

How are we supposed to live  
in a society of  
Homosexuals, Arabs, Turks,  
Transgenders, Plumbers, Lawyers,  
Germans, Muslims, Norwegians,  
Liberals, Communists, Typists,  
Pianists, Nationalists, Atheists,  
Catholics, Nazis, Bankers, Shoemakers,  
Architects, Acrobats, Bureaucrats,  
Vegans, Vets, Inventors, Instructors,  
Curators, Painters, Hipsters, Yogis,

Nuns,  
Journalists,  
American  
Librarians,  
Pilots,  
Firemen,  
Terrorists,  
Contractors,  
Bosnians,  
Secretaries,  
Rabbis,  
Psychologists,  
Swingers,

## **HUMANITY IN ACTION**

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## ABOUT

HUMANITY IN ACTION is an international organization that educates, inspires and connects a network of university students and young professionals committed to promoting human rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. Since its founding in 1998, HUMANITY IN ACTION has engaged over 1,500 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. They now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of human and minority rights.

HUMANITY IN ACTION Deutschland e.V. is part of the transatlantic Humanity in Action network with non-profit, non-partisan partner organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Humanity in Action Deutschland e.V. is an associate of the NGO Platform of the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA-FRP) and a member of the network Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (DARE).

The 2016 HUMANITY IN ACTION FELLOWSHIP brings together a group of twenty-two university students and recent graduates from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States to explore historic and contemporary human rights issues in Germany.

The highly interdisciplinary program concludes with the HUMANITY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE in Athens, Greece, bringing together over 250 participants from Europe and the United States.

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# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## >> Friday, May 27 Evening Reception

To mark the beginning of this month together, the Fellowship program begins with an Evening Reception in Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg. Fellows, Senior Fellows and Members of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action get together for an evening of getting to know each other over food and drinks.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

19:00-21.00 **Evening Reception**  
Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen (Honorary Chair of Humanity in Action Germany), Board Members, Senior Fellows, Fellows

## >> Saturday, May 28 Welcome to Humanity in Action

The Fellows get to know each other and the team. The staff introduces the program and provides practical information about life in Berlin. At the end of this day, the Fellows reach consensus on their own rules for discussions and interactions in the coming weeks.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

11.00-11.45 **Welcome to Humanity in Action & Sharing Expectations**  
Johannes Lukas Gartner (Program Coordinator)  
Luisa Maria Schweizer (Program Director)

11.45-12.00 Break

12.00-13.30 **Introduction to the Program & Practical Information**

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 **Getting to Know Each Other**

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.00 **Personal Experience: Bring an Object**

17.00-17.15 Break

17.15-18.00 **Agreeing on Ground Rules for Discussions and Debriefing Sessions**

18.00-18.15 **Wrap Up**

18.15-19.45 *Optional: Office Hours [Surnames A to K]*

## >> Sunday, May 29 Without Papers

The Fellows embark on a guided tour that is organized by Grenzgänger Berlin e.V. The tour seeks to give insights into the day-to-day life circumstances of undocumented migrants living in Berlin. It explores their daily struggles in matters such as access to education, healthcare, and living space from various different angles.

- i** Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.
- Meeting Point: S-Bahn stop Beusselstraße (S-Bahn lines S 41 or S42)  
On the Platform
- 14.45 Meet at Meeting Point
- 15.00-17.00 Guided Tour: **Without Papers**  
Alexander Mattern (Guide, Grenzgänger Berlin e.V.)

## >> Monday, May 30 Diversity Training

In a peer-based and cross-medial training the Fellows learn about various forms of inequalities, group-focused hostility, and discrimination. The training deepens the Fellows' understanding of different phenomena of everyday discrimination and assists them in developing strategies to constructively handle these. The training seeks to support the Fellows in reflecting on the current state of the discourse on 'diversity' in Germany and offers core reflections on efficient dialogue in educational settings.

- Location: Kotti e.V., Oranienstraße 34, 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg  
Room: KulturEtage Mosaik (1st floor, enter via courtyard)  
(closest subway stop: Kottbusser Tor, lines U1 and U8)
- 09.30-12.15 **Diversity Training (I.)**  
Lorenz Narku Laing (Peer Diversity Trainer; Chairman, Schwarze Jugend in Deutschland e.V.; Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
- 12.15-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-18.00 **Diversity Training (II.)**  
Lorenz Narku Laing
- 18.00-19.00 *Only in case of good weather:*  
Travel together to Tempelhofer Feld (former airfield)
- Location: Tempelhofer Feld, Entrance Oderstraße, 12051 Berlin  
(closest subway stop: Leinestraße, line U8)
- 19.00-21.00 *Only in case of good weather:*  
**Networking Picnic with the Fellows of The DO School**

## >> Tuesday, May 31 Culture of Remembrance

Until 1945, more than 200,000 people from all over Europe were imprisoned at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, built by the SS in 1936. Tens of thousands died of hunger and diseases as a result of forced labor or systematic extermination. From 1945 to 1950, the Soviet Union used the site as a labor camp. Over a decade later, in 1961, the German Democratic Republic (i.e. East Germany, 1949-1990) founded the Sachsenhausen National Memorial. The Fellows today examine the histories connected to this place, particularly the Holocaust, and the persecution of minority groups and political opponents under National Socialism. The Fellows will connect these histories to the present and reflect on their impressions. There will also be the opportunity to share knowledge on and experiences with the remembrance culture in their own countries.

- ① Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.
  
- ① Lunch: Please bring your own lunch and sufficient water.
  
- Meeting Point: Platform 3 at Potsdamer Platz Train Station
  
- 09.20 Meet at Meeting Point
- 09.40 Departure from Potsdamer Platz  
Train RE5 (direction Stralsund Hauptbahnhof)
- 10.10 Arrival at Oranienburg Train Station
  
- Location: Gemeindehaus, Lehnitzstraße 32, 16515 Oranienburg
- 10.30-11.30 **Overview of Fellows' Expectations**  
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker (PhD Graduate of Washington University in St. Louis)
  
- Location: Memorial and Museum, Straße der Nationen 22,  
16515 Oranienburg
- 12.00-15.00 Guided Tour: **Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen**  
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker
  
- 15.00 Meet at main entrance of the Memorial Site
  
- Location: Gemeindehaus, Lehnitzstraße 32, 16515 Oranienburg
- 15.30-16.30 **Debriefing**  
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker
  
- 16.30 Travel back to Berlin

## >> **Wednesday, June 1** Origins and Mechanisms of Discrimination | Social Entrepreneurship for Inclusion

This day outlines two essential theoretical frameworks that may serve as reference points throughout the rest of the program: social-psychological origins and mechanisms of discrimination as well as the concept of group-focused hostility. These theories are not the only approaches to explaining discrimination, but they provide a useful perspective on the range of real-life phenomena that Fellows will discuss with experts, representatives of different minority groups and NGO activists over the course of the Fellowship. In the afternoon, the Fellows learn about creative ways to ensure inclusion and accessibility. Last but not least, our Fellows from Poland present their views on the current situation of human and minority rights in their home country.

Location	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
09.00-09.15	<b>Introduction to the Day</b>
09.15-10.45	<b>Social-Psychological Mechanisms of Discrimination</b> Anna Stefaniak (PhD Candidate, University of Warsaw, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
10.45-11.15	Break
11.15-12.45	<b>The Concept of Group-Focused Hostility</b> Simone Rafael (Editor-in-Chief, Netz-gegen-Nazis.de, Amadeu Antonio Foundation)
12.45-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Case Study: <b>Social Heroes - For Inclusion and Accessibility</b> Silke Georgi (International Affairs and Fundraising, Sozialhelden e.V.)
15.30-15.45	Break
15.45-16.45	Spotlight Session Poland: <b>New Government, New Human Rights?</b> Inga Hajdarowicz and Mateusz K. Mościcki (Fellows)
16.45-17.15	<b>Revisiting Ground Rules for Discussions and Debriefing Sessions</b>
17.15-17.30	Break
17.30-18.15	<b>Fellows Discussion</b> moderated by Davor Petrić and Nelly Y. Pinkrah (Fellows)
18.15-18.30	<b>Wrap Up</b>
18.45-19.45	<i>Optional: Office Hours [Surnames L to Z]</i>

## >> Thursday, June 2 Forced Labor – Past and Present

Today, the Fellows examine forced labor during the Nazi era before discussing examples of labor exploitation today. The former labor camp Berlin-Schöneweide, the last well-preserved labor camp in Germany, illustrates the historical organization of labor exploitation by the Nazis. A visit to the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) gives insights into the ways Germany has dealt with its history of forced labor. Lastly, contemporary forms of labor exploitation and human trafficking are addressed alongside a presentation of innovative campaign methods against these phenomena.

Meeting Point: S-Bahn stop Schöneweide, on the platform  
(S-Bahn lines S8, S85, S9, S45, S46, S47)

ⓘ Attention: There are two stops carrying ‘Schöneweide’ in its name.  
We meet at S-Bahn stop Schöneweide  
(not at ‘Betriebsbahnhof Schöneweide’)

09.30 Meet at Meeting Point

Location Documentation Center Forced Labour, Britzer Straße 5,  
12439 Berlin

10.00-12.00 Guided Tour: **Documentation Center Forced Labor**

12.15-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 Travel together to Berlin-Mitte

14.30-16.00 **The Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future –  
History and Present Projects**

Martin Bock (Program Manager, Foundation Remembrance,  
Responsibility and Future) and Christa Meyer (Program  
Manager, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and  
Future)

16.00-17.15 Travel together to Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg

Location Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435  
Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

17.15-18.45 **Forced Labor in Germany Today**

Paula Riedemann (Project Coordinator, Ban Ying  
Coordination and Counseling Center)

18.45-19.00 Break

19.00-19.45 **Fellows Discussion Over Dinner**

moderated by Vlasios Benetos and Hana Bracale (Fellows)

19.45-20.00 **Wrap Up**

## >> Friday, June 3 Post-War History and Questions of Identity | Introduction to the Action Project Phase

Today, the Fellows engage with history of post-war Germany at the remains of the Berlin Wall. This memorial site provides a historical lens into the border regime and the Cold War. In the afternoon, the Fellows' attention is drawn to the ACTION part in Humanity in Action. While all Fellows are required to implement an Action Project within one year after completion of the Fellowship program, the projects may differ significantly in their thematic scope, size, methodology, and number of people involved. The Fellows are provided with examples of Action Projects conducted in the past. The afternoon also gives space for sharing personal project experiences and for brainstorming initial ideas for their future projects. Returning to post-war history, this day culminates in an analysis of the trajectory of Germany's quest for identity and a look at the ramifications of certain historical developments on German national consciousness and identity.

📍 Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.

Meeting Point: Main Entrance of the Memorial Site Berlin Wall Visitor Center, Bernauer Straße 119, 13355 Berlin (closest subway stop: Bernauer Straße, line U8; closest S-Bahn stop: Nordbahnhof, lines S1, S2, S25)

09.45 Meet at Meeting Point

10.00-11.45 Guided Tour: **Memorial Site Berlin Wall**  
Miriamne Fields (Tour Guide)

11.45-12.15 Travel together to Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg

12.15-13.15 Lunch

Location Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

13.15-13.30 **Introduction to the Action Project Phase**

13.30-14.30 Working Groups: **Share Personal Experience with Project Implementation**

14.30-15.00 **Share Findings with the Group**

15.00-15.45 **What are Humanity in Action's Expectations?**

15.45-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00 **Brainstorming: Action Project Ideas**

17.00-17.15 Break

17.15-18.45 **Germany and Its Quest for Identity**  
Gülay Gün (Project Manager, Hamburg Museum of Work; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

18.45-19.00 **Wrap Up**

## >> Saturday, June 4 Translating Knowledge, Skills, and Passion into Action

This afternoon, our Fellows from Bosnia and Herzegovina present their views on collective memory processes and reconciliation in their home country. Afterwards, the Fellows get their first external input on how to maximize the impact of their future Action Project. The Fellows learn to effectively translate their ideas into action.

Location	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
14.00-15.00	Spotlight Session Bosnia and Herzegovina: <b>Remembrance and Reconciliation</b> Fahira Brodlija and Davor Petrić (Fellows)
15.00-15.30	Break
15.30-17.00	<b>Rock Your Idea - Bringing Ideas into Action</b> Martin Gaedt (CEO, Provotainment GmbH)
Location:	Mariannenplatz, 10997 Berlin (closest subway stop: Kottbusser Tor (lines U1, U8))
18.00-21.00	<i>Optional: <b>Interventions - Refugees in Arts &amp; Education</b> Evening of performances</i>

## >> Sunday, June 5 Day Off

## >> Monday, June 6 Contemporary Art of the Roma and Sinti | Antigypsyism | Germany's Colonial Past

Today starts with a trip to Kai Dikhas, a gallery exclusively dedicated to exhibiting art of contemporary Roma and Sinti artists from across the globe. In continuation, the Fellows learn about current forms of expression of antigypsyism in the German media, focusing largely on Sinti and Roma, two minority groups whose persecution under National Socialism has continuously been neglected in the public discourse and who remain among the most marginalized communities in Europe. In the afternoon, the Fellows dive into the colonial history of Germany, a topic that is also frequently neglected in the context of memorialization. First, the Fellows embark on a tour through the African Quarter in the district of Berlin-Wedding, where they may see the vestiges of Germany's colonial past. After the tour, the Fellows learn about the ramifications of the colonial past on the social dynamics of present-day German society.

- i** Dress Code: We will be outside parts of this day. Please dress accordingly.
- Meeting Point: Main Entrance of Aufbau Haus am Moritzplatz, Prinzenstraße 84, 10969 Berlin (closest subway stop: Moritzplatz, line U8)
- 09.15 Meet at Meeting Point
- 09.30-10.30 Gallery Tour: **Kai Dikhas**  
Jobst Moritz Pankok (Founder and Artistic Director, Galerie Kai Dikhas)
- 10.30-11.00 Break
- Location: Galerie Kai Dikhas, Kunstraum Dikhas Dur
- 11.00-12.30 **Antigypsyism in the German Media**  
Markus End (Lecturer, University of Hildesheim)
- 12.30-13.30 Lunch
- 13.30-14.30 Travel together to Berlin-Wedding
- Meeting Point: Subway Stop: Afrikanische Straße (subway line U6)
- 14.30-15.45 Walking Tour: **Germany and its Colonial Past**  
Joshua Kwesi Aikins (Political Scientist, Kassel University)
- Location: Women's Business Center, Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin (first courtyard, second staircase, fifth floor) (closest subway stop: Bernauer Straße, line U8)
- 15.45-16.30 Travel together to Berlin-Mitte
- 16.30-18.00 **Coloniality and Institutional Racism**  
Joshua Kwesi Aikins
- 18.00-18.15 Break
- 18.15-19.00 **Fellows Discussion**  
moderated by Diana Daiub and Mateusz K. Mościcki (Fellows)
- 19.00-19.15 **Wrap Up**

## >> **Tuesday, June 7** Insights into the Educational System | Berlin's Memorial Landscape

The Founder of Humanity in Action, Judy Goldstein, joins the Fellows this morning for a conversation about the origins and aims of the organization. Afterwards, the Fellows learn about the challenges and advantages of history lessons in multi-diverse school classes. They meet representatives of Quinoa, a transformational secondary school start-up for disadvantaged youth in Berlin. In the afternoon, the Fellows are taken on a tour to reflect on three memorial sites in the center of Berlin: the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, the Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism, and the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe.

Location:	Alte Feuerwache e.V., Axel-Springer-Straße 40/41, 10969 Berlin, Room SR 1 (closest subway stop: Spittelmarkt, line U2)
09.00-10.15	<b>Meet Humanity in Action's Founder – Dr. Judith Goldstein</b> facilitated by Michael Williams (Program Intern)
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	<b>Teaching German History in a Multiethnic Classroom</b> Prof. Dr. Viola B. Georgi, Professor, Hildesheim University
12.00-12.15	Break
12.15-13.00	<b>Midterm Evaluation</b>
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	<b>Case Study: Quinoa – A Transformational Secondary School</b> Pantelis Pavlakidis (Head of Fundraising and Evaluation, Quinoa) and Judith Scheer (Head of Backoffice Management, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
15.30-16.30	Travel together to Memorial Area
16.30-18.30	<b>Guided Tour: Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism, Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe</b> Anne Stalfort (Activist, TransInterQueer e.V.)

## >> **Wednesday, June 8** Right-Wing Extremism and the NSU | Online Hate Speech | Migration as the New Normal

Today starts with a visit to the German Bundestag, where the Fellows meet with a Member of Parliament to learn about her involvement in the working group 'Strategies against Right-Wing Extremism' and her position in the inquiry committee on the NSU (National Socialist Underground). After a Spotlight Session on the current situation of civil society in Ukraine, the Fellows meet with an expert on online hate speech. They learn about the nature of hate speech online and explore constructive counter-strategies. In the evening, the Fellows attend a public Humanity in Action lecture by a Polish intellectual and journalist, who shares his perspectives on the political and practical realities of what Europe today refers to as its 'refugee crisis.'

- i** Attention: To be able to enter the German Bundestag, you need to bring your passport or national identity card (EU citizens).
- Meeting Point: Right side of the West Entrance of Paul-Löbe Haus, Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin (closest subway stop: Bundestag, line U55; closest S-Bahn stops: S+U Hauptbahnhof or S+U Brandenburger Tor)
- 08.45 Meet at Meeting Point
- 09.00-09.30 Security Check to enter the German Bundestag
- 09.30-10.45 **Strategies Against Right-Wing Extremism and the Bundestag Inquiry Committee on the NSU**  
Susann Rührich (Member of Parliament, Social Democrats)
- 10.45-12.00 Travel to Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg
- Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
- 12.00-13.00 Spotlight Session Ukraine: **The Current Situation of Civil Society**  
Diana Daiub (Fellow)
- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.00 **Hands on Hate Speech**  
Johannes Baldauf (Project Coordinator no-nazi.net, Amadeu Antonio Foundation)
- 16.00-19.20 Time Off
- Location: Women's Business Center, Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin (first courtyard, second staircase, fifth floor) (closest subway stop: Bernauer Straße, line U8)
- 19.20 Meet at the Women's Business Center
- 19.30-21.00 **Migration as the New Normal**  
Konstanty Gebert (Journalist; Special Advisor on International Affairs, Humanity in Action)

## >> Thursday, June 9 Seeking Refuge and Asylum in Europe

Humanity in Action runs parallel Fellowship programs. This day brings the Fellows from the Berlin Fellowship and the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship together. The Fellows take a closer look at the challenges that current migration realities pose. They discuss various responses from within society – from volunteering to hate speech, from ‘welcome culture’ to discrimination.

Location: Women’s Business Center, Anklamer Straße 38, 10115 Berlin  
(first courtyard, second staircase, fifth floor)  
(closest subway stop: Bernauer Straße, line U8)

08.30 Meet at Location

### 08.45-09.00 **Introduction to the Day**

Antje Scheidler (International Director of European Programs, Humanity in Action) and Luisa Maria Schweizer (Program Director, Humanity in Action Germany)

### 09.00-10.15 **Seeking Refuge and Asylum in Germany –**

#### **Human Rights Violations Meet Counter Activities**

Prof. Dr. Nivedita Prasad (Professor, Alice Salomon University of Applied Science)

10.15-11.00 Break

### 11.00-12.30 **Realities of Newcomers and Refugees in Rural Areas - Between a Welcoming Culture and Racist Attacks**

Konstanze Ameer (Project Director, Aktion Schutzschild, Amadeu Antonio Stiftung)

Location: Restaurant Due Forni, Schönhauser Allee 12, 10119 Berlin  
(closest subway stop: U Senefelder Platz, line U2)

12.45-14.30 Lunch

Location: Women’s Business Center (see address above)

### 14.30-16.00 Panel Discussion: **Europe’s Refugee Crises: No Time for Easy Answers**

Ramy Al-Asheq (Editor-in-Chief, ABWAB Newspaper), Maximilian Popp (Journalist, Der Spiegel), and Astrid Ziebarth (Migration Fellow, Europe Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States)

moderated by Linnea Riensberg (Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

### 16.30-17.30 **Group Discussion and Debriefing**

moderated by Hanya Riedl and Rohit Sudarshan (Diplomacy and Diversity Fellows)

17.30-18.00 **Wrap Up**

## >> Friday, June 10 Developing Project Ideas

This morning, our Fellows from the United States share their insights on the ongoing race for President in the country. The rest of the day is dedicated to the development of project ideas. The Fellows define project goals, target groups, and methodologies. They start identifying the necessary resources for their projects. Through a combination of individual planning, collaborative brainstorming, feedback, and presentations in the plenary, the group works together to support each other in their project development. In the evening, the Fellows are invited to join a vernissage at Galerie Kai Dikhas.

Location	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
09.00-10.30	<b>Spotlight Sessions United States: Perspectives on the Presidential Elections</b> Hana Bracale, Courtney Brunson, Micah Friedman, Yana Shkabrova, and Kareem Watson (Fellows)
10.30-10.45	Break
10.45-11.30	<b>Individual Work on Action Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revisit initial project ideas;</li><li>- Apply project planning to your project idea;</li><li>- Complete provided worksheet.</li></ul>
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45-12.45	<b>Share Project Ideas with the Group</b>
12.45-13.45	Lunch
13.45-15.15	<b>Working Groups: Feedback on Project Ideas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Working groups of four to six Fellows will be formed according to the format and method of their project;</li><li>- Each working group will discuss the project ideas in the group and provide constructive feedback based on their own experience and expertise.</li></ul>
15.15-15.30	Break
15.30-16.15	Ongoing Professional Opportunities within Humanity in Action: <b>The Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellowship in the United States Congress and the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship in the European Parliament</b> Anne Aulinger (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
Location:	Kai Dikhas, Gallery for Contemporary Art of the Roma and Sinti, Aufbau Haus am Moritzplatz, Prinzenstraße 84, 10969 Berlin (closest subway stop: U Moritzplatz, line U8)
19.00	<i>Optional: Vernissage at Kai Dikhas by the Artist David Weiß</i>

## >> **Saturday, June 11** How to Pitch a Project | Organizing Volunteer Teams

Today a professional presentation coach joins the Fellows. The coach will share her knowledge and tips about how to effectively pitch projects. The day closes with input on how to maximize the impact of the Fellow's future Action Project. The Fellows learn about how to create and manage functioning teams of volunteers.

Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

10.00-10.30	<b>How to Pitch a Project?</b> Mona Shair-Wloch (Coach and Trainer, Key2Advance)
10.30-11.15	<b>Develop Your Project Pitch</b> with Mona Shair-Wloch
11.15-12.30	<b>Test the Pitch with the Group &amp; Feedback by the Group</b> with Mona Shair-Wloch
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.30-16.00	<b>Input on Project Management - How to Organize Volunteer Teams?</b> Henry Alt-Haaker (Program Officer, Robert Bosch Stiftung; Member of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

## >> **Sunday, June 12** Day Off

## >> Monday, June 13 Jewish History and Jewish Life in Germany Today | How to Gain Action Project Support

This morning, the Fellows have the option of joining one of two guided tours through the Jewish Museum of Berlin, which was opened in 2001 and which continues to represent one of the largest of its kind worldwide. One of the tours focuses on the commonalities of the three monotheistic world religions Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The other tour examines the responses of German Jews to National Socialism. The day proceeds with a presentation on Jewish life in Germany today and how it has been shaped by immigration. In the evening, the Fellows turn their attention to the development of their Action Projects, learning about fundraising strategies to engage financial supporters in their endeavors.

- 📍 Attention: If you have a valid student ID card, please bring it along.
- Meeting Point: At the Museum Entrance of the Jewish Museum, Lindenstraße 9-14, 10969 Berlin (closest subway stop Hallesches Tor, Lines U1, U6)
- 10.00 Meet at Meeting Point
- 10.00-10.30 Security Check to enter the Jewish Museum
- 10.30-12.00 Guided Tours: **Judaism, Christianity and Islam: A Cultural Historical Comparison** or **The Jewish Response to National Socialism**
- 12.00-13.15 **Individual Tour of the Jewish Museum**
- 13.15 Meet again at Museum Entrance
- 13.30-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.00 **Jewish Life in Germany Today: A Community's Changing Face Through Immigration**  
Boris Moshkovits (Digital Strategy and Communication Consultant)
- 16.00-16.15 Break
- 16.30-18.00 **From No-Budget to Low-Budget: How to Engage Financial Supporters With Your Action Project**  
Anne Stalfort (Fundraiser, arbeiterkind.de)
- 18.00-18.45 **Fellows Discussion**  
moderated by Christian Kabengele and Zaneta-Eleni Melissourgaki (Fellows)
- 18.45-19.00 **Wrap Up**

## >> Tuesday, June 14 Interreligious Dialogue | The Representation of Islam in the German Media

In order to understand how the past has shaped the status quo of the religious landscapes in Germany, this day starts with meeting a theologian, who provides the Fellows with an overview of historical and recent developments in this context. Later this morning, the Fellows examine the representation of Islam in the German media. After Lunch, the Fellows meet with a Reverend of The House of One, the world's first planned house of prayer for three religions and with two interreligious activists who speak about the coalitions and challenges they encounter in their work of fostering Jewish-Muslim encounters in Berlin.

Location                      Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

10.00-11.30                **From Past to Presence: Religious Landscapes of Germany**  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller (Professor, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University Berlin)

11.30-12.00                Break

12.00-13.30                **The Representation of Islam in the German Media**  
Dr. Sabine Schiffer (Head, Institute for Media Responsibility)

13.30-15.00                Lunch

15.00-16.00                **House of One: Three Religions Under One Roof**  
Eric Haußmann (Reverend, The House of One)

16.00-16.30                Break

16.30-18.00                **Jewish-Muslim Encounters: Coalitions and Challenges**  
Ozan Keskinliç (Activist) and Armin Langer (Co-Founder and Coordinator, Salaam-Shalom Initiative)

18.00-18.15                Break

18.15-19.00                **Fellows Discussion**  
moderated by Courtney Brunson and Tim Robert Schleicher (Fellows)

19.00-19.15                **Wrap Up**

## >> Wednesday, June 15 to Saturday, June 20

### Individual and Group Work on Action Projects

In this period the meetings to continue the conversations on human rights related topics are limited to single sessions. During these days, the Fellows work individually and in small groups.

In the time periods of all the sessions carrying the title '**Individual and Group Work on Action Projects**', the Fellows may work at any location of their choice. However, a room including coffee and WiFi is always available to them during these hours, in which staff members are also present for individual consultations on the Action Projects.

All other meetings take place in order to check in with each other on the project development process.

#### **Tasks for the Action Period include:**

**IMPORTANCE:** Get in touch with your designated target group and check if the project idea addresses real needs.

**FEASIBILITY CHECK:** Determine the scope of your project, its timing, the financial resources needed and its time requirements, and potential partners.

**FIND YOUR ALLIES:** Who could be potential collaborators during the implementation of the project?

**INSPIRATION:** Find related projects and get inspired.

**LITERATURE:** Review literature on your project topic.

**TEAM UP:** Team up with other Fellows and discuss the ideas.

**PROJECT PLAN:** Include the feedback and suggestions from other Fellows and modify the project plan accordingly.

## >> **Wednesday, June 15** Queer Realities in Germany | Action Project Day

This morning is dedicated to discussing contemporary queer life in Germany. The Fellows first meet with a Syrian journalist, blogger, and activist, who joins them for a discussion about the challenges that the German asylum system poses to queer refugees and vice versa. Following on from this, the Fellows meet with a representative of Germany's largest non-profit LGBTQI rights organization to examine recent developments in queer activism and policy in the country. After these two morning meetings, the Fellows work on their Action Projects.

Location:	Kotti e.V., Oranienstraße 34, 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg Room: KulturEtage Mosaik (1st floor, enter via courtyard) (closest subway stop: Kottbusser Tor, lines U1 and U8)
10.00-11.30	<b>Queer Asylum in Germany: Perspectives on Challenging Realities and Changing Activism</b> Mahmoud Hassino (Journalist; Social Worker at Schwulenberatung Berlin)
11.30-12.00	Break
12.00-13.30	<b>Status Quo and Perspectives on German LGB Advocacy and Policies</b> Markus Ulrich (Press Spokesperson, Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD))
13.30-18.00	<b>Individual and Group Work on Action Projects</b>

## >> Thursday, June 16 Artivism | Action Project Day | Connecting Newcomers and Locals

This morning, the Fellows meet with the spokesperson of the Center for Political Beauty to learn about their politically motivated performance art and to discuss their aims and current campaigns. In the afternoon, the Fellows get to find out about the work of SINGA Deutschland, an organization which connects newcomers, often unexpectedly coming to Germany as refugees, and locals by creating opportunities for them to participate in and co-create projects and activities together. In between these sessions, the Fellows continue their Action Project work.

Location:	Kotti e.V., Oranienstraße 34, 10999 Berlin-Kreuzberg Room: KulturEtage Mosaik (1st floor, enter via courtyard) (closest subway stop: Kottbusser Tor, lines U1 and U8)
10.00-11.30	<b>Performance Art - Through the Eyes of the Center for Political Beauty</b> Yasser Almaamoun (Spokesperson and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Center for Political Beauty)
11.30-16.30	<b>Individual and Group Work on Action Projects</b>
16.30-18.00	<b>SINGA Deutschland - Connecting Newcomers and Locals</b> Sima Gatea (Co-Founder, SINGA Deutschland)

## >> Friday, June 17 Action Project Day | (Mis)Representations of Women

The morning period of today is again dedicated to working on the Action Projects. In the afternoon, the Fellows hear about the sexual assaults that took place in Cologne on New Years Eve of this year, focusing on those perspectives that go beyond the conventional headlines that have covered this issue. The Fellows then meet with the editor of a renowned feminist magazine to talk about how women are depicted in the German media.

Location	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
10.00-13.30	<b>Individual and Group Work on Action Projects</b>
13.30-15.00	<b>Perspectives on the Reactions to Cologne</b> Behshid Najafi (Executive Director, agisra e.V.)
15.00-15.30	Break
15.30-17.00	<b>Depicting Women in the Media</b> Hengameh Yaghoobifarah (Editor, Missy Magazine)
17.00-17.15	Break
17.15-18.15	<b>Feedback on Individual and Group Work on Action Projects</b>
18.15-19.00	<b>Fellows Discussion</b> moderated by Fahira Brodlija and Inga Hajdarowicz (Fellows)
19.00-19.15	<b>Wrap Up</b>

## >> Saturday, June 18 Reimagine Belonging | Action Project Day

This morning, the Fellows meet for breakfast with a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow, who will present the educational documentary film project 'with WINGS and ROOTS.' After this meeting, the Fellows work on their Action Projects. In the evening, they are cordially invited to join an Iftar fast-breaking summer party organized by 'Über den Tellerrand kochen,' a powerful civil society initiative seeking to create 'new togetherness among refugees and locals.'

Location	Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)
11.00-12.30	<b>Brownbag Breakfast: Reimagine Belonging – with WINGS and ROOTS</b> Isabel Schröer (Community Engagement Team Member, with WINGS and ROOTS; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
12.30-18.00	<b>Individual and Group Work on Action Projects</b>
Location	Über den Tellerrand kochen, Cheruskerpark, 10829 Berlin and Kitchenhub, Rossbachstraße 6, 10829 Berlin (closest S-Bahn stop: Julius-Leber-Brücke, line S1)
18.00	<i>Optional: Iftar summer party with refugees and locals, organized by Über den Tellerrand kochen</i>

## >> Sunday, June 19 Day Off

## >> Monday, June 20 Finalize Action Project Plan

Today starts with the last spotlight session in the Fellowship program. The Greek Fellows share their perspectives on the societal consequences of the economic crisis and the austerity measures in Greece. The Fellows then have the chance to refine their project pitches and to prepare their project presentations for the following day's farewell reception. Lastly, time is dedicated for the Fellows to reflect on the whole experience of the Fellowship and gather feedback beyond the written and oral evaluations of the program that have taken place throughout the Fellowship.

Location Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

9.30-11.00 Spotlight Session Greece: **The Societal Consequences of Economic Policymaking**

Dafni Karagianni, Vasiliki Mitsiniotou, Zaneta-Eleni Melissourgaki, and Vlasios Benetos (Fellows)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.30 **Refine Pitches and Prepare Project Presentation**

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 **Final Evaluation of the Program**

14.30-14.45 **Wrap Up**

## >> Tuesday, June 21 Hand in Action Project Plans | Farewell Reception

By noon of today, the Fellows are required to submit their Action Project plans via an online form. In the afternoon, Fellows, Senior Fellows, host families and board members are invited to a Farewell Reception.

 Dress Code: Business Casual

12.00: Deadline: **Submit Project Plans**

Location: Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer (Law Firm), Potsdamer Platz 1, 10785 Berlin, Room Brussels (closest U-Bahn and S-Bahn stop: Potsdamer Platz, lines U2, S1, S2, S25)

17.00 Uhr **Farewell Reception**

Farewell Remarks by Dr. Dirk Schmalenbach (Chairman of Humanity in Action Germany) and Luisa Maria Schweizer (Program Director, Humanity in Action Germany)

Project Pitches by the Fellows

## >> **Wednesday, June 22** Departure for Greece

The Fellows travel together to Athens, Greece where the 2016 Humanity in Action International Conference takes place.

① **Attention:** To be able to travel to Greece, you need to bring your passport or national identity card (EU citizens).

**Meeting Point:** Tegel Airport, Terminal A, Outside Area, in front of the food truck 'EsS-Bahn Currywurst'

09.15 Meet at the Meeting Point

11.25 **Departure from Tegel Airport (TXL)**  
Flight A3 853 (Aegean Airlines)

15.10 **Arrival at Athens Airport (ATH)**

15.30-17.00 Travel together to hostel and check-in

From 17.00 **Exploring Athens individually**

## >> **Thursday, June 23 to Saturday, June 25:** Humanity in Action International Conference in Athens

① **Dress Code:** Business Casual

The conference starts in the afternoon of June 23. Prior to the start of the conference, the Fellows may enjoy the morning off in Athens. For a detailed conference schedule, please check the conference program.

## >> **Sunday, June 26:** Departure for Germany

08.40 **Departure from Athens Airport (ATH)**  
Flight A3852 (Aegean Airlines)

10.35 **Arrival at Tegel Airport (TXL)**

## FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES



### NABILA ABDEL AZIZ

University of Oxford

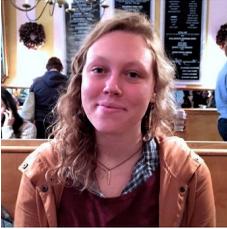
Nabila Abdel Aziz spent the first 16 years of her life in Germany before moving to the United Kingdom to finish high school at the United World College of the Atlantic. After spending her gap year working for a women's rights NGO in Yemen, Nabila started her studies in Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London before pursuing a Master's in Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford. During her time at university, Nabila ran an interfaith dialogue society, was part of a student group supporting detained asylum-seekers and co-organized a campaign calling for a change to the Oxford curricula for it to reflect our post-colonial and multicultural present. Nabila is interested in intercultural-dialogue, the potential of the arts to bring about social change and in collecting stories that demonstrate the fragility of "self" and "other" distinctions.



### VLASIOS BENETOS

Fulda University of Applied Sciences

Vlasios Benetos is completing a MA in Intercultural Communication and European Studies at the University of Applied Sciences in Fulda. Vlasios, who was born in Athens, speaks seven foreign languages. In 2013, he completed a European Voluntary Service in Stuttgart, Germany. Vlasios is an active member of a student initiative for refugees called ICEUS for Refugees. In March 2015, he, together with other students, organized a research educational trip to Israel and Palestine. In June 2015, he and a colleague from the United States organized a panel discussion on the topic Migration Policies within the European Union and its current challenges. In October 2015, he took part in the Athens Study Trip with HIA, entitled Human Rights, Diversity and Civic Engagement. In March 2016, he organized another research educational trip to Greece. Beginning in May 2016, he started to work with accompanied refugee minors at Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands (CJD) in Hanau, Hesse.



### HANA BRACALE

Wellesley College

Hana Bracale is a rising senior at Wellesley College, majoring in American Studies and Environmental Studies, and is currently studying Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic. Before attending Wellesley, Hana studied with students from around the world at Atlantic College UWC, where she focused on Food Systems and Middle Eastern Studies. During this time, she worked with an advocacy center for asylum seekers and refugees. Building friendships and connections within that community led her to continue her study of Arabic at Wellesley College, and as a State Department fellow in Jordan - as well as to continue her advocacy work through Students Organize for Syria and engagement with local activism and conferences in Boston. Hana's studies focus on food systems, as a ground in which critical social, economic, and environmental injustices meet. In the future, Hana would like to work through activism and advocacy towards creating a more just food system.



### FAHIRA BRODLIJA

University of Sarajevo

Fahira Brodlija is a fourth year student of the Sarajevo Faculty of Law. She was born in Sarajevo. She has attended several Human Rights clinics organized at the Sarajevo Faculty of Law. She was a former participant of the Vis Moot competition. Currently, she is a member of the Association Arbitri and one of the coaches of this year's Sarajevo Faculty of Law Vis Moot team. She further is the co-founder of the international NGO Global Aktivne, whose activities are aimed at empowering and helping young girls and women in transitional communities. Through one of their projects, Fahira had the opportunity to spend ten days in a care and rehabilitation center for Syrian refugees (widows and orphans). After graduation, Fahira would like to pursue an LLM program abroad on the topic of alternative dispute resolution.



### COURTNEY BRUNSON

Mount Holyoke College

Born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Courtney Brunson is a recent graduate from Mount Holyoke College. She majored in International Relations and has minors in Philosophy and Law, Public Policy & Human Rights. As a member of the Posse Foundation's third Civic Engagement cohort on campus, Courtney participated in various student organizations including serving as the President of the Debate Society, the President of the Student Government Association, and the Director General of her campus's Model United Nations conference. She also worked as an Administrative Fellow for her college's Community Based Learning program and created a diversity peer program called MoZone that trains students on discussing diversity in a meaningful and productive way. Professionally, she has interned for Women In Distress, Planned Parenthood, and the political offices of Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Senator Elizabeth Warren. After graduation, Courtney hopes to work in public service in Washington, D.C.



### DIANA DAIUB

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv

Diana Daiub was born to and raised by the family of a Ukrainian-Russian mother and Syrian father in Kyiv, Ukraine. This shaped her openness to people of different cultures. Being a Law student of Taras Shevchenko National University, she was introduced to mediation (alternative dispute resolution), which led to her participation in mediation tournaments in Kyiv, London, Vilnius and Chicago. Diana's passion for mediation as a peaceful way of resolving a dispute led to the foundation of International Dispute Resolution and Leadership Council, an international youth organization spreading mediation around the world with her colleagues from Poland and the United States. She spent a semester abroad in Lithuania, studying European Public Law and Human Rights. Diana is interested in human rights issues arising from cultural differences in Europe today, particularly among Middle Eastern migrants and Europeans. Upon graduating in her Master's next year, Diana plans on working as a mediator in international disputes.



### MICAH FRIEDMAN

Florida State University

Born and raised in the Tampa Bay area, Micah Friedman is a rising senior at Florida State University with a major in Religion and minors in Psychology and Middle Eastern Studies. On campus, Micah founded J Street U FSU to advocate for American leadership for a Two-State solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to build dialogue between students with differing perspectives on the contentious issue. He has worked to develop student leadership in the Jewish community on campus by serving as president of Hillel at FSU and by leading Jewish holiday observances. In his free time, Micah enjoys hanging out with friends and listening to hip-hop music, especially Kendrick Lamar. After graduating, Micah hopes to work within the non-profit sector and the Jewish community to address systemic issues of inequality before pursuing further education.



### INGA HAJDAROWICZ

Jagiellonian University

Inga Hajdarowicz is a sociologist and activist, striving to find a balance between conducting social research and filmmaking. She obtained her degrees in Sustainable Urban Governance and Peace from the University for Peace in Costa Rica and in Sociology from Jagiellonian University. In recent years, Inga has been involved in urban movements, looking for effective tools to include citizens in decision-making processes, such as participatory budgeting. She mainly seeks inspiration for her work and ideas for change in Latin America where she conducted her study on women's empowerment through participatory democracy and shot the documentary *La Comuna 9: Reclaiming a City*. The current migration crisis encouraged Inga to turn towards her previous interests related to human rights and military conflicts. She joined the local initiative *Welcome in Krakow* that aims to prepare ground for refugees who may come to Poland by educating residents of Kraków about diversity among other things.



## SLEMAN "SLIEMAN" HALABI

Tel Aviv University

Sleman Halabi is a Palestinian citizen of Israel who was born and raised in the Galilee in Northern Israel. Slieman is a group facilitator for conflict groups. He graduated from the School of Peace in Nave Shalom/Wahat al Salam in Israel and has worked at different organizations offering dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis. Slieman studied Cognitive Psychology at Tel Aviv University. He works as a research associate at Jacobs University in Bremen and is a PhD candidate at the Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena. His research concerns acculturation, psycholinguistics, prejudice and intergroup relations. Slieman has lived in Berlin for the last two years and has been socially and politically active within the activities of the Salaam Schalom Initiative in Berlin, an initiative which stands for social justice and peaceful co-existence and solidarity in Berlin and beyond.



## ANNA JANKOWSKA

University of Warsaw

Anna Jankowska graduated from the University of Warsaw with an MA degree in German Studies. She also graduated from the Centre for Local Government and Development Studies at the University of Warsaw and spent two semesters abroad at Freie Universität Berlin. Anna has worked and volunteered at several organizations such as Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, United Nations Development Program and NESsT Poland. In 2014, she moved to Berlin to join CamP Group gGmbH, a social enterprise working in the fields of women's empowerment, sports for development, and community participation. At the moment, Anna coordinates a project dedicated to school pupils with a refugee background. In the context of human rights, she is particularly interested in GBV prevention and trafficking as violation of human rights. Anna is also passionate about martial arts and intercultural learning. She has just completed a certifying training program for trainers of intercultural exchanges in Germany, France and Serbia.



### CHRISTIAN KABENGELE

University of Hohenheim

Christian Kabengele is a student of Business Administration and Economics at the University of Hohenheim in Stuttgart. He is a Black German activist and determined to advocate for the rights of the Black community in Germany. He has co-founded and is a member of multiple civil society organizations and leadership networks for Black people and people with migration background. Chris also extensively uses social media to contribute to the societal discourse on racism and discrimination. Via his Twitter account, @afrogermanrebel, he tries to connect with activists worldwide to share experiences and strategies of resistance. In his blog, afrogermanreport.com, Chris discusses topics of personal interest including racism, domestic and international politics, as well as human rights issues. His areas of research are sustainable development, business ethics as well as economic development. In the fall of 2016, Chris would like to pursue his studies as a Master candidate of Economics.



### DAFNI KARAGIANNI

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Dafni Karagianni is a law graduate from the Faculty of Law in National Kapodistrian University of Athens. During her studies, she spent a semester in Bordeaux, France as part of the Erasmus exchange program. At the moment, she is a trainee lawyer at a law office in Athens. Since 2014, Dafni has been a member of the Hellenic League of Human Rights, the oldest human rights organization in Greece. As an intern, she participated in several events put on by the organization, such as press conferences and campaigns supporting human rights. Since beginning her studies at the university, Dafni has been writing legal articles on constitutional and human rights issues in major newspapers. Today in her spare time, she contributes to Unfollow, an independent magazine, as a guest columnist on legal issues.



### ZANETA-ELENI MELISSOURGAKI

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Zaneta-Eleni Melissourgaki, whom everyone calls Zeny, was born and raised in Athens, Greece, where she currently studies Psychology at the University of Athens. Additionally, she is pursuing a minor degree, also in Psychology, at Deree- The American College of Greece. Zeny has spent a semester abroad in Angers, France after participating in the Erasmus Mundus Program. For about two years, Zeny has been volunteering at the Detoxification Center, 18 Ano, administered by the Psychiatric Hospital of Athens. In the future, Zeny aspires to become a Clinical Psychologist, adopting a psychodynamic approach and most likely specializing in substance use and abuse, which she believes to be a phenomenon with deep social roots, but is not treated as such. In the meantime, she is awaiting graduation and spending her free time planning trips, going for a walk, holding her next-to-be-read book, or watching some movie.



### VASILIKI MITSINIOTOU

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Vasiliki Mitsiniotou holds a BA in History and Archaeology and an MA in Communication and Culture. She is a member of the Peace Journalism Lab of the Journalism Department, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Vasiliki has participated in the production phase of an interactive documentary concerning refugees in Thessaloniki and has extensively covered refugee and migration issues as a correspondent for Greek and foreign media platforms up to now. As a volunteer, Vasiliki has collaborated with NGOs and always maintained a connection with grassroots movements concerning migration, such as World without Wars and without Violence in Athens and the Centre for Immigrants in Thessaloniki where she voluntarily taught Greek to immigrants.



### MATEUSZ K. MOŚCICKI

New York University Shanghai

Mateusz K. Mościcki is a Business and Finance student at New York University Shanghai. Before joining the inaugural class at NYU Shanghai, Mateusz won the 1st prize in the National Olympiad on Politics, International Relations and Diplomacy held under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Poland, Prime Minister and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mateusz was the President of the Future of Europe Committee simulation in the European Parliament, pioneer of the European Academy of Diplomacy for Youth, multiple laureate of EU competitions and visitor of the European Union institutions as well as head of several delegations to Model United Nations conferences across Europe. As an NYU Shanghai student, Mateusz studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, became Co-Founder and First President of Shanghai IAG - Investment Analysis Group and leader of the joint project of students from NYU and Stanford University for the Clinton Global Initiative University at UC, Berkeley.



### BARBARA ORTH

University of Oxford

Barbara Orth currently serves as an editor for the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration magazine. Previously, she has worked as a peer mentor with refugee youth in the UK, as well as on international development projects in Lebanon, India, and Nepal. Barbara holds an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford, where she focused on the politics of refugee resettlement in the United States. As an undergraduate in International Relations, Barbara has also spent study abroad terms in China and Japan. Her research interests include forced displacement in South Asia and the Middle East with a particular focus on gendered notions of innocence and the political economy of war. Barbara hopes to pursue doctoral research in line with these interests next year. In her spare time, Barbara enjoys debating politics over a good meal, or venturing out in the mountains.



### DAVOR PETRIĆ

University of Mostar

Davor Petrić was born in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina and spent three years during the Bosnian war as a refugee at the Island of Hvar, Croatia. Davor moved back to his hometown, where he went through elementary and high school education, eventually graduating with a degree in Law from the University of Mostar. He spent a couple of semesters abroad at the

Universities of Graz in Austria, Bratislava, Slovakia and Zurich, Switzerland. Davor recently graduated with a degree in European Studies from the University of Zagreb in Croatia. He played basketball for thirteen years and engaged for couple of years at the local level through a youth council and student union. He currently assists in establishing a humanitarian foundation. Davor plans to work on opening a student free legal aid clinic, and generally engages in working on tackling social inequalities in his home country. Davor's research interests include: constitutional law, federalism, human rights, and EU policy. He desires to pursue a PhD in one of the areas of his academic interest.



### NELLY YAA PINKRAH

Leuphana University Lueneburg

Nelly Y. Pinkrah is a prospective PhD student who recently gained her MA in the program Culture Arts and Media at Leuphana University, Lueneburg with a thesis on Seeing the Impenetrable - Édouard Glissant's 'Opacity' in Light of Digital Cultures. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Ethnology, African Studies and Sociology from Johannes Gutenberg University in

Mainz, Germany. From March 2013 until October 2014, she co-organized the annual conference of the German Society for Media Studies. Nelly does a wide range of editorial (articles, papers, books) and administrative work within the academic realm and is engaged in different social and political projects, among them the German antiracism initiative #SchauHin, and the Ghanaian German Women Association Berlin (GGWAB). Nelly's areas of interest include digital media, technology, political thoughts and practices, black feminist theory, decoloniality, intellectual and cultural history.



### TIM ROBERT SCHLEICHER

Zeppelin University

The young European Tim Robert Schleicher was awarded Leader of Tomorrow, Pioneer of the Month, and is a scholar of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation. He has designed and is responsible for the project Transcultural Caravan – a hub of global thinking on a new type of leadership and the capacity to cooperate as well as to define globally shared interests and

values – of the LEIZ-Institute. Tim is cofounder of welt\_raum, an NGO enabling encounters between refugees and citizens. Tim, an Arabic-speaking student, is blogging on grenzsprung.eu and has gathered research experience in a project on Corporate Responsibility for the German Ministry of Labor. Previously, he was working with KPMG in the field of the European banking regulation. Tim is majoring in Sociology, Politics & Economics at Zeppelin University and conducted a research semester at the IDC (Israel). His first publications are in press – one on interest and one on leadership. Tim likes dependencies!



### YANA SHKABROVA

The City College of New York (CUNY)

Yana Shkabrova is a rising senior at the City College of New York, with a double major in International Studies and Spanish. She grew up in Belarus and moved to the United States five years ago, at the age of 21. Yana concentrates most of her academic work on such areas as social justice in the United States and Latin America, food security, and environmental protection.

At her current internship with City Harvest, Yana helps with a program that provides low-income New Yorkers with healthy food. Learning foreign languages is one of Yana's greatest passions. She speaks Belarusian, Russian, English, Spanish and some German, and when she graduates, she wants to become part of an NGO where she can use her language skills to create a positive change. Yana intends to pursue a master's degree in Translation, as her long-term career goal is to become a translator for the UN.



### KAREEM WATSON

Hamilton College

In the year 1994 on independence day, Kareem Watson and his twin brother were born in Brooklyn, NY. Kareem is a soon-to-be graduate from Hamilton College and pursues a career path in social justice and activism. He holds an appreciation for the humanities and while at Hamilton has majored in Public Policy in order to further his education in affecting the lives of the underprivileged. Kareem involves himself in volunteer work and is part of the Caribbean Student Association and Feminist of Color Collective, two student run clubs on campus. His interests include a love for hip-hop, spoken word, as well as practicing theatre and visual arts. Kareem plans on pursuing a career in social activism and philanthropy.



### PATRICK WIELOWIEJSKI

Humboldt University Berlin

Patrick Wielowiejski, born to a German mother and a Polish father in 1989, studied Cultural Studies, Gender Studies and Linguistics in London, Berlin and Oslo. He is currently a PhD candidate in the department of European Ethnology at Humboldt University Berlin, researching gay-friendliness in the European far right. In both academia and activism, Patrick concerns himself with a queer movement beyond identity politics that acknowledges the interrelations between all kinds of social struggles. Recently, he helped to organize a solidarity campaign with Warsaw Pride (“Parada Równości”). Patrick has been active in different contexts, among them the Young Islam Conference in Germany and AFS Intercultural Programs.

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

## JOSHUA KWESI AIKINS

Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist at Kassel University and a PhD candidate in History and Sociology at the Bielefeld Graduate School. His research interests include the interaction between western-style and indigenous political institutions in Ghana, post- and decolonial perspectives on 'development,' cultural and political representation of the African Diaspora, coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany. Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana as an academic as well as an activist. As a Policy Officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he was tasked with coordinating and presenting the parallel report to Germany's state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in May 2015. Aikins further works in both policy analysis and lobbying as a member of the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), where he advocates for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, from serving as associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana's first Voter advice application for the December 2012 elections.

## KONSTANZE AMEER

Konstanze Ameer studied Literature, Philosophy and Hispanic Studies in Tübingen, Barcelona and Berlin. Since 2004 she has been working on historical and current forms of Antisemitism and racism. Since 2016, Ameer has been the Project Director of Aktion Schutzschild (Action Protection Shield) with the Amadeu Antonio Foundation.

## RAMY AL-ASHEQ

Ramy Al-Asheq is a Syrian-Palestinian poet and journalist. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Abwab Newspaper ([www.abwab.de](http://www.abwab.de)), the first Arabic newspaper in Germany and the cultural editor of Freedomraise Magazine ([www.freedomraise.net](http://www.freedomraise.net)), "an independent magazine interested in affairs of Syria, the Syrian Revolution, Syrians, refugees and their issues, published in print and electronically, distributed inside Syria and in Syrian refugee camps." Al-Asheq issued his first book, a poetry book on the Syrian revolution titled *Walking on Dreams*, in 2014. He subsequently earned a grant for full-time writing from the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Germany. Al-Asheq writes for many Arabic and German newspapers and publications. He has been living in Germany since November 2014 and has recently moved to Cologne.

## YASSER ALMAAMOUN

Yasser Almaamoun is a Syrian activist who has worked with the Center for Political Beauty in Berlin as their Press Speaker and Minister of Foreign Affairs

since 2014. In his position at the center, he communicates the outcomes and debates of the Center's actions to the media. Almaamoun further participated in actions such as *Kindertransporthilfe* and *Die Toten kommen*. In addition to the participation in the organization of new actions, he also has been engaged with bridging the gap between the refugees' community and German society through his numerous presentations and public discussions from 2014 until 2016. The second part of Almaamoun's life is Architecture. In 2011, he graduated from the University of Damascus, Syria. As an architect, he arrived to Germany in 2013. He managed to work in a Berliner Architectural office and became a Master student at the University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. He acted as a jury member of an architectural competition concerning Housing for Refugees in 2015 in Finland and in 2016 in Berlin.

### HENRY ALT-HAAKER

Henry Alt-Haaker participated in the Humanity in Action Fellowship Program in 2005 as a Fellow in the Berlin program and has since remained engaged with Humanity in Action as a member and Chair of the German and European Senior Fellow Networks and various other Humanity in Action bodies. Currently, Alt-Haaker serves as a Member of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany. After studying Philosophy and German Literature in Berlin at Humboldt University, in Paris at Sorbonne Paris 1, and in Saint Louis at Washington University, he completed a second Master's Degree in Public Policy (on the labor market integration of the second generation in Germany) at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin. As a teenager in Frankfurt/Oder, in the former GDR, Alt-Haaker observed xenophobia and intolerance on a daily basis. His exposure to discrimination while growing up inspired him to have a positive impact on society. Alt-Haaker has been active in numerous voluntary initiatives fighting racism, corruption, and other societal wrongs. He has worked as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin, for several Members of Parliament in the German Bundestag, was the Manager of Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (former Minister of Justice), and currently works on conflict prevention and conflict transformation as a Program Officer for the Robert Bosch Stiftung in Berlin, one of the biggest private foundations in Germany.

### RUSSELL ALT-HAAKER

Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker completed undergraduate work at Drake University as well as Humboldt University Berlin and received his BA in German Literature from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2004. In 2006, he earned his MA from Washington University in St. Louis. Alt-Haaker returned to Germany from 2008 to 2009 after receiving a DAAD Research Grant to begin research on his dissertation *Coloring Catastrophe: De/Coding Color in Representations of the Holocaust*. His principal research interests include representations of the Shoah in film, photography and literature, German-Jewish studies, visual theory, contemporary German-language literature, and translation studies. He defended his Ph.D. thesis in May 2013.

### JOHANNES BALDAUF

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### MARTIN BOCK

Martin Bock has been Program Manager for the funding program *Forced Labour and Forgotten Victims* at the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (Stiftung "Erinnerung, Verantwortung und Zukunft" (EVZ)) since 2014. He was previously in charge of the funding and supervision of major research and remembrance projects such as the international travelling exhibition *Forced Labour. The Germans, the Forced Labourers and the War*. From 2002 until 2006, Bock worked as a team leader responsible for the payments to victims of 'other personal injuries' and former forced laborers. Before joining the Foundation EVZ, Bock worked for another foundation and non-profit organization in the field of social work and human rights focusing on the cooperation between Germany and Eastern European countries. Bock studied in Essen, Berlin, and Leningrad/St. Petersburg. He holds an MA in Eastern European Art History and Slavonic Studies from the Free University of Berlin.

### MARKUS END

Markus End studied Political Science, Political Economy and History in Freiburg, Hamburg, and Grenoble, France. He is currently pursuing a PhD at the Technical University in Berlin, analyzing the semantics of antigypsyism. End also works in the field of adult education and is active as an author for the Documentation and Culture Center of German Sinti and Roma, Amaro Drom e.V., and the Phiren Amencia Network among others. He has published widely in the field of antigypsyism. End is the co-author of a pedagogical handbook dealing with antigypsyism and the author of a monographic study on the current state of antigypsyism research. His latest book, published in 2014, deals with antigypsyism in the German media.

### ANDREAS FELDTKELLER

Prof. Dr. Andreas Feldtkeller is Professor of Theology at Humboldt University Berlin, where he also acted as Dean of the Faculty of Theology between 2007 and 2010. He is the author of numerous publications and has amongst other topics extensively written on the intersection of religion and pluralism and the intercultural histories of Christianity and Islam. Ordained a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1992, he was posted to serve in Amman, Jordan until 1995, where he simultaneously worked as a guest researcher at the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies. Prior to his undertakings at Humboldt University Berlin, Feldtkeller worked as a research associate and adjunct professor at Heidelberg University. In 2008, he was awarded the Hans-Sigrist Award in the category *Religion - Claims to Truth - Conflicts - Theologies* for his international research contributions and has since 2010

been a liaison professor of the German National Academic Foundation. He obtained his university education in Evangelical Theology in Munich, Heidelberg, Tübingen, and Jerusalem.

### MARTIN GAEDT

Martin Gaedt has served rocking ideas for 20 years. His passion is moving people and ideas into action. He is serving young people as well as corporations. In June 2016, his second book will be released: *Rock Your Idea. How ideas are changing the world.* He has founded different companies, sold gummibears of Berlin sights, and connected companies to share good applicants called 'cleverheads - sharing recruiting'. His best ideas are still to come. Every idea brought to action makes him fit - ideafit. He will introduce you to his views on idea fitness.

### SIMA GATEA

Sima Gatea is a local in Toronto, Heidelberg, and Berlin and grew up in a family where migration and mixed identity consistently played a formative role. While writing her MA thesis on the international exchange of migration and urbanization initiatives, Gatea also began teaching German to asylum seekers and creating *Meet & Greet Heidelberg*, an on- and offline community connecting her students with Heidelberg locals and international students. Interested in how social entrepreneurship can be used to create innovative solutions to existing challenges, Gatea recently moved back to Berlin to co-found SINGA Deutschland.

### KONSTANTY GEBERT

Konstanty Gebert serves as a special advisor on international affairs at Humanity in Action. In this capacity, he advises international Humanity in Action staff, Fellows and Senior Fellows. Gebert is an Associate Fellow at the European Council for Foreign Relations and an international reporter and columnist at *Gazeta Wyborcza*, Poland's largest daily publication. During the 1970s, he was a democratic opposition activist and organizer of the Jewish Flying University, while in the 1980s, under martial law, he was an underground journalist. He covered the Bosnian War between 1992 and 1995 for Polish and international media. He is the co-founder of the Polish Council of Christians and Jews and the founder of *Midrasz*, a monthly Polish Jewish intellectual publication. Gebert serves as a board member for the Taube Centre for the Renewal of Jewish Life in Poland as well as the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany, and the Advisory Board of the Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund in Amsterdam. He has taught across Poland, Israel and the United States. Gebert has authored ten books, which examine topics such as: the Polish democratic transformation, French policy toward Poland, the Yugoslav wars, the wars of Israel, Torah commentary and post-war Polish Jewry. His essays have appeared in two dozen publications in Poland and abroad, and his articles have been featured in newspapers around the world.

### SILKE GEORGI

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### ERIC HAUBMANN

Reverend Eric Haubmann has served his ministry at St. Mary's church in the center of Berlin since 2014. The Christian congregation at St. Mary's initiated the idea of the House of One and developed it together with its Jewish and Muslim partners up to its current state. Reverend Haubmann studied Protestant Theology in Berlin, Jerusalem, and Leipzig before he started his ministry in Potsdam. Since his studies, he focuses especially on Christian liturgy and service on interreligious cooperation. Reverend Haubmann also serves as member of the staff at the House of One.

### JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN

Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Goldstein'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. Goldstein has written several books and articles on European and American history, art, and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups.

## GÜLAY GÜN

Gülay Gün, MA, studied History, Study of Religions and European Studies in Bremen, Frankfurt/Oder and Istanbul. From 2013 to 2014, Gün was one of the curators of the exhibition *Circassians – Dispersed from the Caucasus Across the World* at the Museum of Ethnology Hamburg. As a Fellow of the Alfred-Töpfer Foundation, she then joined the program Cultural Diversity and Migration in Museums at the Museum of Work, Hamburg. Since 2015, Gün has been working as a Project Manager at the same museum. Her main project was the exhibition *Forced Labor. The Germans, the Forced Laborers and the War*, for which she also conceptualized and implemented the event program. The focus of Gün's interest is critical whiteness, collective memory, and culture of remembrance in a post-migrant society.

## MAHMOUD HASSINO

Mahmoud Hassino is a Syrian journalist and blogger. He started blogging about homosexuality in Syria in 2006. When the political unrest in Syria escalated, Hassino created another anonymous blog, but had to flee to Turkey in late 2011. In 2012, he founded the first Syrian online LGBT magazine Mawaleh at [www.mawaleh.net](http://www.mawaleh.net) while continuing working as a journalist and documenting human rights violations in northern Syria. In 2014, he came to Berlin where he has been working for the Queer Refugees Project at Schwulenberatung Berlin since 2015. In 2016, Hassino organized the first Mr Gay Syria competition in Istanbul.

## OZAN KESKINKILIÇ

Ozan Keskinkılıç is a Berlin-based activist and political scientist. He studied International Development at the University of Vienna with a focus on Critical Race Theory and Postcolonial Theory. In his research, Keskinkılıç analyzes anti-Muslim racism in historical contexts and intersections to other forms of inequality. He is especially interested in critical approaches to antiracist resistance, solidarity and empowerment. Since 2014, Keskinkılıç is assistant to the practical-research project *Sites of Memory. Lost and Entangled Narratives* at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, where he researches post-colonial cultures of remembrances and marginalized narratives in Germany. He is an alumnus of the Muslim Jewish Conference (MJC) and the former spokesperson of the Salaam-Shalom Initiative. Keskinkılıç gives lectures and leads workshops on Colonial History, Anti-Muslim Racism, Antisemitism, and critical Jewish-Muslim relations. His most recent publication is featured in the Islamophobia Studies Yearbook 2016/17 and carries the title *Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the Occident. A postcolonial critique*. You can follow Keskinkılıç on Twitter at [@ozankeskinkilic](https://twitter.com/ozankeskinkilic).

## LORENZ NARKU LAING

Lorenz Narku Laing volunteers as Chairman of the Schwarzer Jugend in Deutschland e.V., the spokesman of the young socialists of the SPD of Alzey-Worms, and as the diversity advocate at the Zeppelin University on Lake Constance. Laing is able to complete his masters in Politics, Administration and International Politics thanks to the support of scholarships from the Zeppelin University and Hans-Böckler-Foundation. He is a trained Peer

Diversity Trainer and has led projects such as [www.vielfaltsprojekte.de](http://www.vielfaltsprojekte.de) for the Hesse Broadcasting Company, Brot für die Welt, and the Paritätische Bildungswerk. Laing is a trained tutor with a special interest in writing and seminar leadership. He is also trained in pastoral care and was active for many years in special needs schools and youth centers in Frankfurt. He has participated in research projects on religious diversity, homelessness in youth, and Black Nationalistic Religions. While studying abroad at King's College London, Laing produced a blog dealing with themes of diversity for the Frankfurter Neue Presse. He is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin, 2014) and a member of the Board of Directors of Humanity in Action Germany.

### ARMIN LANGER

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### ALEXANDER MATTERN

Alexander Mattern studies History and Studies at Humboldt University Berlin. Through his time abroad in South Africa and Brazil, Mattern developed a profound interest for migration processes and the motivation to take a stand against discrimination and exploitation. In his studies as well as his trips through the city, he focuses on historical comparisons of migration and urban development. Mattern takes great pleasure in exchanging his knowledge and experience with others and in fostering stimulating discussions.

### CHRISTA MEYER

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## BORIS MOSHKOVITS

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## BEHSHID NAJAFI

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## JOBST MORITZ PANKOK

Jobst Moritz Pankok is a German scenographer, director, curator, and fine artist. Pankok is interested in socially engaging art projects, often linked to the culture of Sinti and Roma. He is Artistic Director and Founder of the first permanent gallery for the contemporary art of Sinti and Roma, Galerie Kai Dikhas - Place To See in Berlin ([www.kaidikhas.com](http://www.kaidikhas.com)). He is Head of the theatre association TAK Theater Aufbau Kreuzberg presenting among others various art projects from the MENA region under the title Spring Lessons ([www.springlessons.org](http://www.springlessons.org)). Pankok is also the Co-Chair of the Otto-Pankok-Art Foundation running the Otto-Pankok-Museum, archive, and estate.

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### MAXIMILIAN POPP

Maximilian Popp has been writing for the German newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* as a political reporter since 2010. He has worked for the magazine in Dresden, Hamburg as well as Istanbul, and is currently based in Berlin. Popp focuses on migration topics as well as racism, Islam and Turkey. He reported about the crimes of the right-wing terrorist group NSU, the Gezi-protests against the Turkish government, and the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean Sea. He is the author of *Tödliche Grenzen*, an e-book on the failure of the European asylum policy. Prior to joining *Der Spiegel*, Popp studied International Relations in Istanbul and graduated from the Henri-Nannen-School of Journalism in Hamburg.

### NIVEDITA PRASAD

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### SIMONE RAFAEL

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## SUSANN RÜTHRICH

Susann Rührich has been a member of the German parliament for the Social Democrats (SPD) since 2013. Her electoral district is Meißen (Saxony) and she also represents the districts Dresden and Saxon Switzerland. A main focus of Rührich's parliamentary work is the fight against right-wing activities and structures. She addresses this issue particularly as the Deputy Head of the Bundestag Inquiry Committee on the NSU murders and as the speaker of the SPD parliamentary working group on Strategies against Right-Wing extremism. In these functions she applies her extensive experience in the field of political educational work, which she gained through her work in the NGO Netzwerk für Demokratie und Courage (NDC). Rührich is also a member of the committee for family, senior citizens, women and youth and is therein mainly responsible for the promotion of democracy building approaches and programs, LGBTQI\* rights and the interests of children. She further addresses the latter as a member of the interfractional children's commission and as the commissioner for children in the SPD parliamentary group.

## JUDITH SCHEER

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### ISABEL SCHRÖER

Isabel Schröer is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (2013) and has been engaged with WINGS and ROOTS since 2011. She works as part of the Social Media team and uses her organizational skills to organize conferences, crowdfunding campaigns and parties for the project. Schröer completed her BA in African Studies and Social Sciences in Berlin and New York and holds a MA in Politics. Focusing on migration, social injustice and institutional racism, she has also engaged with anti-racist and critical whiteness work outside of the realms of her university. Schröer works for the ARD-Hauptstadtstudio (TV) as a production assistant and on a voluntary basis she assumed the custodianship for a refugee in Berlin.

### ANNE STALFORT

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## MARKUS ULRICH

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