Providence. Sophie is a student employee at Brown's Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice. She is interested in thinking through ways to make the University more accessible and pressuring the University to accept responsibility for past injustices. She is currently advocating for a Brown for-credit college in prison program.



### **Francesca Lupia**

Stanford University

Raised in Ann Arbor, MI, Francesca Lupia is a rising senior at Stanford University with a major in Human Biology and minors in East Asian Studies and Italian. They are broadly interested in the influence of early experience on human well-being and identity formation. An intern at the Santa Clara County Office of Reentry Services, Francesca is conducting honors research on parenting among formerly incarcerated women. They study racial and gender-based bias in preschoolers through Stanford's Social Cognition and Development Lab, and they researched cultural identity among Chinese immigrants to Italy while studying abroad in Florence. Francesca is also dedicated to promoting dialogue and cooperation between China and the United States. As co-president of the Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES), they organized a five-day academic conference on China-US relations. Francesca hopes to pursue graduate coursework in law and public policy, supporting a career in criminal justice reform advocacy.



### **Sandra Mehmedovic**

University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Philosophy

Sandra was born and raised in Sarajevo. She is currently pursuing her master degree in English Language and Translation Studies at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo, where she also earned her undergraduate degree. Besides working as a freelance translator, she also works at the War Childhood Museum in Sarajevo as a translator and research assistant. She mainly works with people whose childhoods were or are still affected by conflict, either by collecting objects and stories or by conducting video testimonies about their experience of growing up in conflict. She loves to travel and explore new cities, cultures, and languages, and she is passionate about animals, nature, theater, literature, and human rights.

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**Larry "Liem" Nguyen**

University of Washington

Liem Nguyen is originally from Việt Nam. He is studying Anthropology at University of Washington. A kid at heart and a free spirit, he is serious about the pursuit of justice for his people. He is a proud PPIA UC Berkeley fellow and a Dalai Lama Fellow. Service to others is his principle. Buddhism is his root. His hope is to be an advocate/healer for the most vulnerable and marginalized. Now he is devoting his time to planning a pilgrimage for Vietnamese youths to learn the full-scale history of the Vietnam War through oral history and contemplative practices. In his free time, he likes to take long walks, take photos, write, read, meditate, make lame jokes, throw shades (sometimes :)) and have heartfelt conversations.



**Eugene "Gino" Nuzzolillo**

Duke University

Born in Denver, Colorado and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Gino Nuzzolillo is a rising junior at Duke University studying History and Human Rights. Gino is particularly interested in community organizing, mass incarceration, affordable housing, and environmental justice. On campus he organizes around economic justice, working with organizations in Durham and at Duke on issues such as a living wage and Ban the Box. He also helped found a group of students called "People's State of the University" to pressure Duke University on implementing 12 demands ranging from a living wage for all employees to hiring more diverse faculty. He also conducts research on gentrification in Durham and wastewater infrastructure in rural Alabama. After Duke, Gino plans to attend law school and work as a civil rights lawyer.



**Jennifer Pham**

Copenhagen Business School

Growing up with a mix of Danish, Canadian and Vietnamese influences, Jennifer Pham has spent 25 years chasing the idea of 'home' from a cross-continental airplane seat. With the submission of her thesis on private sector engagement in humanitarian assistance, Jennifer recently earned a master degree in Global Governance from Copenhagen Business School, on top of a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University. Now a consultant at Dalberg Global Development Advisors, Jennifer spends her time growing a global innovation platform that annually recruits one thousand young minds to co-create new solutions targeted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, thereby taking inspiration from the idea that "diversity is the engine of innovation." In her spare time, Jennifer is writing a novel that is part-cookbook, part-memoirs gathered from the Vietnamese diaspora community, and part a call to action to tackle migrant education and resource inequalities.



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**Jasmine Rashid**

Swarthmore College

Jasmine Rashid was born and raised on Long Island, New York, and is graduating from Swarthmore College this spring with a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies. At Swarthmore, Jasmine spent her time working as an associate for Arts, Media, and Culture at the Lang Center for Civic and Social Responsibility, freelance writing, and as the Editor-in-Chief of VISIBILITY Magazine — a publication dedicated to showcasing the creative work of traditionally marginalized voices. Jasmine recently finished her senior thesis, which explores the contours of human rights and multimedia strategy in bringing attention to the Rohingya crisis. She plans to pursue further education in either the realm of public policy or human rights law in the near future.



**Dariann Rickerson**

Hunter College

Graduating in Fall 2018, Dariann Rickerson is a public health major and human rights minor at Hunter College in New York City. She is a Community Outreach Intern at the NYC DOHMH, working with a mental health organization in effort to reduce the stigma associated with mental health through art and storytelling. Dariann is involved in various projects that demonstrates her passion for health equity and racial justice. One is a podcast series that brings attention to the lack of public health and women's reproductive rights U.S prisons. Dariann just returned from doing service work in Detroit where she partnered with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. She worked on various projects that would help the museum promote health, racial justice, and community engagement and education in the Detroit area. Post-graduation, Dariann plans on applying for the Fulbright Scholars Program and for Master's in Public Health programs.



**Jesse Smith-Appelson**

Florida State University

Jesse is from Florida and graduated from Florida State University in 2016 with degrees in sociology and environmental science. For the past two years, she has been teaching Model United Nations and a human rights curriculum at a secondary school in Madrid, Spain through the Fulbright English Teaching Grant and the Spanish Ministry of Education. As an undergraduate, Jesse focused her studies and community engagement on migrant farmworker rights, specifically through her internship with Student Action with Farmworkers, outreach work with South Carolina Migrant Education, and her research on migrant farmworker health inequalities in the Southeast. In addition, Jesse's interest in land rights and environmental justice stems from her summer internships in Paraguay and Nicaragua. She plans to focus her future work and studies on environmental justice and health inequalities. Jesse is most happy spending time outdoors or playing music, whether it's college marching band, orchestra, or learning Brazilian percussion.

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**Kevin Solomon**

Duke University

Born in St. Petersburg, Florida, Kevin Solomon is a rising junior at Duke University with a major in Political Science and minors in African & African American Studies and Environmental Sciences & Policy. He is actively engaged in local politics in Durham, North Carolina, where he works with the Durham Community Land Trustees to advocate for permanently affordable housing. Kevin is an executive member of the Duke Disability Alliance, assistant at the Duke Human Rights Center, undergraduate organizer for the Fight for \$15 campaign, and executive member of the Duke Coalition for Alleviating Poverty. Next year, he will participate in SIT's Global Cities study abroad program, where he will study urban politics in NYC, Buenos Aires, Barcelona, and Cape Town. In his spare time, Kevin thoroughly enjoys swing dance, distance running, and percussion. After Duke, Kevin intends to pursue a J.D. and continue his work in local politics.



**Yumika "Miki" Takeshita**

The University of Chicago

Born and raised in New York to two Japanese immigrants, Miki Takeshita is a recent graduate of the University of Chicago. She majored in history, specializing in urban history. During her time at UChicago, she was a member of the Japanese American Citizens League, where she led a group of 10 Japanese American youth on a four-day pilgrimage to Manzanar, one of the Japanese American incarceration camps, and facilitated workshops on race, identity and allyship. She also interned at Asian Americans Advancing Justice, a nonprofit that advances immigrant rights. Currently she is working as a College Advisor for High School for Art & Design in New York, where she advises 400 underrepresented, first-generation minority seniors on their college applications. Following the Humanity in Action fellowship, Miki will start her master's in urban policy at Sciences Po in Paris fellowship as a Fulbright Scholar.



**Sloan Talbot**

Duke University

As a first-generation (1G) college student from Ypsilanti, Michigan, Sloan Talbot is a rising senior at Duke University studying Cultural Anthropology with a certificate in the Study of Ethics. Sloan's interests stem from exploring articulations of home in the context of forced displacement, with issues surrounding her personal experiences of homelessness and poverty, but also globally through refugee and migrant studies. Sloan has spent her undergraduate career traveling to the U.S./Mexico border, spending a semester interviewing refugees in Durham, NC and those in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, to working on stemming youth migration in Northern Togo, offering classes in photography and English. Sloan is involved extensively with the 1G community at Duke, works as an Academic Peer Advisor, and is creating a senior thesis on refugee youth's articulations of home through visual expressions. After Duke, Sloan plans to pursue a Law degree with a focus on Public Interest.

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**Hoa “Mai” Trần**

Freie Universität

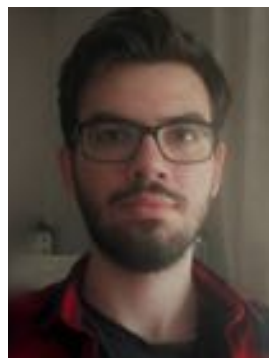
Hoa Mai Trần studies educational science (M.A.) and is an (early) childhood educator and carer, and has practical work experiences in Germany, Spain, Vietnam and Costa Rica in nurseries, private schools, and orphanages. As a researcher she did qualitative and quantitative projects on health, social inequality, refugee children and is a member of different scientific networks in Germany and Austria. Furthermore, she speaks about racism, migration, asylum, critical approaches in pedagogy, and inclusion in different educational settings with young adults and professionals in early educational institutions. Besides that, she is an actress and a writer. She is currently writing an empowering multilingual book for and with children. She also encourages cultural education as a member of a jury in a funding program in Berlin. In her different fields of activities, she seeks for transdisciplinary knowledge, awareness for inequalities and varied forms of transformative education practices that challenge the status quo.



**Katarzyna “Kasia” Udała**

Kozminski University

Katarzyna is a recent graduate of Kozminski University in Warsaw, Poland, where she majored in Management and Sociology in Business and Media. She has also spent a semester abroad studying Business Administration and International Relations at IE University in Madrid, Spain. Since 2014, Katarzyna has been a member of the Erasmus Student Network, the biggest European student association that promotes student mobility. While volunteering in Warsaw, she worked as the HR manager and the vice president of her local association; before graduation, she moved to Brussels and joined the ESN International team as the digital marketing intern. Katarzyna is also an experienced facilitator - she has held a number of various workshops for international audiences in Poland, Portugal, Belgium, and Turkey. In the future, Katarzyna plans to pursue a master degree in intercultural communication, further develop in the field of non-formal education, and work for the European Commission.

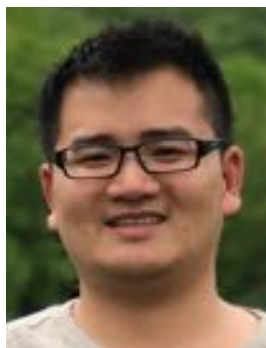


**Themistoklis “Tim” Vergidis**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Themistoklis Vergidis was born and raised in Thessaloniki, Greece, in a small area called Kalamaria. His early-expressed passion for writing and zeal for social sciences led him to enroll in the Journalism and Mass Media Communication university, a field which he currently studies as a second year undergraduate student. He strives to use the knowledge he acquired in the service of the idealistic journalism, with his interested focused on, but not limited to, matters of minorities and human rights. In his free time, he likes to read literature and poetry, watch the news and discuss it, and watch documentaries.

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**Jianhang Xiao**

Binghamton University

Having grown up in China, Jianhang completed his bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in global studies from Binghamton University. He has a deep interest in studying comparative politics with a focus on China, U.S., and human rights issues. In college, he was a research assistant for a human rights course and researched global labor laws to understand how strong unions affect reasonable working hours. He also studied abroad in Peru and Chile, thereby broadening his perspectives on culture and diversity. He is passionate about helping immigrants through public services and previously worked at the Office of Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez as a community liaison and caseworker. Currently, he is an AmeriCorps member at the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Affairs in the Department of Social Services where he has helped hundreds of immigrants gain U.S. citizenship. After AmeriCorps, he plans to pursue a Master's Degree in International Studies or Business Administration.



**Carter Zenke**

Duke University

Carter Zenke is a rising junior at Duke University who wants to design high-quality, equitable education for all students in the Digital Age. He is pursuing a self-designed major titled "Digital Era Education: Learning, Policy, and Ethics" – a combination of courses in public policy, the learning sciences, and education. Carter is specifically focused on ensuring equitable access to high-quality computer science (CS) education that engages students as creators and self-authors. He regularly teaches CS in Durham Public Schools and leads CSbyUs, an initiative that mobilizes undergraduates from local universities to do the same. He has been invited to do education work in Nepal through Duke's Karsh Mentorship Initiative, and will return to lead research on the links between experiential education and civic engagement. Eventually, Carter would like to bridge the gap between educational research and practice by getting a Ph.D. in education and teaching in K-12.



## DETROIT FELLOWSHIP STAFF

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### **Anthony Chase**

Director of Programs and Detroit Program Director

Anthony Chase joined Humanity in Action in 2011 — first as a Fellow in Paris and, in 2013, as a staff member in New York. He manages a range of initiatives, including the Detroit Fellowship, a program focused on inequality and development. He received his BA from the University of Michigan and will begin graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in fall 2018. He serves as a board member of Libraries Without Borders. Anthony is a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., and lives in Brooklyn.



### **Whitney Sherrill**

Associate Program Director

Whitney Sherrill is the Associate Program Director for the Detroit Fellowship with Humanity in Action. She recently graduated from University of Michigan's Master of Urban and Regional Planning program with a concentration in Housing, Community, and Economic Development. She is passionate about using education, and her expertise, as a platform to uplift local communities and assist with reimagining community ownership of neighborhood development. As she returns to Detroit, Whitney is looking forward to supporting local advocacy efforts around food and water justice, as well as supporting sustainability initiatives in partnership with local grassroots organizations. In addition to co-creating content for the Humanity in Action Detroit Fellowship, Whitney enjoys dancing, reading, writing, learning, spending time with close friends and family members, meeting new people, traveling to new places, hiking, and checking out local art and live music exhibits.



### **Sylwia Vargas (Wodzińska)**

Program Coordinator

Sylwia (Warsaw 2014) is a social activist passionate about women's empowerment and a feminist social entrepreneur. A double graduate in Linguistics and Cultural Studies from Poznan University, she took a break from her PhD in Sociology researching group dynamics between Israeli and Palestinian migrants in Berlin. Three years ago, as her Action Project, Sylwia co-founded MamyGłos, a nationwide foundation empowering teenage girls in Poland to stand up against sexism, delivering workshops to 1,500+ teens and free psychological counseling to over 300. Currently, she is developing a new solution to the underrepresentation of young women in IT. Sylwia was a Program Coordinator in the 2017 Warsaw Fellowship and co-created HIA Poland's social entrepreneurship school. She is a Global Laureate Fellow (2017), DO School alumna (2017) and Ashoka's Changemaker (2016). In her free time, Sylwia co-authors interactive books for teenagers on racism, menstruation, sexism and ableism, and is fiercely learning JavaScript to code for a better world. She is happily married to another Senior Fellow.

## AMERICAN PROGRAM FELLOWS

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### DETROIT FELLOWSHIP



**Labiba Ahmed**

Technical University of Hamburg

Raised in a small town in Northern Germany, Labiba Ahmed is enrolled in the Chemical and Process Engineering course at the Technical University of Hamburg. Coming from youth participation and anti-racism projects, she is committed to university politics in order to speak out and fight for the rights of students, and strengthen the self-governing student body by empowering students, who are not yet ready to stand up for their rights. In her spare time, Labiba is active as a board member of an association that organises political-education-work in order to support participation (projects) and fight group-related misanthropy.



**Oualid Bachiri**

Sciences Po Paris

Born in Morocco and raised in a small town near the French Alps, Oualid moved to Paris after high-school to study at Sciences Po. He spent the third year of his Bachelor in political science in New York where he was a trainee in marketing. Before starting his Master in Communications, he was awarded a grant to implement a training program for refugees in Istanbul during the summer 2014. He also took a gap year during his two year Masters program to spend several months in a San Francisco-based non-profit that helps transitioning veterans. Beside that, Oualid led a student association that aimed to be a safe platform of discussion around Islam and Muslims. Oualid is currently a young professional working for the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. where he reports on techn policy. His plans for the future? Making sure online platforms are safe spaces too!



**Alexis Brown**

Wayne State University

Born in Detroit but eventually moving to Auburn Hills, Alexis is a sophomore at Wayne State University with a double major in Sociology and Urban Studies. She graduated from Avondale High School, while there she was involved in many leadership building programs for young black males and disenfranchised youth. Some of those programs included Go, a non-profit organization started up by her mentor, and a book club for African American high school males. She also gave a TedxTalk at Oxford High School in 2016 that focused on empowering yourself and others. Following graduation, she was involved with the XQ Super School project though Go. Her goal after college is to work with the youth of Detroit in a way that will empower them to believe in themselves by equipping them with the necessary resources and skills. She is also on the Track and Field team at WSU.

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### **Sophia Burns**

Vassar College

Sophia Burns is a graduate of the Vassar College class of 2018. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban Studies, with multidisciplinary concentrations in Political Science and Geography. Her family at Vassar is within the Transitions community, which brings together first-generation, low-income, and/or undocumented students. During the spring of her junior year, she studied abroad in Havana, Cuba with the Autonomous University of Social Movements. As a member of the Young People For (YP4) 2017 fellowship, she is developing the Resilient Youth Collaborative, a network of support and empowerment for children of incarcerated parents. Her senior thesis, *Placing Mass Incarceration*, foregrounds the concept of "carceral urbanism," or the use of urban geographic frameworks and history to dissect mass criminalization. In the future, she plans pursue a Ph.D. in Human Geography to continue this study. She will begin her term as a Partners for Justice Advocate in Oakland, California in September.



### **Malou Astrup Clemmensen**

University of Copenhagen

Born and raised in Copenhagen, Malou Astrup Clemmensen just finished her undergraduate in History and Social Sciences from the University of Copenhagen. Malou's academic interest is the education and empowerment of communities and labor unions, wanting to create a sustainable change in society. Her studies have also brought on an investigation of the Civil Rights Movement and the education of activists. Malou has been the president of the Student Union at UCPH during the last two years, committing her time to the fight for equality in education and the rights of all students. Just starting her Master of history, Malou hopes to keep working with and understanding the powers of change in the future.



### **Celeste Goedert**

University of Michigan

Celeste was born and raised in Southeast Michigan. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 2017 with a degree in Social Theory & Practice and a minor in French Language & Literature. She also studied Japanese language and culture and spent her final semester studying abroad and farming in Japan. Her senior thesis focused on oral storytelling and feminist approaches to love. Celeste currently works as a nanny and intern at WDET Detroit public radio. She is a member of the Detroit chapter of the Japanese American Citizen's League. She is interested in the relationship between media, art, and social transformation. In her spare time she enjoys playing music and learning new instruments. She hopes to continue learning about love and social justice in her future academic endeavors.

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### **Mark Haidar**

University of Michigan

A native of Metro Detroit, Mark Haidar graduated from the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy in 2016. While in college, Mark interned for the Chicago Housing Authority, the White House Domestic Policy Council, and Google. He also spent a semester at the National University of Singapore, as well as participated in the Summer Venture in Management Program at Harvard Business School. After graduation, Mark worked as an Associate at Wellspring Consulting in New York, a strategy consulting firm that advises organizations in the social sector. Mark has now moved back home to Michigan and seeks to give back to the communities that shaped him to who he is today. He hopes to work for the Mayor's office following the Humanity in Action Detroit Fellowship and to later attend law school, before ultimately engaging in a career of public service in the Metro Detroit area.



### **Antonela Kotsoni**

Aalborg University

Antonela likes to think she is a global citizen. With an MA in Migration and Ethnic Relations and undergraduate studies in Intercultural Education, she values tolerance, diversity management and intercultural communication. Over the last four years, she has been working with the NGO InterMediaKT in Greece on transnational projects, in a wide spectrum of topics varying from refugee integration and active citizenship to social entrepreneurship. One of her life passions is traveling and cultural exchange, as such she has lived in five different countries for studying, working, interning, and conducting academic research. She is a youth leader of a group of passionate Greek and international volunteers and she is dedicated to promoting human rights and equality.



### **Hira Majeed**

Wayne State University

Raised in Saginaw, Michigan, Hira Majeed is a rising junior at Wayne State University with a major in Civil and Environmental Engineering and a minor in Global Studies. As an intern at Detroit Equity Action Lab, Hira researches and advocates for issues facing Detroit residents such as water shutoffs, illegal tax foreclosures, and equitable development. Her other passions include sharing her Pakistani culture with others as well as raising awareness for the Syrian humanitarian crisis; she does this through her various executive roles at Wayne. After college, Hira aims to use her degree to provide sustainable infrastructure for communities in need.



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### **Kathryn "Katja" Molinaro**

University of Michigan

Kathryn (Katja) Molinaro graduated from the University of Michigan in 2017 with degrees in political science, French & Francophone studies, and a minor in urban & community studies. During her time at U of M, Katja spent a year studying at Sciences Po in Aix-en-Provence, France, as well as a semester in Detroit exploring the city and its history and interning for City Councilmember Raquel Castañeda-Lopez. After graduating, Katja made her way back to Detroit and now works as a youth specialist at the Ruth Ellis Center (a residential and mental health facility for LGBTQ+ youth), and coaches Detroit Cristo Rey High School's policy debate team. She's especially interested in the intersection of art and social change and enjoys all things creative. Katja ultimately hopes to pursue a career in education in some capacity.



### **Jasmine Paul**

The American University of Paris

Completing her last semester at The American University of Paris, Jasmine has spent the last three years in Paris, France, studying International Politics and Gender Studies. She spent most of her time in Student Government as Communications Director prior to becoming Vice President, and she led an organization to provide aid for Syrian refugees and was a board member of the university's first Gender and Sexuality magazine publication. She balances her busy schedule with her passion and excitement for travel, cooking, and dogs. She is looking forward to spending the summer close to home in Michigan.



### **Kristina "Stina" Perkins**

University of Michigan

Born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kristina (Stina) Perkins is a 2018 graduate from the University of Michigan with degrees in Women's Studies, American Culture, and Writing. As an undergrad, Stina worked as a Publications Intern for the National Endowment for the Humanities, a docent at University of Michigan's Natural History Museum, and an editor for What the F, a feminist literary magazine on campus. Interested in storytelling as a means of social protest, Stina researched slam poetry movements while studying human rights abroad in Nepal, Jordan, and Chile through the International Honors Program. Stina currently serves as an Engelhardt Social Justice Fellow for the Prison Creative Arts Project, where she facilitates theatre and creative writing workshops in Southeast Michigan correctional facilities and pursues her passion for arts-based restorative justice.

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**Ada Rachfalska**

Warsaw University

Ada is a postgraduate at the Warsaw School of Economics (BA in Finance & Accountancy, MA in Management) and will soon graduate from Warsaw University, where she's doing her BA in cultural studies at the American Studies Center. While she started developing an interest in human rights at her second university, earlier she took part in the Chinese-Polish Partnership for Development and coordinated the Israeli-Polish Forum of Dialogue, both voluntary student exchange projects at her alma mater. She spent one semester studying in Germany at TU Dortmund. She also worked at the Google StreetView team for over a year. Ada's interests revolve around gender, racial and economic inequality. She is also a huge music fan, a regular attendee at various music shows, and a member of a small independent art collective based in Wroclaw (Poland) where she mostly writes and helps produce zines. She would like to do a Ph.D. in African American history of music.



**Akash Raje**

University of Virginia

Born and raised in Farmington Hills, MI and later Midlothian, Virginia, Akash Raje is a rising fourth year at the University of Virginia double majoring in African American & African Studies and Foreign Affairs. Influenced by his upbringing in Metro Detroit's vibrant cultural communities, Akash is interested in studying the Indian American identity and multiculturalism in the United States. He spent last summer in rural Maharashtra, India teaching math, reading, and writing to children at Snehalaya NGO. At the University of Virginia, Akash is active in music and community building, serving as the President of the Student Hip Hop Organization and as a DJ for WXTJ Student Radio. He also works with the Inter-Fraternity Council and UVA Multicultural Student Services to pursue opportunities for inclusion and empowerment of minority students. At his core, he is a lover of music and believes in the power of music to build compassionate communities.



**Antonio Regulier**

State University of New York at Fredonia

Antonio Regulier is revered as a transformational leader by his family, peers and colleagues. He is leading Project M.O.V.E. (Mobilizing Opportunities for Volunteer Experience) Buffalo — an AmeriCorps program under Corporation for National and Community Service — in the Office of the Mayor, in the Division of Citizen Services. This anti-poverty initiative builds on neighborhood revitalization through beautification, outreach, and community development. Born in Haiti, Antonio was raised on Long Island, New York. He was conferred concurrent degrees in Social Work and English from the State University of New York at Fredonia. A Graduate Diversity Fellow at Buffalo State, he is a candidate for a Master of Public Administration degree and a senator in student government. Antonio has research interest in mental health, culture and identity, and arts integration for social change. A classically trained dancer and aspiring writer, he enjoys fitness, reading, and traveling.

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### **Lutalo Sanifu**

University of Michigan

Lutalo Sanifu is a native Detroit, and Rackham Merit Fellow, who will be graduating from the University of Michigan with a Master's of Urban and Regional Planning in December 2018. A recent graduate of Morehouse College (Urban Studies 2017), Lutalo provides stakeholders in neighborhood development a comprehensive understanding of how to create an inclusive process through his ability to communicate each individual neighborhood's context from his diverse experience in real estate (Amrock, TSI Appraisals), urban planning, and government (Wayne County Register of Deeds) in Detroit. His affiliations include the Osakwe Ndegwa Jahi Scholarship (founder and board member), the Black Slate (board member), Rackham, Planning For Inclusion Initiative (student recruitment coordinator) and Humanity in Action. He would like to study methods for creating inclusive development in Detroit through transportation, education and training. After graduation, Lutalo intends to return to Detroit to work in local government.



### **Kwabena "Kobi" Sarfo-Panin**

Union Theological Seminary

Kobi is a student at Union Theological Seminary, where he explores how religion can be used as instrument to achieve social and economic justice in Ghana in particular, and more generally in Sub-Saharan Africa. He also loves to play soccer.



### **Anastasia Siapka**

King's College London

Anastasia Siapka is the co-founder of "Code it Like a Girl" and "Geek Islands," both awarded initiatives that bridge the digital divide in Greece among women and residents of remote areas, respectively. For her social impact, she has been awarded the Angelopoulos-Clinton Fellowship and has served as an International Exchange Alumna of the US State Department as well as a Women's Entrepreneurship Day UN Student Ambassador. She has interned at the TechConnect Department of the New York Public Library and at the Press and Communications Office of the Embassy of Greece in London, while she has previously worked with the Eugenides Foundation, Microsoft Hellas, The Huffington Post, etc. Anastasia has studied Law at undergraduate and Public Administration at postgraduate level and is currently pursuing an MA Philosophy at King's College London. Her academic and professional interests lie at the intersection of ethics, technology and digital policy.

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**Jacqueline Tizora**

University of Amsterdam

Jacqueline is Zimbabwean born and South African bred Black radical feminist with a keen interest in African feminist thought and affairs. Currently studying Communication Science at the University of Amsterdam, Jacqueline is also a part-time consultant at Recipes for Self Love as well as a freelance journalist. She is also a member of the University of Colour, an Amsterdam-based collective that aims to decolonise institutions, and as member has been invited to give speeches at events like the Dutch Premiere of the Winnie Documentary and participates in regular public panel discussions and debates on various issues. Being passionate about African affairs and well-versed in world politics has inspired her to make plans to pursue a Master's degree in Public Policy or International Relations in 2019, a practical way to marry the two passions.



**Alma Tutic**

University of Sarajevo

Alma was born in 1991, just one year before her hometown of Bihac fell under a 3-year-long siege during the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She graduated from University of Sarajevo with a BA in English Language and Literature and Sociology, and she is currently pursuing an MA in Translation Studies and Sociology. Her areas of interest are gender equality, gender-based violence and wartime sexual violence related to Bosnian society and the country's turbulent history.



**Sharon Villagran**

Princeton University

Sharon is a Senior Fellow at Humanity in Action, having participated in the 2015 John Lewis fellowship. She is a first year graduate student at Princeton University. She is pursuing her doctorate in the department of sociology and is broadly interested in international migration, urban sociology, and ethnography. As an undergraduate student at UCLA, Sharon conducted an ethnography of bus riding in Los Angeles. In doing her fieldwork, Sharon focused on dependency on public transportation as a potential measure of quality of life. Within this discussion, job equity, bus equity, and public harassment were all salient concerns in exploring how the mobility of residents within communities like South Central Los Angeles experience limited mobility. Sharon is originally from South Central Los Angeles, and has volunteered extensively with organizations in her community. This has largely been with a focus on immigrant rights, as well as outreach programs for youth within the area.



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### **Emma Yip**

UC Berkeley

Emma grew up in California and went to community college in Seattle, Washington. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Society and Environment at the end of 2016. While there she worked at the Center for Environmental Health in Oakland, founded Students with Standing Rock at Berkeley, and wrote a thesis on land grabs in the cacao sector of Indonesia. Upon graduation, Emma was awarded a grant to pursue a social-justice project to foster environmental awareness in predominantly conservative states in America. Today, she continues to work on that project, Delta Collaborative, with a traveling environmental museum based out of New Orleans. Emma intends to pursue a masters in political ecology and social change-making in the near future, after which she will continue her career in environmental pedagogy. Emma is a 2017 Humanity in Action Senior Fellow.

### BOSNIAN PROGRAM STAFF

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#### **Jasmin Hasić**

National Director, Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina

Jasmin Hasić holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Université libre de Bruxelles and LUISS Guido Carli of Rome. His research interests revolve around diaspora studies and demographic changes associated with post-conflict migration, along with peace-building and transitional justice in multicultural societies. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Humanity in Action BiH. He has worked as a Research Analyst at the Center for Security Studies in Sarajevo and as a legal associate at the Crime Suppression and Re-Socialization Initiative, focusing on evaluating the efficacy of the Bosnian penal system reform. He has completed professional traineeships at the European Parliament and the Bosnian Embassy in Brussels. Jasmin holds an LL.B., and an LL.M. (Hon) from the University of Sarajevo. He completed his undergraduate education at Masaryk University in the Czech Republic, majoring in IR and European Studies, and holds an M.A. degree in Political Science from Central European University.



#### **Maida Omerćehajić**

Project Coordinator (Sarajevo)

Maida Omerćehajić graduated from University of Sarajevo Faculty of Law in 2011 and is currently completing her LL.M. thesis at the Department of Legal History and Comparative Law at the same faculty. During her B.A. studies, Maida contributed to a digest of war crimes jurisprudence of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has worked as an associate at a local law office and as a legal trainer for Model International Criminal Court (MICC) in Krzyżowa, Istanbul, and the Western Balkans region. Maida is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the 2015 Copenhagen program.



#### **Daniel Lazarević**

Project Assistant (Sarajevo)

Daniel Lazarević graduated from the University of Sarajevo, with a BA degree in Political Science. He is currently pursuing an MA degree in Governance. As the enumerator, he took part in the Bosnia and Herzegovina census of 2013. Daniel participated in the 2015 Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina program, Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth, and implemented a civic campaign in the city of Goražde aimed at re-opening the local formerly closed cinema. Daniel participated in the non-formal education DEPOCEI training at the Faculty of Political Science and in the organization of a Model United Nations simulation at his university. After interning in the Humanity in Action office in Sarajevo, Daniel has been working as a project assistant since February 2015.

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### **Azra Dizdar**

Program Intern (Sarajevo)

Azra Dizdar was born in Mostar. She started playing violin when she was seven years old. She pursued her aspiration for music and graduated in violin performance at the Academy of Music in Sarajevo, in class of YeonJu Jeong. She is enrolled in MA studies with the same professor. She performed as a soloist with an orchestra and won several chamber music competitions with a piano trio. She was awarded the annual scholarship from the Foundation “Karim Zaimovic” for her contribution to cultural life of Sarajevo. Beside passion for performance, she is a devoted teacher focused on raising a new generation of violinists. Due to the challenging environment of growing up in post-war society, she became interested in the field of democracy and human rights and became president of the student organisation at college. She hopes to pursue her career as a violinist and earn a PhD. Apart from that, she would love to become a politician.

### **BOSNIAN PROGRAM FELLOWS**

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**Jamil Ahmed**

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Jamil Ahmed is a graduating senior at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, double majoring in Global History and Criminal Justice and as well as double minoring in Economics and Theatre Arts. Jamil is a founder of Students Without Borders, an organization dedicated towards advocating against human rights violations around the world. Jamil has been an active leader in his community and in his academic career, always wanting to give back to the people. He has served as a Delegate for two years in the United Nations Student Association, he has previously interned for National Archives and for the Office of Policy & Planning, and frequently performs in theatre plays at John Jay. Jamil volunteers at New York Cares during his free time and teaches Creative Writing and Debate at an after school program. After graduating from John Jay, Jamil will be pursuing his Masters in Economics in London.



**Kathleen "Katie" Brown**

Northeastern University

Katie Brown was raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and will graduate from Northeastern University this May with a degree in economics. She spent a year and a half living in Kathmandu, Nepal working in communications at a prisoner's rights organization, and later as an analyst at a microfinance research institution. During her undergrad, she also spent a semester in northern India conducting research on rural healthcare policy. Through these experiences, Katie has become passionate about the role of economic equity and empowerment in post-conflict communities. After completion of the Humanity in Action Fellowship, Katie will begin a master's degree in applied economic policy at the University of Antwerp in Belgium. She hopes to pursue a career in economic policy analysis with a particular emphasis on human rights in welfare policy.



**Lucy Chin**

Washington University in St. Louis

Lucy graduated from Washington University in May 2017 where she double majored in Global Health and American Culture Studies. While at WashU, she led GlobeMed, a student-run non-profit, and coordinated a tutoring and outreach program with a local area middle school. She also participated in the Civic Scholars program, through which she discovered her intersecting passions for education policy, intergroup dialogue, identity politics, and community development. Combining her interests, Lucy's honors thesis assessed the impact of social justice education on St. Louis-area high schoolers. Since graduating, Lucy has continued to work at WashU where she supports Washington University students from low-income backgrounds. She balances direct program development and institutional research, which relate to her future aspirations of pursuing a dual degree in law and social work. In her free time, Lucy loves cooking and trying new restaurants, as well as doing yoga and exploring St. Louis' rich museum scene.



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**Karen Lønne Christensen**

University of Copenhagen

Born and raised in the happy little nation of Denmark, Karen has spent most of her adult life in the UK, pursuing first a degree in childcare, then a degree in English language and literature. She has also worked abroad on democratization projects in Zimbabwe and in the refugee camp Moria on Lesbos. Karen is very passionate about the rights of refugees and asylum seekers and is a consultant to the local municipality where she aims to improve the rate of family reunifications for unaccompanied minors. Karen is now pursuing a law degree at the University of Copenhagen. Karen works at the Danish Institute for Human Rights, and hopes to pursue a Ph.D in the field of international human rights law. In her spare time, she volunteers and is a member of the board of Refugees Welcome Denmark and chairs the board of Retskraft – Copenhagen Journal of Legal Studies.



**Lily Faust**

Emory University

Born and raised in California, Lily completed a double major in history and international studies at Emory University and an MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History at the University of Cambridge. She also spent a year abroad at the University of Oxford, and after completing her MPhil moved to London, to undertake work experiences at the U.S. embassy and a British charity. Lily has a particular interest in twentieth century Europe, with a focus on the history of the Holocaust, as well as U.S. foreign policy, racial justice, and the challenges to political institutions in the twenty-first century. In the future, Lily plans to pursue further study in the U.S. In her spare time, Lily enjoys travel, visiting art museums, fine dining, and hip-hop.



**Gizem Gülcivan**

Goethe University Frankfurt

Gizem was born in the industrial city of Hanau, Germany as the child of Turkish migrants. She is a graduate student at Goethe University in Frankfurt, enrolled in Political Science. During her under-graduate studies she spend a semester at Istanbul University. Previous abroad projects as in Hong Kong (meeting with trafficking victims) settled her interest in migration and gender, especially the intersectional-feminist approach. Recently she started an internship at Café Milena, a space for migrant (refugee) women\*. She coordinates workshops and excursions about legal rights, a critical reflection of the environment and simultaneously to practice language skills. In her free time, you can find Gizem in the kitchen trying a new (Pinterest-) recipe for cakes or bread, or alternatively start watching a new series, which actually doesn't fit in her time schedule. After her studies she plans to remain with political education, focusing on structural racism in Germany.

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**Amra Karcic**

University of Sarajevo

Born and raised in Novi Pazar, Serbia, Amra completed her BA in English Language and Literature at the State University of Novi Pazar. She also holds an MA in African American literature, focusing on the Harlem Renaissance which she obtained from the Faculty of the Philosophy, University of Sarajevo. She also spent a semester abroad in Keene, New Hampshire, auditing classes related to the Holocaust and Genocide studies. She has work experience teaching English Language to elementary and high school students. Over the years she wrote for several overseas websites and blogs on a variety of topics. Her interests are human rights, literature, and she plans to pursue another MA related to democracy and human rights.



**Ana Keleman**

University of Banja Luka

Born and raised in Banja Luka, Ana is an excellent knowledge-seeking student. Ana graduated from high school in 2016 with above average marks, after which she started going to faculty. During the last semester of faculty, Ana volunteered at a safe line for children. During her spare time, Ana likes to read and spend her time going to numerous workshops. In the near future, Ana plans to finish faculty and proceed with her education and eventually get a Ph.D in psychology.



**Ceyda Keskindemir**

VU University in Amsterdam

Ceyda Keskindemir (1992) will finish her Master in Clinical Psychology this summer. She was born and raised in the Netherlands and has a Turkish background. She is mostly interested in the following topics: diversity, identity, differences between majority and minority groups and their effect on psychological well-being. She participated in different international projects related to these topics during her studies (Israel/Palestine/Morocco), lived as an exchange student in Malaysia to study Arabic and Media for a semester, followed by a summer semester at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for a minor in Chicana/o studies.



**Detmer Kremer**

Bates College

Detmer Kremer was born and raised in rural Frisia, in the north of the Netherlands. After attending the United World College in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Detmer studied anthropology, gender studies, and religious studies at Bates College, where he also studied abroad in Samoa to focus on Indigenous modes of democracy and governance. After graduation he became a Quaker Voluntary Service fellow in Atlanta and worked in community outreach and family selection at Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. He also worked as a research intern and the indigenous rights non-profit Cultural Survival. He just finished his position as a Dean's Fellow at Yale-NUS College, and after the summer will start his M.A. in Human Rights at University College London.

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**Amra Mesic**

University of Bihac

Amra was born and raised in Bihac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, where all her formal education took place, from elementary to high school, and now to University of Bihac, with exception of one semester spent on Erasmus in Lisbon, Portugal. Currently on her fourth year of Social Pedagogy, Amra is planning to pursue a MA in Inclusion. As a member of AIESEC Bihac, she attended seminars about human rights, post-conflict period in BIH, and youth exchanges. She also organized few humanitarian actions at faculty to help those in need. Amra volunteered at the International Relations office at the University of Bihac to promote the Erasmus program, and also at NGO's Radost druzenja and Zene sa Une, working with children with special needs and Roma children.



**Matilda Ostow**

Wesleyan University

Matilda Ostow grew up in a community-housing complex alongside the train tracks in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 2017, she graduated Wesleyan University with a degree in Anthropology and Environmental Studies. Now based in Philadelphia, she is trying to figure out how best to contribute to the world. Interning on a storytelling and performance project that joined Philadelphia police officers and community members of color elucidated the healing that could come from sharing experiences of police brutality. She currently works at a private book restoration studio, fixing books that range from multi-generational family bibles to a journal that documented an 1842 whaling expedition. She also works with Books Through Bars, a volunteer-run organization that fills book requests from people who are currently incarcerated in the Pennsylvania-area. Attending a two-week oral history workshop this May, she hopes to compound her interests in storytelling, place-making, social justice, and critically-engaged ethnographical work.



**Daria Powichrowska**

Sciences Po Paris

Born and raised in the north of Poland, Daria Powichrowska is an undergraduate student at Sciences Po Paris, currently on an exchange year at University College London. Keen on meeting new people, Daria does not stop searching for new activities. She organised Polish Economic Forum in Paris, two TEDx conferences in Dijon and Broader Perspective Project in Kosovo, Albania, and Serbia. She also takes part in social actions, such as charity runs or summer camps for children from underprivileged families. Next year, she moves to Paris to pursue her master degree in Finance and Strategy at Sciences Po Paris. In her spare time, she travels to non-touristic countries, dances salsa and reads literature from the 19th century.

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### **Đorđe "Dole" Prolić**

University of Banja Luka

Born and raised in Banja Luka, Đorđe is a committed and hardworking student of psychology. During high school he volunteered at the NGO Red Cross Banja Luka, and is currently searching for a new place to continue volunteering. At his faculty he is a part of the Laboratory of Experimental Psychology and has above average marks. After being admitted to the Humanity in Action program, he went to a seminar at the Soft Skills Academy in order to acquire more personal and professional skills. Social justice, human and animal rights are something that he values immensely. In the future, Đorđe plans to become a psychotherapist and get a Ph.D. in Psychology.



### **Romane Rozencwajg**

Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

Born and raised in Paris, Romane is currently pursuing her master of social sciences at the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Lyon. During her interdisciplinary (art, 'hard sciences,' and social sciences) bachelor, she studied how very different disciplines could complement each other to deepen our understanding of major issues. She spent a year at the University of California, Irvine. There she became interested in making documentaries and participated in a renovation project at the Manzanar Japanese Internment camp. Rich off this experience, she has worked as an intercultural youth work camp leader where she fostered dialogue through "No hate speech" activities. In the past year, she has studied political sciences and sociology of education in India and Norway. As a part of her engagement for the better integration of refugees, she has biked across France with 10 students and 10 asylum seekers to visit villages that have favorably welcomed refugees and citizen initiatives.



### **Mahir Sijamija**

Faculty of Political Science University of Sarajevo

Mahir was born in 1992 in Bugojno. He finished elementary and high school in Donji Vakuf. His undergraduate studies were completed at the Faculty of Political Sciences in Sarajevo, Department of Political Science. He recently completed a master's degree on the same faculty, and the study courses included International Relations and Diplomacy. He is an activist in several of non-governmental organizations, and participated in several scientific research projects as a lower researcher. He participated in several national and regional conferences that dealt with issues of young people. His scientific research interests are in international relations, diplomacy, post-conflict societies, the Euro-Atlantic integration, social justice, and democracy. He is the author of several scientific papers. He has non-formal education through a variety of programs, such as Humanity in Action and FES BiH. He is a scholar and member of Education Builds B&H. Previously, he worked as a junior assistant for communications in the UNICEF mission in BiH. He is currently working at the University of Sarajevo as an associate for communications and public relations.



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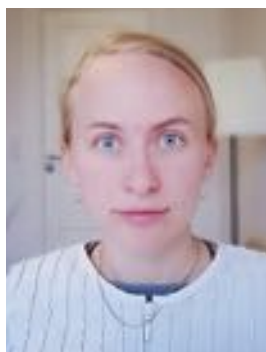
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**Emilie Bang-Jensen**

National Director, Humanity in Action Denmark

Emilie Bang-Jensen has a BA in English and History from the University of Copenhagen and an MSc in International History from London School of Economics and Political Science. She started working in Humanity in Action Denmark as a research assistant on the project "October '43," a commemoration of the rescue of the Danish Jews during WWII. She later became Program Coordinator at Humanity in Action Denmark and is now National Director, coordinating educational programs and the annual Copenhagen Fellowship. She is interested in the intersections of culture, art and activism, histories of class and colonial oppression, and is up for a good discussion and dialogue on any day.



**Katja Lund Thomsen**

Program Coordinator (Copenhagen)

Katja Lund Thomsen is the Program Coordinator in Humanity in Action Denmark where she started as an intern in the Spring 2017. She has a BA in Peace and Conflict Studies from Malmö University and she is currently studying a MSc in Development studies at Lund University. Meanwhile studying, Katja has worked with mobilization of volunteers, campaign development and research in a number of organizations who work to improve the rights of migrants and refugees in Denmark. Katja also worked with the mobilization of volunteers in HopeNow, an organization assisting trafficked people.



**Ina Nyrup Clausen**

Program Intern (Copenhagen)

Interning at Humanity in Action Denmark, Ina Nyrup Clausen helped organize the 2018 Copenhagen Fellowship. She is nearly done with her undergraduate majoring in Comparative Literature from the University of Copenhagen. Her interests, however, go beyond the world of literature, and she plans to continue her education later on in a different, more organizational direction. She has previously been involved in activities at her institute such as the institute magazine, where she spent a semester as Executive Editor, among other things. She also spent a semester abroad at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Before going to university, she focused a lot of her energy on a Danish political youth party.

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### **Jonas Bredal Juul**

Program Intern (Copenhagen)

Jonas is studying a BA in European Business at Copenhagen Business School (CBS). He has been the President of a student association for the past year where he has been involved in getting speakers such as EU Commissioner Margrethe Vestager and former UN President Mogens Lykketoft to debate democracy and the SDGs at his university. In the fall of 2017 he was also part of the team that organized a study trip for 2.5 weeks to South Africa where they met with NGOs, companies, political parties, etc. In addition to his studies, he also assists the British Chamber of Commerce in Denmark and he is a personal assistant to disabled kids at a Danish efterskole (boarding school).



### **Virginia Spinks**

Program Intern (Copenhagen)

Virginia Spinks is a recent graduate from Emory University where she double-majored in Dance and a joint major of Religion and Anthropology. She has also earned an unofficial minor in Arabic language and spent time abroad at Al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. During her time at Emory she was heavily involved in the dance community and in Campus Life, working to foster dialogue around problems of diversity and inclusion. She completed her honors thesis in Anthropology and Religion entitled, "The Silence of Narrative Echo Chambers: An Analysis of College Students' Perceptions of the Connection between Islam and Terrorism." She was named one of Atlanta's Top 20 Under 20 in 2013 for her work with the homeless community. After the fellowship, she plans to return to Atlanta to work as a professional dancer, while pursuing human rights work with local non-profits, focussing on integration and immigration.

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**Ane Pind Bagge**

Kaospilot

Born in Aarhus, Denmark, Ane is about to receive a degree in enterprising leadership and entrepreneurship from the Kaospilot education. She is experienced within the fields of project management, process facilitation, business development and leadership. She has executed projects and organizational development workshops with social organizations and activists in South Africa, Portugal, Switzerland, and Denmark. Being an active member of a political party, Ane has organized election campaigns, locally and nationally, and was a candidate for the municipal elections of 2013 and 2017 in Aarhus. She strives to work for social equality and finding solutions on how to build sustainable communities, which accommodate the diversity of all citizens. Ane hosts an online networking space for organizations, activists and individuals, who work with different approaches to non-violent conflict resolution and civil resistance. In her spare time, she enjoys art, social gatherings, and urban exploration.



**Nancy Deere-Turney**

Oklahoma State University

Born in Bemidji, MN and raised in Okemah, OK Nancy is a senior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Political Science. She also has an AAS in Pre-Education and an AAS in Tribal Services. She has interned with The Department of Energy Indian Energy Policy and Programs, The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Senator Schatz's office in Washington, D.C. Nancy is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and of Ojibwe descent. Nancy stays active in her tribe, community, and organizations nationwide that promote positive environments for Native Youth. She created an enrichment camp for her community that focused on culturally enriching individuals as well as using culture to combat social issues. Nancy enjoys spending time with family and friends, sewing, cooking, and participating in cultural activities. She plans to pursue a Masters in International Relations in order to promote positive relationships for her tribe, community, state, and country.



**Agathe "Aggie" Svarre Engell**

Yale-NUS College

Brought up in Denmark, Agathe Engell is now pursuing her undergraduate studies at Yale-NUS College in Singapore. A rising sophomore, she intends to major in Economics, while taking advantage of her liberal arts education to also pursue her interests in politics. During her time in Denmark, Agathe was active in youth politics and amongst other things led a development project in Zimbabwe that aimed at creating dialogue across political divides. At Yale-NUS, she is engaged in social-emotional leadership training to help foster personal growth for participants and a richer culture on campus. She also serves as president of the school's European Society and is currently leading the society's efforts to become the first Asian chapter of the Transatlantic think-tank, European Horizons.

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### **Nour Haikal**

University of Houston

Though born and raised in Houston, Texas, Nour Haikal is a Syrian native, and returned there every summer prior to the 2011 Syrian War. Nour is a rising junior at The University of Houston Honors College where she's majoring in Middle Eastern Studies, and minoring in Phronesis (Politics, Ethics, and Law). Nour's extensive work with the refugee community in Houston has led her to help co-found and co-lead Project T.R.E.E. (Teaching Refugees Effective English). Project T.R.E.E. is a partnership between Interfaith ministries, a local refugee resettlement agency, and The Honors College to help better assist the incoming adult refugee community in Houston with one-on-one ESL tutoring. The project aims to help refugees become self-sufficient by providing them with the English proficiency to navigate through daily tasks. Upon graduating, Nour plans to pursue post-graduate fellowships, and law school shortly afterwards.



### **Ismahan Ismail Hersi**

University College London (UCL)

Born in Denmark and of Somali-Kenyan descent, Ismahan is a student at University College London (UCL) studying archaeology and anthropology. She was educated at UWC Atlantic College in Wales, and following her graduation she received a Davis Scholarship to perform voluntary work in India. She has been published in Dagbladet Information, writing on issues relating to right-wing rhetoric and anti-radicalisation. She is currently a Board Member of Danish Students Abroad (DSA). Her academic interests include post-conflict heritage and archaeology in East Africa, as well as the study of migration and diaspora. After the Fellowship, Ismahan plans to conduct ethnographic fieldwork on Somali refugee communities in Kenya.



### **Yasmin Hoffmann**

University of Applied Sciences Neu-Ulm

Born and raised in Neu-Ulm, Yasmin Hoffmann is a fourth-year student at the University of Applied Sciences Neu-Ulm, finishing her Bachelor's degree in Business Studies in Healthcare Management. She recently attended a field trip to Tanzania, where she implemented interdisciplinary, practical projects at a regional hospital in Kibaha. As board member of the Lions Club Campus Neu-Ulm, a student-run group at her University, Yasmin seeks to improve social life at the University and its local environment. She organizes a weekly reading at the children's hospital, deals with political issues at the Junge Union, and helps new students as a Study Ambassador. In her spare time, she contributes to projects and seminars of miscellaneous topics as a fellow of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. After finishing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Applied Sciences Neu-Ulm, Yasmin plans to pursue a M.Sc. in Business Administration focusing on Finance and Accounting.





### **Frederikke Høgsgaard**

Roskilde University

In 2014, Frederikke moved to Copenhagen from Aarhus to begin her studies at Roskilde University in International Studies. At the same time, she moved into the lives of her four flatmates from around the world. During the last few years she has come to be very active in student politics - internationally, nationally and at her university. At the moment, she uses most of her time at a partnership project with the student organisation ZINASU in Zimbabwe. Throughout the project, she has had the chance to arrange two seminars with ZINASU in South Africa and thereby got to know them as people and as student activists. Throughout her studies, Frederikke has done fieldwork at Lesbos during the 'refugee crisis' and at ActionAids Global Platform in Zambia. She is very fascinated by social movements as a way of creating 'development'. When she has time, she paints, sings, winter baths, and reads.



### **Melpomeni "Melini" Kalogeraki**

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Coming from the island of Crete, Melpomeni (Melini) Kalogeraki is a 22 year old law student in Athens, Greece. Having volunteered for six weeks in Tampere, Finland towards cultural understanding between asylum seekers and the local population, worked for a month in Wall Street, New York, was a representative of a youth organisation's department in Greece and devoted a year organizing international volunteering leadership exchanges in Athens as a director and vice president of that organisation, Melini can see the world changing through the "good habits" that the international exchange participants gain from one another's culture when bringing them back to their country while discovering their own values and act upon them. Constantly in search of unexplored, challenging environments, Melini is now working on a project aiming to help high school students make better academic choices and has her eyes wide open for every opportunity for self-development, especially for internships.



### **Frederik Kirk**

Danmarks Tekniske Universitet

Engineer, Trainer, Facilitator, Frederik works to make the world a slightly better place through education of youth in leadership, cooperation, and responsibility. Graduated Msc in Biomedical Engineering from DTU, Frederik is currently working to better enable doctors and nurses to work on their core competences, by automating workflows in diagnostic departments. Frederik has been running the international work from 4H Denmark the past 2 years, resulting in several successful project within the topics of Human Rights, Migration, Sustainability and Social Entrepreneurship. As a facilitator, Frederik has been conducting trainings for youth leaders within the topics of Non-Violent Communication, No Hate Speech, Leadership, and personal development.

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### **Aida Knežević**

University of Sarajevo

Aida Knežević is a final year student of translation and interpretation at the University of Sarajevo. She was born near Brčko, grew up in Tuzla, but calls Sarajevo home for now. As a high school student she spent one year on exchange in the US with the YES program, and as a Masters student spent a semester in Split through Erasmus. In 2015, she started actively participating in LGBT and feminist movements in BiH by creating pieces of clothing with political statements. By day she is a translator and ESL teacher; by night, she is one half of the audiovisual project Sestre, which tackles nationalism, militarism, homophobia, misogyny, and neoliberalism in BiH society.



### **Magali Lapu**

University of Georgia

Magali is a rising senior at the University of Georgia, majoring in International Affairs and French with a Public Policy minor. She was born in Brussels, Belgium to Congolese parents and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, which pushed her to be an advocate for cross-cultural collaboration and understanding. She has studied abroad in Montpellier, France and worked in her local committee of AIESEC, a student-run nonprofit that sends youth abroad for sustainable development projects and cultural exchange. Magali's passion for social justice, policy advocacy, and law have led her to work with the UGA Chapter of the NAACP, the Economic Justice Coalition of Athens, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, D.C. She plans on pursuing graduate studies and policy work domestically or internationally. Magali enjoys learning about the diverse cultures represented around the globe and looks forward to more travel and language learning after graduation.



### **Jacob Lang Laursen**

Aarhus University

Jacob was born and raised in Aalborg, but moved to Aarhus to first do a BA in Anthropology, where he spent a semester abroad in Nicaragua, and then a Master's degree in International Studies, specializing in human rights, development and civil society organizations and their resource mobilization. During his studies, he has been engaged in activist work both as a volunteer with Amnesty International and Aarhus for Mangfoldighed and as an intern in the Danish solidarity organization Afrika Kontakt. The driving force behind this engagement and his chosen career path has been a passion for human rights and dignity as well as a vision of a world in which everyone enjoys these equally. After his studies, he therefore plans to pursue a career within this field.

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### **Kendell Miller-Roberts**

Southern Methodist University

Kendell grew up in Dallas, Texas and graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.F.A. in Dance Performance, a B.A. in Human Rights, and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies in May 2018. During spring of her junior year, she studied abroad in the Netherlands and Morocco with SIT on a program focusing on gender and sexuality. While at SMU, she was actively involved with the Women and LGBT Center on campus serving as an LGBT+Allies panelist, and during her sophomore year, the vice president of the Feminist Equality Movement. She also served as communications chair for the Human Rights Student Leadership Initiative (SLI) Board. She has worked to combine her passions for human rights and art through her capstone choreography project exploring gun violence through dance, as well as reflecting on the continuous racial tension and injustice through Nina Simone's "Mississippi Goddam" for SMU's Brown Bag Dance Series.



### **Kristina Møller**

Metropol Professionshøjskole

Kristina Møller has an academic background in international development and social work. Having grown up in East Africa, Kristina is passionate about challenging structural issues that compound inequality and poverty. As part of her current social work degree, Kristina spent six months in Jordan, working with a psychosocial support program for Syrian refugees. Kristina intends to pursue a career in refugee policy after she graduates in 2019.



### **Crystal Napoli**

University of New Hampshire

From Salem, New Hampshire, Crystal Napoli will graduate with honors from the University of New Hampshire with dual majors in history and justice studies and a Chinese minor in 2018. Crystal studied abroad in Changchun, China on a Critical Language Scholarship in summer 2016, using her language skills to study education initiatives in indigenous Taiwan on an undergraduate research fellowship in summer 2017. Crystal studied at the College for Social Innovation in Boston in fall 2017, interning at the college access nonprofit Let's Get Ready and taking classes on social change and human-centered design. An avid Model UN geek, Crystal is passionate about strengthening global systems to support local goals. She hopes to focus her career and graduate studies on serving those who have inherited historical injustice: children. She is passionate about children's rights, human trafficking, and educational justice.

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### **Brandur “Bran” Mortensen Nolsøe**

Lund University

Brandur Mortensen Nolsøe was born and raised in the small and remote Faroe Islands – an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark. He has attained a Bachelor’s degree in Social Science at the University of Kent, where he co-founded a student-run Amnesty International society on campus. He returned to the Faroes to undergo an internship in the Prime Minister’s office, during which he helped organise a public hearing on human rights together with The Danish Institute for Human Rights. As a Sociology student at Lund University in Sweden, Brandur has also spent a semester abroad at Humboldt University of Berlin, participating in the GeT MA for Refugees Initiative as an Erasmus student. Having worked with children with mental impairments, and done research on everyday interaction within ethnic communities, Brandur is particularly interested in impression management and the effects of cultural institutions on social behaviour in relation to ethnicity.



### **Mujgahn Rahimi**

Copenhagen Business School

Mujgahn Rahimi is a student at Copenhagen Business School (CBS), where she has completed her undergraduate degree in Business Administration and Sociology and is to pursue a graduate degree in International Business and Politics. Mujgahn has a broad variety of interests ranging from research in organizational and economic sociology to volunteer work. And as a Dane with Afghan ethnicity she is likewise passionate about societal issues with a special focus on racism and gender, ethnic and religious discrimination. In her spare time, Mujgahn enjoys practising kickboxing, learning Arabic, working as a student guidance counsellor at her university, being a member of the student organization, International Debate BS, and volunteering to help children with homework and personal issues. Mujgahn is always up for a challenge and/or a nap, you will always find her with her head buried in a book and she has a specialty in Danish sarcasm.



### **Verena Riedmiller**

Maastricht University

Growing up in Munich, and having graduated from European Studies at Maastricht University at the age of 20, Verena Riedmiller co-founded the euro political project CUBE. Your Take on Europe. Through the project she puts her vision for an inclusive youth participation in the EU into action. Through a community-based educational approach young people are empowered to make their voices being heard at the political decision making tables. Furthermore, she works as a trainer on the topics of participation and European democracy. Next to her political involvement in campaigns and networks, she indulges herself in environmental sustainability strategies through her blog and workshops in the field. The next goal within her work is campaigning for young ideas at the 2019 European elections.



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**Fiona Ross**

University of Copenhagen

Fiona began her career in the military, training as an officer cadet in the RAF, before gaining a First in Literature & Politics at Glasgow University. She has a background in youth politics and activism, having led the External Affairs Committee in the Scottish Youth Parliament from 2015-2017, and having been a UK Youth Ambassador. She is now living in Denmark, where she is completing a Masters in Migration Studies. She currently works for the student-led organization Consilium, which seeks to bring peace and conflict studies to a wider audience and work across disciplines, and is completing a fellowship with the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. She dreams of combining her passion for youth activism and her deep love of sailing, and is applying for funding to create her own moving exhibition and training space on board a barge.



**Vasileios "Vasilis" Sassanis**

Mississippi State University

Vasilis comes from Athens, Greece. He holds a Master's degree in mechanical engineering and aeronautics from the University of Patras, Greece, and a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from Mississippi State University (MSU), U.S. He is co-founder of the climate change working group and contributor to the interdisciplinary working group on societal injustice, both at MSU. During his undergrad and research years he developed a special interest regarding human and civil rights. He decided to join Humanity in Action, aiming to find ways to bring together people from different disciplines and with different views in the battle against inequality.



**Raphael Schoeberlein**

Sarah Lawrence College

Raphael Schoeberlein is a rising junior at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, where he studies history and political science. Born in Colorado, he attended four high schools on three continents because of his parents' employment requirements. Raphael is interested in creating open dialogue to combat groupthink and promoting free exchange of ideas to allow mutual education. On campus, he envisioned and then launched a student club dedicated to hosting discussions offering participants non-attribution protection to combat groupthink. In his free time, Raphael enjoys camping, rafting, travel, reading, and working in the theatre, including as a stage combat choreographer.

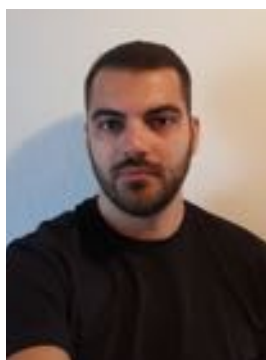
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**Terrie Soule**

Pace University

Terrie was born and raised in Austin, Texas but now resides in New York City. She is a rising senior at Pace University, majoring in Peace and Justice Studies with minors in Women and Gender Studies and Psychology. Terrie is a founding member of the Pace Peace and Justice Club, a student led organization in which she designed a successful campaign that required her university to provide free menstrual products to students in all bathrooms on campus. Terrie also worked with World Council of Churches, a partner of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which won the Nobel Peace Prize last year. After graduation Terrie is considering joining the Peace Corps before pursuing her masters in Peace and Conflict Studies.



**Davor "Dado" Strika**

University of Banja Luka

Davor was born on October 7th in Croatia. He went to live in Banja Luka and Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1991. He finished his Faculty of Political Science in Banja Luka in 2012. He finished his Masters studies on Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade in 2014. He is currently finishing his second Masters on Faculty of Political Science in International Relations in Banja Luka. He is the President of Council of Youth Organizations in Banja Luka. In his work, He was engaged in the Center for International and Security Studies, and in Banja Luka's Center for Human Rights. His every day field/working interest is based on problems of young people in his country and city, and with problems of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His academic field of interest is in international affairs and political violence.



**Daria Sullivan**

University of Pittsburgh

Daria M. Sullivan is a recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Theatre Arts and Communication and a NJ/NYC based theatre artist. She was born and raised in the liberal artsy town of Montclair, NJ, where she decided to reside after graduating in April of 2017. While at Pitt, Daria received the Vira I. Heinz Women in Global Leadership scholarship and traveled to Ghana, West Africa for her study abroad experience. This was actually her first time outside of the country and how she discovered her love for traveling. Throughout Daria's undergraduate career, she performed in six diverse shows with her final two having a strong focus on social justice. These productions helped Daria realize that she wants to combine her passions for art and social justice to create social change. Daria is hopeful that Humanity in Action will give her tools, ideas, and inspiration to do this.

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### **Sarah Verdin**

Sciences Po Grenoble

Sarah is a recent graduate student from Sciences Po, where she studied International Non-Profit Management. During her studies, she volunteered in and led different social projects. For instance, she collaborated with other students to create an association aimed at fostering social inclusion of children from the Roma Community. She is now coordinating volunteers in an emergency relief center in Berlin. Sarah is interested in ways to achieve social inclusion and cohesion and seeks to find or support local ways fighting all forms of discrimination in society. Sarah was born and raised in France and she is now based in Berlin – she has also lived in Ghana during her studies and over the years, she has developed a passion for traveling. In her travels, she also always seeks to learn about and visit local initiatives working on social issues.

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### **Laura Lasance**

National Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Laura Lasance serves as National Director of Humanity in Action The Netherlands. Laura is a strong advocate for the empowerment of youth to contribute to positive change and sustainable development. Over the last decade, she has gained comprehensive experience in managing organizations and projects in the fields of human rights advocacy and youth across the globe. She has expertise in fostering leadership among highly diverse teams of youth and young professionals. Laura worked at the Centre for Conflict Studies (Utrecht University), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, and served as Executive Director of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality. She successfully developed the collective advocacy platform of the International Children's Peace Prize winners. Laura serves as Supervisory Board member of dance4life international and is Co-Chair to the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. Laura has a Masters degree (cum laude) in Conflict Studies and Human Rights (Utrecht University).



### **Yannick Servais**

Program Coordinator (Amsterdam)

Yannick Servais serves as the Program Coordinator of Humanity in Action the Netherlands. Yannick has a background in Cultural Studies and European Studies. This background gave him the incentive to pursue a career in human rights education. First as a teacher at the University of Maastricht, where he taught history, philosophy and political science. Then he continued his career at the renowned political and cultural institution De Balie in Amsterdam where he organised lectures, debates, exhibitions and moderated many discussions. To broaden his horizon even further he decided to become a freelance project manager enabling him to work in different fields with different target groups. In the past year Yannick has worked for the Reading and Writing Foundation, Movies That Matter Festival and the Stadsschouwburg in Amsterdam, working with youngsters, artists and journalists to, in one way or another, build an inclusive society. Yannick is also a board member of Stichting Breukvlakken, a foundation that promotes the cultural heritage of Sigmund Freud.



### **Yanic Hoch**

Program Intern (Amsterdam)

Yanic Hoch is a current third year Bachelor student in the program of international studies, concentrating on socio-political relationships between the public and the government in Latin America. As an intern at the HIA Nederland he hopes to receive a deeper insight in human rights issues in Europe and their applicability to issues witnessed in the Americas, which are also to contribute to the Masters Thesis.



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### **Fernanda Lai**

Program Intern (Amsterdam)

Having finished her B.A. in English at Williams College, Fernanda Lai is now a Herchel Smith Fellow at the University of Cambridge, finishing her M.Phil in European, Latin American Cultures and Literatures. Her dissertation focuses on the relationship between philosophical approaches towards dwelling and the contemporary refugee crisis in Europe. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the 2015 Berlin programme, which allowed her to continue developing her passion for art, education, and activism. As a Diversity Intern at the Williams College Davis Center during her final year, Fernanda organised and facilitated discussions on social justice issues and on the question of race representation in contemporary American poetry. After Cambridge, Fernanda plans to pursue a career in culture and heritage law.



### **Gilberto Morishaw**

Program Intern (Amsterdam)

Born on the beautiful island of Curacao, Gilberto moved to the city of the Hague to study Public Administration at the University of Leiden. He is currently a youth council member of the Dutch Ministry of Education, president of one of his university's political parties and a Student-fellow at the university's Centre for Innovation. Next to that, he also helped co-found a youth-centric political party in the city of the Hague. He believes that young people have the power to make a clear difference in the world we are living in today. This is also the reason why he is now interning at Humanity in Action The Netherlands. He will be starting his Master's programme in International and European Governance this upcoming September.

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**Deniz Aktaş**

Utrecht University

Deniz Aktaş (1994) is a cultural anthropology master student at Utrecht University. He has completed his bachelor degree at University College Maastricht, where he majored in sociology and cultural studies. His thesis examined the ways in which socio-economic status and discourses on race and ethnicity in the Netherlands impact the (re)negotiation of Turkish-descent second generation migrants' identities. His main research interests are critical race theory, whiteness, intersectionality, and disability studies. Currently, he is doing a research internship at basis voor actuele kunst, Utrecht on commons, assemblism, and activism. In his spare time, Deniz enjoys long walks on the beach at sunset.



**Siham Bouysaghouan**

Universiteit van Leiden

Siham is a simple girl born and raised in Gouda. Both of her parents are from Morocco and she is a medical student in her last academic year. Her plan has not yet been completely mapped out yet, but she knows that she has a preference for children and the social side of medical problems. This academic year she participated in the Leiden Leadership Program where she came a long way in her personal development. In her spare time she works at the general practice centre (a.k.a. de huisartsenpost). When she really has the time (which is not always the case), she likes to be creative and paint. By attending this program she wants to challenge herself in thinking along and discussing about innovative solutions to several problems.



**Colin Burke**

Yale University

Colin Burke is a graduating senior from Yale University, majoring in political science. Colin is a proud resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent the first 18 years of his life. At Yale he was Vice President of his class council, is currently a first-year counselor, and does research on mass incarceration with a professor from the law school. He is passionate about racial justice, human rights, economics, legal theory, running, the outdoors, coffee. He has traveled abroad on another human rights based program to other countries, but is excited to learn about human rights in the Netherlands and to join the Humanity in Action Network. Next year he is working at a law firm in New York.

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**Alida “Lianne” Cluistra**

Universiteit Utrecht

Lianne Cluistra is a 27-year-old minister, student teacher, and diversity trainer. Her openness and curiosity to the world drives her to travel a lot, inside and outside the country. In connection with people she is passionate about striving for a better world in which every person has the opportunity to be themselves. This enthusiasm inspires other people to get involved. Lianne has worked in a nursing home, at schools, in religious organisations and currently works in an organisation dealing with sexual violence. Her network is her gateway to everything worthwhile in life.



**Marleen Fleers**

Leiden University

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Marleen Fleers started studying Psychology with a minor in Intercultural and International Management. She decided to continue her study in Spain and this turned out to be a real enrichment time for her study time. She enriched her international experiences working in the board position at AIESEC, the biggest international student organization in the world and an important international platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership skills. After this great adventure, she applied for an internship at the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science – Department for International Policy, and then started her Masters in International Relations. Currently, she is doing a traineeship where she works on four different internships within the government in two years. Right now, she is working for the Refugees Social Services Programme and she aspires to work within an NGO or for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She hopes to have a positive influence on society and she hopes she can inspire others to also contribute in a positive way.



**Tanner Haughn**

Colorado College

A rising senior at Colorado College, Tanner Haughn studies English and Philosophy. While playing Division I soccer for first Texas Tech University and then her current school, she has used her platform as an athlete for reform in both NCAA policy as the female representative for the Big 12 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and also campus awareness of sexual assault as a facilitator for the One Love Foundation. She worked as an intern for the nonprofit Heartwork, where she wrote the content for their newest digital application: a 5-day challenge encouraging young persons to exercise empathy through creative means. As a peer consultant for Colorado College's Writing Center and Editorial Assistant for the school's forthcoming literary journal, Hairstreak Butterfly Review, she hopes to continue the study and practice of English after graduation within a PhD program reputable in the study of Native American or medieval literature.

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### **Payton Head**

University of Missouri

A Chicago native, Payton Head holds a bachelor's in Political Science from the University of Missouri where he served as student body president. For his leadership in the Mizzou protests of 2015, he was awarded by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and featured on Teen Vogue's "How Three Students Changed the Course of History at their Universities." As a National Campus Leadership Council fellow, Head co-authored an inclusion guide for student leaders with insights from the U.S. Department of Education in 2016. Now a speaker on inclusion, intersectional identities, and race relations on American college campuses, Payton has brought his expertise to over 40 institutions. He is a 2018-2019 fellow for the American Constitution Society and aspires to pursue civil rights law. As a Humanity in Action Fellow, Payton seeks to develop transnational cultural competency and cultivate lasting relationships with young leaders to foster global peace.



### **Eva Rose Jewett-Gatschet**

University of San Francisco

Born in Kansas City and raised in New York, Eva Rose currently studies Comparative Literature at the University of San Francisco. Her linguistic studies focus on Romance Languages, and she is passionate about applying studies of language and culture to solving social issues of inequity and injustice. Recently, in Florence, Italy, Eva presented on intersectional and Italian feminism at the Florence University of the Arts' Ninth Annual Conference. Eva is currently writing her senior thesis, in which she is performing a comparative analysis of gender construction in early 20th century Italian and Argentinian poetry. She has worked on projects in sex education, job training for the unemployed, and teaching English to immigrants. She is an avid photographer and integrates art into much of her work. After graduating, Eva plans to work abroad for a year before pursuing studies in gender and literary theory in graduate school.



### **Manisha Kalikadien**

Maastricht University

Born and raised in Utrecht, Manisha Kalikadien is a recent graduate of Maastricht University. After her BA in European Studies, she went on to complete an MSc in European Public Health and a double MSc in Public Policy and Human Development. In addition to her activities as a Student Representative in the Education Committee, she actively participated in the interdisciplinary PREMIUM Excellence Program for graduate students. Throughout her studies, she organized interactive workshops for high school students as part of the Cross-Cultural Awareness Program in South Korea, worked as a research intern at the Directorate for Health Information and Research in Malta, and set up a collaborative project to support refugees in Serbia. She is fluent in Dutch, English and French, and is learning Serbo-Croat-Bosnian. Passionate about helping vulnerable groups in society, Manisha is particularly interested in education to increase awareness and understanding of racial disparities in the Netherlands.



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### **Stavroula "Stevi" Kitsou**

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Stavroula is an advocate, holding a bachelor in Law (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), a Masters in Media (University of Sussex), while she is currently pursuing an LLM in Public International Law (National University of Athens). Having participated in a number of European and International conferences on issues ranging from freedom of expression and hate speech online to LGBTQ rights and the incarceration conditions in Greece, her interests have always been focused on politics, human rights and the politics of human rights. She has also worked as a data protection officer at Cedefop EU agency, as a legal associate at the General Secretariat for Human Rights in Greece, as a lawyer at the Greek Council for Refugees and an editor in various online magazines. She is also a rapporteur for the 'Golden Dawn Watch' initiative and a deputy board member of the board of directors of the Hellenic League for Human Rights.



### **Evelyn Mangold**

University of Miami

Evelyn Mangold was born and raised in Buffalo, and she is a rising senior at the University of Miami double majoring in Public Health and Psychology. Evelyn's greatest accomplishment while at the University of Miami was initiating a sexual assault awareness campaign titled K[NO]W More. She is also involved in a student government, a facilitator for Diversity Education and Equity Program, a member of Leadership UMiami, a sister of Chi Omega and a member of the running club. In Evelyn's free time, she enjoys running, hiking, and exploring new places. After graduation, Evelyn plans to pursue a dual degree of a Masters in Public Health and a JD. Evelyn wants to focus her career on the intersectionality of health disparities, poor health in prisons and women's empowerment.



### **Michail-Chrysovalantis "Michael" Markodimitrakis**

Bowling Green State University

Michail-Chrysovalantis Markodimitrakis is a doctorate student at Bowling Green State University in American Culture Studies with a secondary concentration in Critical Race Studies. Born and raised in Iraklion Crete, he holds a BA and MA in English. He has published articles on the intersection of film, psychoanalysis, and politics. As an undergraduate, he was a member of the awarded student theatre group "Bald Theatre," and has served as independent student representative in his department faculty council. From 2014-2016 he served as a Teaching Associate for the General Studies Writing Program at BGSU, while from 2016-2018 he taught the freshman course "Introduction to Ethnic Studies." Michail has participated in several European programs concerning youth empowerment and social justice issues, while recently he also organized a webinar on Islamophobia. His doctoral research focuses on the Mediterranean as a deadly geography for migrants, refugees, and local communities.

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### **Sergej Nauta**

De Haagse Hogeschool

Born and raised in The Netherlands, Sergej Nauta is currently studying Social Work in the Hague. He intends to start in university next year, studying cultural anthropology in Leiden. In previous years he owned a franchise business in coffee. His focus is now on education, people and culture because that is where his passions lie. In his spare time, he works as a volunteer for Resto van Harte where the goals are mainly to achieve social inclusion and the prevention of loneliness in communities. Besides all that he works as a barista trainer, training colleagues in coffee and bar skills.



### **Kendall Oehler**

University of Wisconsin, Madison

Born in southern California and raised in central Wisconsin, Kendall Oehler is a graduating senior at the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a double major in Political Science and Sociology. Kendall spent a semester abroad in Utrecht during her junior year, and is currently writing a senior Honors thesis about the rise of right-wing populism in the United States. Specifically, her research seeks to understand the way the alt-right's rhetoric shapes socially constructed narratives of Mexican and Central American immigrants in the far-right and mainstream media. As the co-founder and co-president of the student organization the Accessible Reproductive Healthcare Initiative (ARHI) and an intern with the University of Wisconsin's Division of Diversity, Equity, and Educational Achievement, Kendall seeks to increase and improve equality and access at many intersections. After the University of Wisconsin, Kendall plans to earn her MPP/MSW at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy.



### **Sasa Panic**

University of Banja Luka

Sasa Panic comes from Gradiska in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He completed his bachelor studies in Law at the University of Banja Luka and got his master's degree in Public International Law from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law by defending master thesis "Prohibition of Hate Speech on the Internet." As a student, he was a part of Work and Travel program in the USA. He currently writes project applications for EU calls at the Development Agency of Gradiska. In his spare time, he loves to read and travel and even has his own travel blog which he updates almost regularly. Sasa deeply cares about human rights and is looking forward to meeting many people of different backgrounds and to learn more about them because knowledge is the way to fight against prejudice and stereotypes.

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### **Michiel Piersma**

University of Amsterdam

After completing his undergraduate degree in Political Science at the University of Amsterdam, Michiel Piersma decided to follow his passion and went on to study Nationalism Studies at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. What interests Michiel the most, research-wise, are processes of normalization in society. Whether it is the effects of exclusionary political rhetoric in Bosnia-Herzegovina or The Netherlands, Michiel thinks these effects are essential in understanding current trends of polarisation in societies over the world. Now based in Amsterdam again, he works as a volunteer at the Dutch Refugee Council in a project for undocumented refugees. In the (near) future, Michiel would like to conduct a PhD project on forms of resistance in Bosnian education, and the hopes and longings of these Bosnian schoolchildren.



### **Caitlin Schaap**

Codarts

Caitlin was born from the womb of the amazone, before the age of one, she was gone. She grew up in Holland between farmland, when seasons were still parted. She studied to take care of the disabled while working, and could not deal with all the labels. Meanwhile, she was singing and loving arts, auditioned in theaters and over the years got more than one part. She spent her time on stages around the world for years; harm around the globe opened her eyes and ears. While finishing her bachelor in music at Codarts, parallel to it, was trying to understand world problems at large. Schooled on social justice cause the world seems to be led in vain, she also studied climate change. She never forgot where she was born, where waters are polluted and the ground is torn. She will fight for land rights when she returns, second to education.



### **Lejla Selmanovic**

University of Tulza and University of Sarajevo

Lejla was born in Slovenia and spent her early childhood in Croatia and moved to her country of origin after the war. Since then, she has been trying to learn as much as she can about people, the world, and herself both as an individual and part of it. This led her to explore social sciences, literature and art through debates, oratory and international literary competitions, music school, studies of Law and International Law. She has gained valuable experience in judiciary, education, public relations, event and project management, but now she wishes to pursue an international career with a larger impact on real life and real people issues concerning the world of today. This includes human rights and freedoms, especially of vulnerable and neglected groups (children, minorities, women, people with disabilities) and equal opportunities. She plans to pursue a PhD concerning the EU law and universal principles of human rights, preferably in France.

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**Kevin Tang**

Hunter College

Born and raised in New York City, Kevin is a graduating senior at Hunter College, double majoring in Urban Studies and Chemistry. Studying Arabic language has taken Kevin to the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, and Morocco. At home, he co-founded Hunter's Arabic speaking club. He previously organized summer service trips in rural Panama and currently volunteers at home with Habitat for Humanity. His interests, on the social science side, include exploring the role of municipal governance in ending social inequality. Kevin's interests on the physical science side include uncovering and addressing the relationships between human health and the environment. In the future, Kevin hopes to obtain his PhD and use science to improve the human condition, especially for the socially marginalized. In his spare time, he enjoys karate and comic book movies.



**Chelsea Thorpe**

University of Georgia

Chelsea Thorpe is a recent graduate from the University of Georgia with majors in Criminal Justice and Economics. She has conducted ethnic conflict and radicalization research in Oxford, Singapore, and France. With U.S. Army War College, the Potomac Institute, and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, she has sought to harness safe communities that preempt armed mobilization. Chelsea has also led service-learning trips to expose her peers to human rights dialogue, specifically concerning immigration policy and veteran affairs. She currently tutors Syrian refugees and assists the Partnership for Peace Consortium in training military and political actors with countering violent extremism efforts. In the fall, Chelsea will pursue a Masters in International Security at Sciences Po in Paris, as an Emile Boutmy Scholar.



**Patrick van der Pas**

University of Amsterdam

Patrick van der Pas studies Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at the University of Amsterdam. His specializations within this study concern gender and sexuality, global health, care and society, and management and policy. Furthermore, he works as a Civil and Human Rights Program Coordinator for several international organizations. He is also secretary of the Human Rights Committee of InterPride, the world federation of Pride organizers, and he is a member of InterPride's WorldPride committee. His aim in life is to focus on the development and implementation of department programs and activities within organizations, municipalities, and other governmental institutions to establish a safer social environment to work and live in. He hopes his participation in the Humanity in Action program will strengthen his ambitions and he looks forward to meet all of his co-fellows and to exchange knowledge and passions.



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### **Hans Wallage**

Leiden University

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Hans Wallage is a rising academician with a major in History. He also spent a semester abroad at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is involved in different political/social and academical organisations to address problems in society as inequality, discrimination and racism. He organised different congresses, meetings and events to advocate for inclusion, collaboration and fair chances in society. Next year, Hans plans to pursue a Ph.D in history focusing on Jewish history after the Second World War.



### **Sascha Wijnhoven**

Utrecht University

Born and raised in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, Sascha Wijnhoven is a young professional with a Master of Arts at the Radboud University. Next year, she starts her second master in Education in Utrecht to become a first degree arts teacher. As a trainee in social entrepreneurship, she supported community initiatives in professionalizing their enterprise and now, as a freelance workshop instructor, she promotes digital and active citizenship and personal leadership. During her four-month stay in Semarang, Indonesia, Sascha helped to build, execute and sustain a longterm kindergarten programme for underprivileged children in collaboration with a pedagogue, a child psychologist, and other local professionals. In her spare time, Sascha coaches young newcomers in Utrecht and organises a traveling Dutch language cafe for young newcomers, expats, and students. After her studies, Sascha wants to contribute to the innovation of education in The Netherlands or abroad.



### **Zarah Winter**

University of Amsterdam

Zarah was raised in both the Netherlands and in Suriname. She moved back to the Netherlands to study law at the age of 19. From a young age, she was active in organizations that helped and supported underprivileged youth. Her dream in life is to become a human rights lawyer and activist. She is currently in last stages of her bachelor degree in law. And wants to do a Masters in International public law. During her studies she was active in multiple organizations. She worked for the UNICEF student team for almost two years. She was also a member of the United Nations Youth Council, and during that time she would set up projects about human rights and children's rights more specifically. She is also a proud member of ELSA a European law association, that supports Human rights. Currently, she is the Vice President of Academic activities of ELSA Amsterdam.

## GERMAN PROGRAM STAFF

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### **Johannes Lukas Gartner**

Director of Programs, Humanity in Action Germany

Johannes Lukas Gartner is the Program Director of Humanity in Action Germany. Previously, he worked in strategy consulting for public sector clients including the European Commission and German federal ministries at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants after gaining work experience at various other places ranging from the Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social, a press freedom and civil society communications non-profit in Mexico City, to Lilofee, an independent children's toy store in Berlin-Kreuzberg. He completed internships and research visits at places including the United Nations Development Program in Panama City, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna, and multinational law firms in Istanbul and London. Johannes is a law graduate of King's College London as well as Humboldt University Berlin and an international relations graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Living in Berlin, Johannes was born and raised in Vienna. He is an alumnus of AFS (Panama, 2004-05) and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Diplomacy & Diversity Fellowship Program, 2014).



### **Nora Lassahn**

Program Coordinator (Berlin)

Nora Lassahn studied Literature in Berlin and Verona. After graduating in 2015, she moved to the north of Germany to work for a refugee organization. Now, she has returned to Berlin to support the German Humanity in Action office as a program coordinator. Nora is interested in the intersection of culture and politics. She worked as a print and radio journalist, for a government alliance that strives to empower the civil society and for a scientific foundation. During her studies, Nora interned at the International Literature Festival in Berlin, at the German Parliament and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Malaysia.



### **Kadija Diallo**

Program Intern (Berlin)

Born in Guinea, raised in Senegal and New York and currently living in Philadelphia, Kadijatou (Kadija) considers herself a citizen of the world rather than any one country. She graduated magna cum laude from Temple University with a bachelors degree in political science, concentrating in international relations. She has worked with numerous organizations to advocate for a variety of issues including the improvement of judiciaries, gender equality, and global peace. Her primary interests revolve around improving global governance surrounding migration and the integration of migrants, and the role that international tribunals and transitional justice plays in stabilizing post-conflict societies and rectifying human rights violations. She enjoys writing poetry and short stories as well as exploring new places and restaurants with friends. More than anything, she dreams of climbing mountains and getting lost in the Mongolian landscape.

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**Daniel Busacca Dolleo**

Universität Hildesheim

Born and raised in an Italian family, Daniel grew up in a multicultural environment in the heart of the Ruhrgebiet, Bochum. As a psychology major at the University Hildesheim he is passionate about the science of mind and behavior. He also spent a semester abroad at the California State University of Long Beach, where he further worked on his research project focusing on collective action among LGBT members in the U.S. and Turkey. As a true supporter of social justice, Daniel volunteers as an advocate for the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and ArbeiterKind.de and tries to contribute to more educational justice and equal opportunities. In his spare time, Daniel loves to travel and to explore new countries and cultures.



**Inna Dzyndra**

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Inna is a law student, who is currently getting her Master's degree in Kyiv, Ukraine. She spent an exchange semester in the United States studying politics and law. Despite being law major, Inna works as a project manager at Ukrainian online-education studio EdEra, which develops online-course, interactive textbooks, and educational projects. Inna is extremely interested in civic and human rights education. She truly believes that good and high-quality education is a basis for a strong civil society. Inna is concerned about equality issues and women's status in the society. She would like to work upon the reduction of gender discrimination. Inna's main passions are traveling and exploring new cultures.



**Ayan Goran**

Villanova University

A rising senior at Villanova University and a double major in Political Science and Communication with a concentration in Peace & Justice Studies, Ayan Goran is a West Philadelphia native. She has a fondly-remembered semester in London under her belt, and is eager to spread her globetrotting horizons. As president of her university's Muslim Student Association, senator on student government, and enthusiastic member of Villanova's Interfaith Coalition, Ayan has made inclusivity and visibility her focuses. Additionally, she has served as a 2017 coach for the Chicago-based Interfaith Youth Core. In her spare time, Ayan loves to indulge her passion for film, and is an avid movie-goer. After Villanova, Ayan plans to pursue a degree in human rights law.

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**Miriam Josef**

Friedrich-Alexander University

Miriam Yosef grew up in Germany and holds a B.Sc. in International Development from London School of Economics and Political Science. She is currently completing an M.A. in Human Rights at Friedrich-Alexander University in Erlangen, where she focuses on critical race and post-colonial theories. Before attending university, Miriam worked for several years for various NGOs that deal with development and human rights issues in the Caribbean, Western Africa and the Middle East. At her current university, she co-founded a People of Color students group to promote racial equality in academia and to create a safe space for students of Color. After completing her Master studies, Miriam plans to pursue a PhD in critical theory with a focus on intersectionality.



**Varvara "Vera" Karanika**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Vera has recently graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki School of Law. She first discovered her passion for Human Rights during her Erasmus studies in Berlin Free University where she focused on Human Rights Law. Desiring a pragmatic view on the field, she volunteered in "New Neighborhood," a citizen's initiative in Berlin aspiring to get people who were fleeing from countries in which fundamental rights were violated, to understand their rights, improve their skills in German language and participate in various cultural activities. For the past year, Vera has been working as a trainee lawyer and is currently doing her internship in Antigone, a Greek NGO, researching the Greek asylum system. In her free time, she facilitates photography workshops for young refugees and dances flamenco. After Antigone, Vera will be attending Leiden University LLM Program in European and International Human Rights Law, aspiring to become a researcher in the field.



**Mariana Karkoutly**

Humboldt University

Mariana Karkoutly was born in Syria, where she conducted her bachelor degree in law, and then moved to Berlin to finish her first masters in social work as a human rights profession at the Alice-Salomon-Hochschule. Currently she is a social science student at Humboldt University in Berlin, chairwoman of Gemeinsamer Horizont e.V. and a project coordinator of a self-help group project "LouLou meeting point for former and new neighbours." During her academic studies, she has been mainly focusing on themes that are related to war crimes and accountability and looking into human rights violations during times of war.



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### **Dimitrios “Dimitris” Kastritis**

Leiden University

Dimitris Kastritis (1992) grew up in Distomo Greece. He has studied Political Science and, after completing his military service (2014 – 2015) in the island of Lesbos, he enrolled in Leiden University, the Netherlands in order to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at a M.A. level. There he developed a critical mode of analysis in contemporary issues of economics and democracy and he decided to write a research-oriented thesis on the issue of science in the thought of Nietzsche and Max Weber. Returning in Greece in June, 2017 he helped as a volunteer in Golden Dawn’s trial willing to contribute in the field of publicity. He is often participating as an MA student in Nietzsche Research Seminar in Leiden run by Dr. H.W. Siemens and Dr. Frank Chouraqui. He wants to expand his academic interests further and he has also served as editor in music-related websites.



### **Katarzyna “Kasia” Korytowska**

Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

Born and raised in the city of Warsaw, Kasia is a graduate of the Academy of Fine Arts, with major in culture of place, which emphasize a sense of civic responsibility. She has spent two years working in the Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw as an education department contributor, helping visitors to expand their understanding of the exhibitions. Since early 2017 Kasia is co-creating a project called Synergy, which aim is to raise awareness and counteract hostile rhetoric towards those in need, especially migrants and women. She has successfully organized 5 multidimensional music events (1 in Berlin), which hosted few thousand people and raised more than 22.000 złoty for charity. Currently, she is preparing the biggest event, in Botanical Garden, dedicated to ecology and protection of environment. After the program Kasia plans to obtain master’s degree at the Department of Culture Animation with socially engaged projects.



### **Andreana “Ada” Kostopoulou**

University of East London

Andreana (Ada) Kostopoulou is a Clinical Psychologist, working in collaboration with HCDCP (Hellenic Center for Disease Control & Prevention) in Philos Program (Emergency Health Response to Refugee Crisis), exercising her duties at the General Hospital of Leros and at the Reception & Identification Center of Leros. At the same time, she is the co-facilitator of and responsible for the first educational program in Greece on sexual orientation and gender identity issues addressed to mental health professionals. She graduated from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with bachelor’s degree in Psychology, in 2015. A year later, she acquired her master’s degree in the field of Clinical and Community Psychology from the University of East London. She is an active and passionate advocate for human rights and a LGBTQI+ activist.

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**Marharyta "Margo" Labkovich**

Hunter College

Marharyta (Margo) Labkovich was born and raised in Belarus. She graduated Hunter College with honors in Biology and interdisciplinary studies. During undergraduate years, she volunteered at public hospitals and health screenings in underrepresented neighborhoods of NYC. As a scholar of the Jewish Foundation for Education of Women, Margo pursued her interest in public health. She interned for the Small World Initiative, working to engage students in search of antibiotics through the innovative curriculum. She also spent four years at Peer Health Exchange (PHE), teaching and organizing health workshops in underfunded high schools, and leading the expansion of PHE to the Staten Island borough of NYC. This year, Margo will begin her medical career at the Icahn School of Medicine. Until then, she is studying Spanish at the University of Granada. As a future physician, Margo wants to advocate for disadvantaged communities and to approach inequity through a human rights perspective.



**Walid Ahmed Khan Malik**

Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main

Born and raised in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, Walid Malik is a student activist at the Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main and the Technical University Darmstadt, where he studied law and political science (B.A.) and is currently finishing his Masters in International Studies and Peace- and Conflict Research. After this, Walid plans to pursue a Ph.D. in postcolonial studies. Walid also spent a semester abroad at the University of Toronto in Canada. His major academic interests are resistance practices against police and migration regimes. Walid initiated the anti-discriminatory council of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation's scholars and the Institute of Postcolonial Studies Frankfurt. There he connects with other activists from all over the world and creates spaces for inclusive exchange. He has also initiated anti-racist campaigns on Social Media and organized lecture series on postcoloniality and racism. In Germany, Walid is highly active in community empowerment projects and the Queer Islamic movement.



**Chante Mayers-Barbot**

University at Albany

A first-generation college student, Chante graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University at Albany in 2016 with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Education. As an undergraduate, Chante remained actively involved on campus and in her community as a Student Ambassador and a tutor and mentor to youth from disadvantaged communities. She also served as a New York State Assembly Session Intern, peer advisor and UAlbany International Representative. Chante extended her passion for helping others to a global level during her semester abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, spearheading a number of community development projects around education and girl empowerment in improvised Townships. Upon graduation, Chante lived in South Africa for a year on a Fulbright Scholarship as an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) and Cultural Ambassador. This fall, Chante will pursue a MPP at the George Washington University with a concentration in International Development.

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### **Aditya "Adi" Mittal**

University of Pittsburgh

Adi Mittal is a rising Junior at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Chemistry. Last summer Adi researched at the Harvard Stem Cell Institute as part of the HIP internship program. During the school year, Adi researches at the Vascular Medicine Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Adi is also interested in public health research and policy. He is currently working on a project to bring awareness about lead poisoning in water to the African American community in Pittsburgh. Outside of school, Adi is a writer for Pitt Tonight, a member of Pitt's competitive ballroom dance team, and a board member for Pitt's creative science magazine. After Pitt, Adi plans to go to medical school and later pursue an MPH.



### **Raymond Moylan**

Saint Louis University

A lifelong resident of the St. Louis area, Raymond was raised in the rural community of Breese, IL. Currently a rising junior at Saint Louis University majoring in English and sociology, Raymond has become increasingly invested in the study of race, the urban environment, structural oppression, and social inequality. He serves the SLU community as a Resident Advisor and a Writing Consultant. In addition, he works on a qualitative research team in the sociology department that investigates the evolving role of pharmacists in the Opioid Epidemic. Over the remainder of his undergrad, Raymond hopes to develop his skills as a social researcher to create his own thesis examining race relations localized in the St. Louis community. After SLU, Raymond plans to continue his education into a graduate program which will allow him to both intellectually engage with and positively enact change on issues of racial and social inequity.

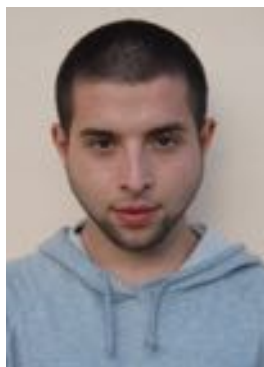


### **Margarida "Magi" Muralha Schweikert Farinha**

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Born and raised in Lisbon, Margarida is currently living in Berlin pursuing her dance education and working for a German-wide network for political education. She graduated from the University College Freiburg with the major in Governance, where she especially explored contemporary sociological thought and feminist theory. During her studies, she initiated a feminist radio series and also spent a semester abroad in Amsterdam and in Buenos Aires. For her thesis on the Portuguese nationality law, she interviewed migrants and analysed the link between national citizenship and belonging. Exploring creative spaces for critical reflection and collective imagination, she has gained experience in art education and cultural mediation at the Theater Freiburg, at an NGO in Buenos Aires and an artist residence in Lisbon. She wants to further investigate the arts as a sphere in which social and cultural realities may be questioned, renegotiated and new ways of being may be imagined.

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### **Stamatis Psaroudakis**

University of Macedonia

Having interactions with international projects and Model United Nations from a young age, it is no wonder that Stamatis studies are International and European Affairs in Thessaloniki, Greece. Nevertheless, he is used to travel around Europe attending training courses about human rights, social or political issues. He is passionate about human rights, animals rights, raising environmental awareness and his goal is to create an inclusive society without any kind of prejudices. As an active citizen, he directed together with another person a group of 10 volunteers, who raised awareness on the LGBTQIA+ community through theatrical street performances. This year, he moved to two countries (Poland, Croatia), in order to offer volunteering services, from providing workshops to children and teenagers to working on permaculture and eco-related topics. Stamatis hobby is making handmade natural cosmetics such as soap and he is constantly trying to make a positive change to this world.



### **Hannah Sachs**

Davidson College

Hannah Joy Sachs grew up Chappaqua, New York. She graduated with high honors in sociology from Davidson College in 2016 and then pursued a Master's in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford last year. Adopted from China and raised in a Jewish family, Hannah has continually grappled with her identity and sense of belonging. Her experiences inspired her to become a mentor for adoptees, and later, college students of color. At Davidson, she was a leader in several multicultural and diversity initiatives. Hannah also has extensive experience traveling outside the USA, having studied global development and transnational communities abroad during in China, Thailand, Laos, and England. Since 2013, Hannah has spent her summers as a program leader, guiding high school students on experiential learning trips focused on critical community issues and sustainable service. She currently works at Stony Brook University as a social justice fellow.



### **Maja Szydłowska**

Jagiellonian University of Cracow

Born and raised in Warsaw, Maja is a graduate law student at the Jagiellonian University of Cracow. She specializes in the international protection of human rights and international criminal law, that she has also studied during her year abroad at KU Leuven in Belgium. She has previously worked for several Polish and international NGOs, including the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, the Gender Equality Observatory and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court office in Brussels. Maja is passionate about the power of documentary filmmaking and visual storytelling for human rights advocacy. In April 2018 she co-organized the first edition of Arab-European Documentary Convention aimed to create a platform for dialogue, collaboration and resistance for the documentary community of Arab region and Europe. She has recently started her first filmmaking course and plans to focus on her first film in near future.



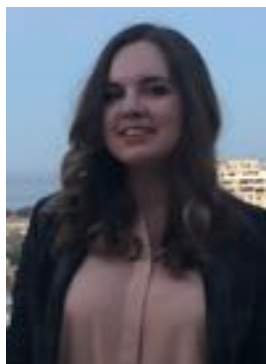
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### **Britta Thiemt**

Trinity College Dublin

Britta is a final year Psychology and Sociology student at Trinity College Dublin and originally from Osnabrück in Germany. Through volunteering with the European Youth Parliament, she was able to deepen her interest in politics, society and justice. Within and outside the organisation, she has contributed to the leadership of several events for young people, such as head-organising the 2016 International Summer Forum in Menden. Since moving to Ireland, Britta has become active in her university through mental health volunteering as a Peer Supporter. She has also been elected as chairperson of Trinity's Psychological Society, and was involved in leading a student activist movement opposing fee increases and protecting students from low-income backgrounds. A Konrad Adenauer and Trinity College Foundation Scholar, Britta intends to pursue a PhD in Psychology and to use her education to contribute to our understanding of what enables inter-group cooperation and limits prejudice and conflict.



### **Anastasiia "Stacey" Vorobiova**

National University "Odesa Law Academy"

Born in the picturesque Ukraine, Anastasiia (Stacey) Vorobiova is a proud lawyer by profession and philologist by vocation. Anastasiia holds degrees in International Law and English philology and her bookshelf is proudly shared by Hugo Grotius and Charlotte Bronte. This is not a coincidence. Literature helped Stacey find her true path which is making the world a better place by becoming human rights lawyer. Anastasiia has successfully taken part in several moot court competitions in public international law, helps young talents develop their advocacy skills and is now ready to fight for justice in the unjust world. Anastasiia is currently employed as a senior legal counsellor for the NGO, which provides free legal aid to refugees and asylum seekers in Odesa as the UNHCR implementing partner. For the future, Anastasiia hopes to continue her career in human rights and advocacy.



### **Erica Webb**

University of Alabama at Birmingham

From growing up in Alabama, Erica Webb developed her passion for public service to improve gender equity in rural areas worldwide. Erica is a rising senior at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she studies English and Political Science Pre-Law. She serves as a student government representative, resident assistant, and president of Generation Action at UAB, a campus chapter of Planned Parenthood; she utilizes these positions to promote human rights and political activism. She also volunteers as an advocate for sexual assault survivors at the local Crisis Center, student advisory council member with the American Association of University Women of Alabama, and community organizer with the ACLU of Alabama. After becoming a 2018 Truman Scholar Finalist and attending the most recent United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, Erica is further inspired to become an international human rights lawyer and develop policies that benefit rural women.

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### **Lovis Zahn**

Leiden University

Born and raised in Berlin, Lovis Zahn is in his last semester at Leiden University majoring in International Studies and a minor in European Studies. After having spent a semester abroad at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, in which his interest in the Middle East was rekindled, he identified together with friends a gap between university applicants and their university choices and went on to co-found GradUp. A student consulting service in education, which aims to match university applicants with their most suitable study and university. Interning at ASF Deutschland, Lovis helped to organize a summer camp in Berlin for Detroit youth, associated with Growing Together Detroit, volunteered in Washington Heights in New York City with Holocaust survivors and other elderly residents, and worked as a student consultant for Damco. After Leiden, Lovis plans to gain further work experience in the Berlin area through internships before he applies for graduate studies.

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### **Monika Mazur-Rafat**

National Director, President of the Managing Board, Humanity in Action Poland

Winston Churchill once said that attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Having witnessed systemic changes in Poland, Monika became fascinated by politics and studied international relations with a focus on German studies and European integration. As her interests were broad, she graduated with two master's diplomas from the Warsaw University and Warsaw School of Economics/Sciences Politiques Paris. Later on, Monika took part in international exchange programs, first at Free University Berlin and then at Humboldt University Berlin, combined with working at one of the parliamentary offices in the German Bundestag. Subsequently she wanted to find ways of putting the gained knowledge into practice, she started working at a think-tank – the Center for International Relations, and after that she worked at the International Organization for Migration, where she was a project coordinator and a researcher on migration policy issues. Since 2005, Monika was involved in developing Humanity in Action Fellowship in Poland and subsequently established Humanity in Action Poland. Since then, she has been responsible for leading its educational programs and serves as its President and Director. Over the years, while leading Humanity in Action Poland, she developed a special interest in the field of linking history and human rights education, and thanks to practice and dialogue with other experts from Poland and Europe, she built substantial expertise in designing teaching methods and practical curricula. In her very limited spare time, she enjoys reading, diving and snowboarding. Monika is a passionate dancer.



### **Magdalena "Magda" Szarota**

Board Member and Communications Director, Humanity in Action Poland

Magdalena likes creating something out of nothing. She is a co-founder and member of the Management Board of the Association of Disabled Women, ONE.pl, the first organization in Poland to deal with the issue of double discrimination grounds of gender and disability. She is also a co-creator of the first edition of the Ashoka Foundation Academy of Innovators for the Public in Nepal. She lived and worked in Asia, USA and Europe. Interdisciplinary and intercultural activities are her passion, especially when they offer an opportunity to combine activism, art and science. Hence her involvement in Humanity in Action. Since 2006, when she co-created this organization in Poland with Monika, she has served as a member of the Management Board and Communications and PR Director. She initiates and contributes to educational and activist projects as part of the foundation. A supporter of the work of activists as part of Humanity in Action, she has many years of experience as a trainer and tutor both in Poland and abroad. She is an author of various publications on human rights and a certified trainer of Polish Humanitarian Action, a graduate of the Ashoka Foundation Academy of Innovators for the Public and an activist involved with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. Magdalena is also a dual PhD candidate at the Lancaster University in the UK and at the Graduate School for Social Research, the Polish Academy of Sciences. She is a recipient of scholarships from: Yale University, the Kościuszko Foundation, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the University of Warsaw, the American

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Embassy in Poland and the Ashoka Foundation. She is a winner of the Servas International prize for young activists. Magdalena is also an avid skier, juggler, and photographer who loves the wilderness.



### **Przemysław "Przemek" Iwanek**

Social Media Director and Project Manager (Warsaw)

Przemek comes from the small town of Lubartów, located in the eastern Poland. He is particularly interested in politics, media, as well as the history of the Holocaust, World War II, Polish-Jewish relations and their links to contemporary human rights issues and education. He earned a MA degree in political science at UMCS Lublin in 2009, and an additional MA in sociology/public policy and administration at Warsaw's Collegium Civitas in 2013, and also studied at Tübingen University in Germany for one semester. Przemek's Humanity in Action story started in 2007 in Warsaw, where he completed the Humanity in Action Fellowship Program. A half year later, he became a Lantos Fellow in the U.S. Congress, where he worked on the Eastern European portfolio of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Later on, he worked at the European Meeting Center–Nowy Staw Foundation in Lublin, the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, History Meeting House in Warsaw and at the European Magazine Media Association/Future Media Lab in Brussels. In 2013, he joined the Humanity in Action Poland staff. He is also associated with the office of the European Council on Foreign Relations in Warsaw, and enjoys public speaking events and workshops at the Toastmasters International.



### **Sylwia Vargás (Wodzińska)**

Program Coordinator (Warsaw)

Sylwia Wodzińska is a social activist, a feminist social entrepreneur and an aspiring scholar. She is a co-founder of MamyGłos, an initiative empowering teenage girls in Poland to stand up for their rights and against sexism. A graduate in Linguistics and Cultural Studies, she now pursues a PhD in Sociology, researching group dynamics of the Palestinian and Israeli migrants in Berlin. Having completed her Humanity in Action Fellowship (Warsaw 2014), Sylwia volunteered in refugee camps, published an interactive book on Jewish culture in Poland, produced a couple of short films, published scholarly articles, designed a few games and created a few successful products. Although goal-oriented, she believes that work should be fun.



### **Aleksandra "Ola" Hołyńska**

Program Coordinator (Warsaw)

Aleksandra Hołyńska is a social justice activist, a feminist and a social entrepreneur based in Warsaw. She is a trainer with ten years of experience working with non-formal education methods with children, youth and adults. She is a member of MamyGłos Foundation, which empowers teenage girls in Poland to stand up for their rights and against sexism. She is the coordinator of the Human Library events that challenges stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. She is passionate about Children's rights and the body positivity movement. Ola is a graduate in Adults Education and Social Marketing.



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### **Hanna Pieńczykowska**

Program Intern (Warsaw)

Born and raised in a small town in the East of Poland, Hanna graduated from language studies at the University of Warsaw and the energy market studies at the Warsaw School of Economics. She has worked for several Polish and German NGOs, mostly in the field of European and civic education, as well as interned at the Anne Frank Zentrum and the German Parliament. Alumna of the FutureLab Europe and the Academy of Social Democracy. Her biggest dream is to make the European Union more supportive towards citizens, regardless their background, economic status and the political standing of their country. A proud Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from Warsaw, 2015. She started @JaPolskaRotationCuration, a rotation curation fanpage about Poland.

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**Milena Adamczewska**

UAM Poznań, Tilburg University

Milena, born in Gdańsk (Poland) is an experience-seeker with a strong need to take action. She has graduated with a law degree from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań (Poland) and is about to finish LLM in International Law and Human Right at the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands). In between, she volunteered in South Africa, worked and traveled in Australia, advocated for a just world with several NGOs and tried herself as an entrepreneur in the field of marketing. Her academic and activist interests has been mainly focused on gender equality and women's rights from legal, political and social perspective, both on the local and global level. In her free time, Milena writes - for her travel blog, for other websites and "for the drawer." She shares this way her ideas and asks questions, on the topics of culture, societies and global challenges that the world is facing nowadays.



**Onur Aksu**

University of Cologne

Born and raised in Recklinghausen, Germany, Onur is now studying in his second semester Law at the University of Cologne and participating in the German-Turkish Bachelor program Law, at the same time. With this bilingual program, he is aiming to gain several experiences in his country of origin. Growing up with two different cultures he has always been aware of his responsibility as a mediator between both of his cultures and communities. Therefore, he is involved in a lot of projects encouraging interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Currently, he is working on an event that will bring together Muslim and Christian students for an open discourse, during the Islamic fasting month. In his spare time, he enjoys reading books and playing the piano. After graduating from university, he is striving to become a diplomat or work as an advisor on human rights issues in an international organization, or have career as a human rights lawyer.



**Daisy Astorga-Gonzalez**

Smith College

Daisy is the proud daughter of a single mother who is a Mexican immigrant. Her goal is to graduate college and become an immigration lawyer, so she can fight against the discrimination she has witnessed her mother and her community endure. Daisy Astorga Gonzalez is from New Mexico. She attends Smith College and is a rising senior majoring in sociology. She is currently a legal intern at the Center for New Americans, an organization that helps immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. She is also a board member and mentor at Students With Ambition Go To College (SWAG To College). SWAG To College pairs low-income high school students with college students to help them to get into college. She is in the processing of releasing her new scholarship as well. Lastly, she considers herself a proud New Mexican, Mexican-American, Latina, and woman.

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**Anna Bachan**

New York University

Anna was raised as a first-generation American in Minneapolis by Czech and Slovak parents. A recent graduate from New York University, she majored in International Politics, Human Rights and Development, and studied abroad in Paris for a full academic year. At NYU she wrote her senior thesis analyzing female labor migration from West Africa to Europe and its implications for socioeconomic development, which was published in NYU's Journal of Politics and International Affairs. Anna has followed her passion for human rights and advocacy through internships at the Human Rights Foundation and the Oslo Freedom Forum and by mentoring immigrant women and teens in New York. For the past year, she has worked in Abomey-Calavi, Benin as a Princeton in Africa fellow at the African School of Economics. At ASE, she has mentored African pre-doctorate students and pursued research projects on girl's education, school-related gender based violence, climate change, and seasonal migration.



**Meredith Blake**

Harvard University, Division of Continuing Education

Meredith Blake is the Program Coordinator for the Advanced Training Program on Humanitarian Action (ATHA) at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. In this role she manages ATHA's communications and dissemination strategy, while serving as executive producer and co-host of ATHA's monthly Humanitarian Assistance podcast. She is the project lead for ATHA's Gender and Humanitarian Response policy project and is currently conducting research on child protection and gender challenges in the Middle East, specifically as they pertain to the integration of Syrian refugees. Before joining ATHA, Meredith worked for the John F. Kennedy Jr. Forum at Harvard University's Institute of Politics, coordinating diplomatic visits for heads of state and thought leaders from the government, business, and media industries and in the communications department of the Harvard Kennedy School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She holds a BA in Government and International Relations.



**Rozanna Bogacz**

Jagiellonian University

Rozanna Bogacz, born and currently living in Kraków, graduated from Jagiellonian University with bachelor's degree of culture studies, specialization in comparative studies of civilizations and master's degree of cognitive science. During her studies she participated in exchanges at University of Valencia and Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. At this time Rozanna got involved in the Polish brafitting community, initially a virtual consumer group that quickly developed into powerful body positivity feminist movement, even though not self-identifying as such. She was also briefly taking part in activity of Institute of Citizenship Thought Fundacja Stańczyka and local LGBT groups. She is hoping that participation in Humanity in Action will help her to extend her involvement, possibly into full time job that would let her utilize digital marketing skills obtained at recent workplaces for social purposes.

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**Dominika Burakiewicz**

University of Gdańsk

Dominika Burakiewicz graduated with Honors in International Managerial Economics at the University of Gdańsk, Poland. She was Erasmus scholarship recipient studied at the University Lumière Lyon 2 in France. Her project management skills were, among others, developed at the European Parliament in Brussels while coordinating events, e.g. „Malbork - the Common Heritage” and the programme of Cuban political dissident. Currently, Dominika is the President of Rotaract Club in Tricity, Poland, where she manages young team of enthusiasts in wide range of projects like registration of the bone marrow donors, international exchange initiatives, business workshops with outstanding leaders, dance classes for disabled children, helping abandoned animals, arrangement of donation actions for educational centers and families in need. She gives speeches to students to encourage them to follow their dreams by sharing her experience, talking about her passions, and asserting personal responsibility for success. Her hobbies are reading, scuba diving, and kitesurfing.



**Małgorzata Galińska**

University of Warsaw

Małgorzata Galińska, student at the Institute of Applied Polish Studies at the University of Warsaw, who investigates hateful language used while talking about refugees and migrants. She is a Polish teacher for foreigners, who is interested in international migration policies and defending migrants rights. She volunteered at a local refugees centre and helped organizing different forms of support for foreigners living in Poland at Polskie Forum Migracyjne. As a Polish Youth Delegate for the 32nd session of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe she advocated for appropriate inclusion strategies at a local level. In 2017 she attended IOM Summer School on Migration and plans to deepen her knowledge on migration during master studies. She is passionate about vegan cooking and urban gardening. She recently adopted a shelter dog.



**Ignacy “Iggy” Hryniewicz**

Szkoła Wyższa Psychologii Społecznej (SWPS)

Born at the seaside of Poland and raised in the city of Warsaw, Iggy is a student of School of Ideas, faculty combining design thinking with social and cultural innovation. He previously studied New Media and Marketing & Management but after an eye-opening community service in India his deep need for raising awareness and creating social change emerged. Since then Iggy is co-creating a project Synergy Collective, dedicated to culture animation, fundraising and bringing important issues like equal human rights, refugee crisis or hate speech into the spotlight. Since early 2017, Synergy successfully organized 5 differently themed events (1 in Berlin), which hosted few thousand people and gathered more than 22.000 złoty for charity. Currently, he's preparing the biggest event to date with the Academy of Fine Arts, which will be dedicated to ecology and protecting the environment and will take place in Botanical Garden, and a collaboration with OFF Festival 2018.



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**Kateryna “Kate” Kyrychenko**

College of Europe

Kate was born in Ukraine, Kiev. Due to her parents, she started learning English when she was three years old, and French when she was five. Later, she also studied Latin, Lithuanian, German and Spanish. In 2011, she entered Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv to study Law. In 2017, she finished her Master's programme in Human Rights. It was a double-diploma programme between two universities - Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine) and Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania). During these studies, she also spent one semester in Lyon, France, through Erasmus+ mobility program. After that, she decided to devote some time to volunteering: she went to Vietnam for six months to participate in an educational project. She was teaching English to children in small towns in Vietnam. She is currently back in Ukraine, starting her e-commerce business and also participating in social initiatives and volunteerings, which concern her spheres of interest.



**Oleksandra “Sasha” Kovalenko**

College of Europe

Born in Zaporizhzhia (Ukraine), Oleksandra Kovalenko moved to the capital to study Law at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. During her studies, she participated in the couple of moot court competitions on human rights and international law, volunteering and governance projects. Oleksandra completed her Masters in the Interdisciplinary European Studies at the College of Europe in Natolin, Warsaw. Last autumn she went for an internship at the Parliament of Canada, where she deepened her interest in the advocacy of minorities' rights. Afterwards she started working at the International Organization for Migration in Kyiv. Oleksandra plans to continue her human rights studies, write, create and make projects happen.



**Kamil Kuhr**

SWPS University

Kamil is a PhD student at SWPS University of Social Sciences in Warsaw. His dissertation will concern the housing policy for refugees in Europe. Currently he is cooperating with one of the reception centers in Warsaw where he teaches refugee children. Moreover, he helps refugee families find accommodation in Warsaw and smoothly move to a new flat. His scientific interests also include gender studies. It led him to take up the position of the president of MyGender Research Club at his university. His aim is to bring all my fields of expertise together by organizing anti-discrimination workshops for the refugee community.

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### **May Lim**

University of Washington

May Lim graduated from the University of Washington in 2016 with bachelor's degrees in Political Science and Psychology. She spent her junior year studying on exchange at University College Utrecht in the Netherlands. Now living in Pasadena, CA, May has worked for local elected officials in both Seattle and LA. She is interested in criminal justice policy, having worked extensively in prison advocacy around the issues of education and immigration. Aside from her prison advocacy work, May has had community experience organizing in the API community, teaching English and citizenship courses for new immigrants, and volunteering as a phone worker at a crisis call center. In her free time, May enjoys traveling, reading, and eating McDonald's.



### **Bethanie Martin**

Ball State University

Born and raised an Indianapolis-Hoosier at heart, Bethanie Martin is a recent graduate from Ball State University with a Bachelors of Art in Architecture, and is soon to complete her studies at Lawrence Technological University with a dual Masters in Architecture and Masters in Urban Design. It was during her time at Ball State that she became interested in understanding the impact of architecture on issues of social and racial justice and how designers play a role in providing services to those architecture and urban environments often leave behind. She has thus pursued such opportunities in neighborhood engagement, community activism, and place-based design while living, working and studying in Detroit, Michigan over the last two years. In her spare time, she enjoys supporting local artists, traveling and experiencing cities from the perspective of local residents, and volunteering for several non-profit initiatives.



### **Kenneth "Kenny" Martin**

Southern Methodist University

Kenny Martin is a recent graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, where he majored in English and music, and minored in history, chemistry, and Spanish. At SMU, Kenny was a member of the Ballroom Dance Team (his favorite dance is the foxtrot) and Editor-in-Chief of Hilltopics, SMU's premier arts and opinion magazine. As a pianist, he was a regular performer on the Meadows School of the Arts stage, and a passionate advocate for new music. Recently, Kenny worked as a writer with the criminal justice initiative Buried Alive, which advocates for individuals sentenced to life without parole for first-time drug offenses. He hopes to use his musical and literary talents to advocate for mutual understanding, with a special interest in LGBTQ+ advocacy. In his spare time, Kenny can be found fishing, obsessing over Spanish art (especially Velázquez), or drinking good wine with better friends.

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**Nawojka Mocek**

Adam Mickiewicz University

Nawojka Mocek was born and raised in Poznań, Poland. After two years of studying law and French, she spent one year volunteering in France, Germany and Belgium, living together with young people from all over the world and experiencing the beauty of diversity. She was a member of the team preparing the 38th Taizé European Youth Meeting in Valencia, Spain. She also worked as a volunteer with migrants from Subsaharian Africa in Morocco and with refugees in Skaramagas camp in Athens, Greece. Influenced by those experiences, she would like to focus on the issue of perceiving and welcoming refugees and migrants in Europe, especially in Poland. Currently she works for Young Life organization.



**Larysa Panasyuk**

University of Warsaw

Larysa Panasyuk was born in Warsaw to Ukrainian parents. Later she moved to Olsztyn, where she participated in an international Erasmus+ project: "Remembrance - Totalitarianism in Europe and historical consciousness in European context." Larysa was actively engaged in a drama club throughout middle school and high school. She is currently pursuing BSc degree for Biological Sciences at the University of Warsaw. Larysa is interested in wide variety of subjects, such as science, art and politics. She speaks fluent Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, and English.



**Eirini "Rena" Pitsaki**

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Rena Pitsaki was born in Chios, Greece in 1993. She entered the University with a scholarship and completed her studies at the Department of History and Archaeology of the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece. During her studies she focused on Art History (semester at Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy) and on Cultural Management (training at National University of Athens, Greece). She is now completing her postgraduate studies at the Department of Cultural Technology and Communication (M.Sc in Cultural Informatics & Museology) of the Aegean University. She is working within the last three years as a curatorial and administrative assistant at KatArt-e Art&Technology Lab. She has also been involved in many cultural, educational and research projects, in collaboration with museums and foundations, while she is working in the field of curating art exhibitions. She is engaged in issues of interdisciplinary artistic projects, which highlight social, political, and theoretical discourses.

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### **Chelsea Racelis**

University of Michigan

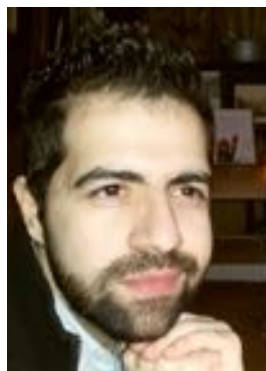
Chelsea Racelis is a fourth-year student in a five-year joint degree program at the University of Michigan, studying Business Administration and International Studies. She has spent the past four years in undergrad exploring the relationship between business and human rights, doing research in supply chain ethics and founding a peer-facilitated dialogue program on identity and diversity in her business school. For two years, she has co-organized the Black-Asian Coalition, a community very close to her heart. Chelsea will be applying for a Fulbright research grant to study the experiences of Filipina women in domestic work overseas and the legal protections available to them.



### **Ewa Rodzik**

University of Warsaw

Born and raised in Warsaw, Ewa is a third year law student at University of Warsaw, with her academic interests including migrations and refugees law, international humanitarian law and labor law. Beginning as a volunteer guide in the Warsaw Uprising Museum, Ewa consistently widens her knowledge about human rights and ways to prevent its infringements, while giving free legal advice in the Foreigners and Refugees Department of the Legal Clinic established at the University. She gains practical and professional skills while involving in the activity of the academic organization called Student Human Rights Forum, taking part in organization of meetings with social activists and delivering speeches during nationwide human rights conferences. In her spare time, Ewa likes to learn about different cultures as well as languages and travel. After graduation she plans to pursue her professional career as a human rights lawyer.



### **Ioannis Stylianidis**

Hochschule für Jüdische Studien Heidelberg & University of Heidelberg

Ioannis Stylianidis born in Thessaloniki, Greece. He holds two Master degrees in the fields of 1) Theology and Culture (Aristotle University) and 2) Jewish Civilization (Heidelberg University). He has originally trained and educated as a teacher of religion and historian mainly in the area of cross-cultural education. Ioannis has studied and worked in Greece, Germany, Denmark, Israel, Finland and Sweden by acquiring academic and working experience in Education, Middle East studies, Interreligious dialogue and Holocaust education. He was a Bruno Schulz Fellow at Paideia-the European Institute for Jewish Studies in Sweden. Moreover, Ioannis has received scholarships from the State Scholarship Foundation (IKY), State of Israel and the Danish Agency for Universities and Internationalisation. He also worked as a volunteer at Diakonische Werk Heidelberg and Heinrich Böll Stiftung Thessaloniki.



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**Teddy “Trey” Wallace**

Mississippi State University

Teddy (Trey) Wallace is a senior at Mississippi State University majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering. A passionate humanitarian, Teddy studies analytics for healthcare applications — an interest he developed through his work with a large hospital in his home town. In addition to his technical interests, Teddy works as a humanitarian photographer, providing creative works for a multitude of nonprofit organizations throughout Sub Saharan Africa. After graduating, Teddy plans to achieve a masters in public health or healthcare administration and pursue a career in nonprofit management.



**Larissa Weiß**

Westphalian University Recklinghausen

Larissa Weiss found her passion in human rights and social change during her studies in Germany. She participated twice in the National Model United Nations Conference in New York, took part as a teacher in the Model United Nations in Classroom Project in Germany and she completed her practical period at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. These experiences formed her strong interest in understanding root causes of human rights violations, especially in the Middle East and North Africa region. After obtaining her degree from university (LL.B.), she started her internship in the German Bundestag in the Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid Committee to be faced with current human rights concerns in Germany, such as racism and right-wing extremism. The Humanity in Action Fellowship further urges her to understand society and ultimately, to introduce social change in line with universal human rights.



**Małgorzata “Gosia” Zurowska**

University of Warsaw

Małgorzata Żurowska is a recent graduate of the American Studies Center, University of Warsaw. She also pursued studies in journalism and social communication and spent a semester abroad at the University of Birmingham, UK. Her research focuses on gender and race with strong interests in intersectionality, neo-colonialism as well as popular culture. Currently she is gaining experience in a business environment focused on innovation, working in a space that aims to bring together startups, entrepreneurs, changemakers and NGOs. In the nearest future she plans to develop those interests and work to become a facilitator for social change and social entrepreneurship, intercultural society, and global education.