



# DIPLOMACY & DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

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# WELCOME NOTE

The Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship takes place during a time of extraordinary challenge in international and domestic realms. Mass migration from the Middle East and Africa. Refugees making dangerous voyages across the Mediterranean. ISIS, terrorism and fear. Racial tensions and violence in cities across America and Europe. Stark global inequality. The surge of nationalist, xenophobic and extremist politics in Europe and the United States. Rising Antisemitism and Islamophobia on both sides of the Atlantic.

These are some of the most challenging issues of our time — and they are the issues that Humanity in Action is committed to addressing in our programs. We believe that the challenges of diversity and democracy require a new generation of leaders: young people who have the knowledge, conviction and networks to confront the world's most complicated human dilemmas.

Our aim in this third year of the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is to provide historical and contemporary insights into these critical issues from some of the most important observers and practitioners on both sides of the Atlantic and beyond — leaders in government, foreign policy institutions, business, media, culture and the academy.

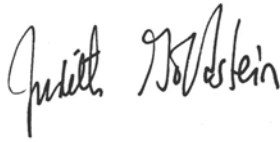
The wide range of subjects that we will explore with our Fellows includes migration and refugees, international law and institutions, security and conflict, terrorism and counterterrorism, national sovereignty, the solidity (or lack thereof) of the European Union, international development, trade and business, technology, and authoritarianism and human rights — as they relate, in particular, to minorities. We will also examine the role of non-governmental organizations, political parties, pressure groups and a variety of domestic constituencies in the formulation of foreign policy.

Questions about diversity and pluralism, now generating enormous pressures on our national societies, will intersect with unusual frequency throughout the program. We will discuss the formation and practice of foreign policy, in response to the challenges of diversity, by a diverse cadre of institutions, groups and individuals and the impact of national and foreign policy on pluralistic societies. We will explore diversity in broad perspectives — diversity of peoples, ideas, values, institutions and practices.

Embarking on this program, Humanity in Action has specific goals: to make our societies more effective and constructive in addressing national and global issues; to recognize the power and dignity in diversity based upon different cultural and historical perspectives; to appreciate the importance of pluralism as it intersects and today, in fact, drives international issues; to increase the representation of minorities in international fields; and to expand perspectives in graduate programs and research communities to include issues of diversity and pluralism in the consideration of international affairs.

We are very grateful to our many speakers in Washington, Berlin, Warsaw and Athens and to those institutions and individuals hosting us, especially the Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN and Menora in Warsaw and Technopolis in Athens.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith S. Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

**Judith S. Goldstein, Ph.D.**

*Founder and Executive Director*

*Humanity in Action*

# ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

In 2014, Humanity in Action launched the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship, a new transatlantic educational program for graduate students about international relations and global diversity. In this program, a group of 24 American and European Fellows engage in an intense and demanding series of high-level seminars, discussions and site visits to explore a wide range of international issues with particular emphasis on democracy, diversity and pluralism.

The 2016 fellowship will take place in Washington, Berlin and Warsaw. It will conclude in Athens at the Seventh Annual Humanity in Action International Conference. In the United States, Germany, Poland and Greece, the Fellows will meet with experts and practitioners at governmental agencies, international NGOs, universities, think tanks, media outlets and foreign policy organizations. The program will take place from May 29 – June 26, 2016.

## VISION

Foreign policy is no longer the sole domain of national governments and heads of state. CEOs, local governments, journalists, think tanks, NGOs, lobbyists and online activists increasingly play influential roles in international negotiations and initiatives. Foreign policy is also becoming more influenced by national pluralism and the interests of diverse sets of domestic groups. Thus, the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship will explore diversity in the broadest sense—diversity of peoples, ideas, values, institutions and practices in international relations.

Humanity in Action believes that this diversification of players in international affairs, as well as the interests they pursue, creates the need for leaders from diverse backgrounds who are able to approach global challenges in innovative ways. Humanity in Action seeks to cultivate leadership skills and knowledge in its Diplomacy and Diversity Fellows — a new group of emerging leaders who have the knowledge, creativity and ability to collaborate across borders and sectors in changing international communities.

The guiding mission of the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is to increase

understanding of pluralistic societies, awareness of the importance of diversity in diplomatic and other international fields, and the inclusion of those from minority backgrounds in international relations.

## APPROACH

In the 2016 Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship, participants will discuss and research a wide range of subjects, including, but not limited to, national security and the politics of war in the United States, international development strategies, philanthropy, human rights and civil liberties in foreign policy, international trade negotiations, immigration, the refugee crisis in Europe, hate speech in digital spheres, contemporary Polish politics, European integration, security issues as well as relations between Russia and the European Union.

The Fellows will explore these subjects from local, national, transatlantic and international vantage points while also evaluating the ways in which history impacts contemporary policy. The program's sessions will introduce Fellows to both foreign policy experts and practitioners who will provide conceptual and theoretical perspectives as well as networking opportunities.

## HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires and connects a global network of established and emerging leaders committed to promoting human rights, diversity and active citizenship—in their own communities and around the world. Humanity in Action organizes educational and professional programs in Europe and the United States. Humanity in Action's offices are located in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and the United States.



The Warsaw programming of the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is organized in cooperation with the Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN and Menora.

# THE FELLOWS



## **Lizbeth Arias**

*University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Lizbeth Arias is an Education Abroad Advisor for the Office of International Programs at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she is also completing her Master's in international relations. Prior to her graduate and professional work at UNLV, Lizbeth served as a Bolden Scholar for the D.C. office of Senator Harry Reid, participated in an international leadership program at the University of Liverpool in England, and pursued intensive Mandarin studies at the Southwest University for Nationalities in China. Lizbeth enjoys making pizza at home, attending concerts when she's not studying, and finding last minute flights to places she's never been.



## **Renata Barreto**

*University of California, Berkeley*

Renata Barreto is a graduate student in the jurisprudence and social policy Ph.D. program at Berkeley Law. Her research focuses on international law, technology, and social movements with an emphasis on quantitative methods. She completed her undergraduate education at Reed College, where she majored in international and comparative policy studies. Renata is the recipient of the Eugene-Cota Robles Fellowship and the American Political Science Association's Minority Fellowship. Additionally, she has worked at the Public Policy Institute of California as an intern evaluating the efficacy of the state penal system's reform. She is fluent in Spanish, French, and Portuguese.





## **George Bogden**

*University of Oxford*

George Bogden currently serves as a J. William Fulbright-Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellow in Kosovo. In this capacity, he is an embedded special assistant in the country's Ministry of Trade and Industry, providing support on matters pertaining to treaty succession and international commercial policy. George is also a D.Phil. candidate in international relations at the University of Oxford, where he was awarded a Clarendon Scholarship. Before beginning his graduate studies, he received his B.A. in political science from Yale, serving as the university's Fox International Fellow in Istanbul the following year. He has completed internships in the U.S. House of Representatives and the State Department, as well as in non-governmental organizations and research institutions in Washington D.C., Ankara, and Istanbul.



## **Tanja Dittfeld**

*University of East Anglia*

Tanja Dittfeld has recently returned to Denmark from working in Zambia at a local partner organization to the Swedish international organization We Effect with the primary responsibility of gender mainstreaming. Prior to this position, Tanja has also lived in Uganda twice whereby the first time was to work for a local NGO as a HIV/AIDS counsellor, while the second time was to conduct a Sida-financed minor field study on the lived experiences of LGBTI individuals. In August 2015, Tanja received her MSc in development studies from Lund University in Sweden. In October 2016, Tanja is to commence her PhD studies at the School of International Development at University of East Anglia in England.



**Tamikka Forbes**  
*American University*

Tamikka Forbes is a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, where she most recently served on a domestic assignment with the executive office for African Affairs. She also served overseas in Nouakchott, Mauritania. She completed her master's in international communication strategy at American University, where her research came to focus on radicalization, and preventing violent extremism. Prior to the State Department, Tamikka worked at an alternate dispute resolution firm in Los Angeles. She earned her BA in humanities from Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles. She studied previously in Germany and Brazil, and speaks French and German. She is a native Californian.



**Andreas Holzinger**  
*Sciences Po Paris and the Freie Universität Berlin*

Andreas Holzinger is currently working as a part-time analyst at Roland Berger, focusing on public sector strategy consulting. He is a dual-degree Masters candidate at Sciences Po Paris and the Freie Universität Berlin in international affairs, exploring the intersection of international development and human rights. A fellow of the German National Academic Foundation, Andreas graduated with a trilingual B.A. in social sciences with honors from Sciences Po. He has held policy and research positions in both national and multilateral institutions, and volunteered with non-profits in Europe, Asia, and North America. Most recently, he conducted policy research and fieldwork in Benin and Ghana as a fellow of the Open Society Foundations, focusing on institutional reform and civil society in the sub-region.



## **Kyla Johnson**

*The George Washington University*

Kyla Johnson brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship. She began her career in international development as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique where she spent three years working on HIV/AIDS and malaria outreach. After her Peace Corps service, she was selected as a 2014 LGTVP ICats Fellow, placed with Educate Girls, an NGO based in Mumbai, India. Her most recent position was with Dimagi, a social enterprise working at the intersection of international development and technology. Kyla is currently pursuing an M.A. in global communication, specializing in public diplomacy, at the Elliott School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. Kyla is a native of Detroit, Michigan.



## **Alen Kerić**

*University of Sarajevo and University of Bologna*

Alen Kerić is a recent graduate with an MA in human rights and democracy in South-East Europe from the University of Sarajevo and University of Bologna. His MA thesis explored the relationship between LGBTIQ and Catholic communities in Croatia, while interning at the Women's Room, Center for Sexual Rights - Croatia's only counseling center for victims of sexual violence. Prior to his graduate studies, Alen obtained a BA in performance and media studies from Beloit College. He is socially engaged and political artist, performing in mediums of theatre, dance and performance art. His current general interests include studies on identity, race, class, gender, performativity, refugees, Islamophobia and corporate social responsibility. He was born and raised in Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina.



## **Jennifer Kuklenski**

*University of Southern Mississippi*

Jennifer Kuklenski is an instructor in the Department of Social Responsibility at Northland College and teaches courses in multicultural development and strategic management. Jennifer also held teaching appointments in economics at Gogebic Community College and international political relations at the University of Maryland University College – Europe. She possesses over ten years of experience as an Air Force Intelligence Analyst and has served on Crisis Actions Teams in support of regional and international operations. Jennifer received her MA in international security from the University of Arizona and is completing her Ph.D. in international development at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her research interests include democratic development, demographic shifts associated with post-disaster migration, and conflict management in multicultural societies.



## **Matthew Kustenbauder**

*Harvard University*

Matthew Kustenbauder works at the U.S. Department of State as staff assistant to the Consul General in São Paulo, Brazil. His onward assignment is to the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan. Matthew holds an M.Div. and M.A. from Yale University. He also received an A.M. degree from Harvard University, where he is a doctoral candidate in history. Matthew is a Dan David Prize Scholar and was a Fulbright Fellow to South Africa. He is the proud father of an eight-year-old boy, Liam, and husband of Humanity in Action Senior Fellow David Bargueno. He grew up on a dairy farm in Pennsylvania.



### **Xianzhi Lafond**

*University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

Xianzhi Lafond is currently a doctoral candidate at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a writer, translator and editor, and is currently an assistant editor with Tsinghua Studies of Western Philosophy, Tsinghua University, China. She received a BA in English language and literature and a MA in literary theory and philosophy from universities in China. In addition, she received a second MA in American studies from Heidelberg University in Germany. After receiving her Ph.D., Xianzhi plans to join the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in order to prepare for a career at the United Nations to promote human rights and education for underrepresented people. Additionally, she speaks multiple languages including English, Chinese, Japanese and German.



### **Nina Łazarczyk**

*Uppsala University*

Nina Łazarczyk currently works as National Coordinator at Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies at University of Warsaw. She is a feminist activist and journalist writing for an independent Polish online magazine “Daily feminist” (“Codziennik Feministyczny”). Nina received her MSc in Peace and Conflict Studies from Uppsala University. She completed an internship at Nordic Africa Institute. Prior to coming to Uppsala, Nina had completed internships at Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nina holds her bachelor’s degree in European studies as well as multidisciplinary linguistic studies with the specialization in English, French and Spanish from University of Warsaw.



## **Kathryn McDonald**

*The George Washington University*

Kathryn McDonald is an LLM candidate at The George Washington University Law School, specializing in international and comparative law. Prior to her time in Washington, DC, Kathryn was an associate at a large law firm in Minneapolis with an expansive international practice. Most recently, Kathryn was a Legal Fellow in the Office of Global Criminal Justice at the U.S. Department of State. There she engaged with government actors, civil society, and multilateral bodies, including the UN Security Council, on issues of post-conflict transitional justice. Her graduate research builds on this experience and evaluates witness protection mechanisms in hybrid courts trying atrocity crimes such as genocide and crimes against humanity. Kathryn is also a certified yoga instructor and former collegiate athlete.



## **Moises Mendoza**

*Columbia University*

Moises Mendoza graduated in 2016 with a master of international affairs from Columbia University and a master of public policy from the Hertie School of Governance. He also holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. In Fall 2016, he will join the Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. Moises has previously worked in the German Bundestag and the European Commission and also worked as a journalist in the United States and Europe where he was a Fulbright scholar.



**Ashley Portillo**  
*Columbia University*

Ashley Portillo is a master of international affairs candidate in human rights and conflict resolution at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. A former U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, she taught English and implemented literacy programs in Bataan and Northern Samar, Philippines. Currently, she works as the Program Assistant for the Academy of Medical and Public Health Services in Brooklyn and finds great purpose in helping the neighborhood's largely immigrant residents learn about their rights to healthcare access. Ashley was born and raised in Orange County, California and received a B.A. in both Latin American studies and international relations at UC San Diego. Her research interests include women's reproductive rights and the lack of women's participation in peace negotiations.



**Oskar Raczycki**  
*University of Warsaw*

Oskar works at the Danish Royal Embassy in Poland as a Research Officer in the political department and as a Principal Investigator in a research grant funded by the Ministry of Science, which explores the new forms of international forced migration and their implications for international security and law. He gained experience i.a. in SKS Legal (a law firm), Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and AIESEC. As a Paderewski Scholar in 2015, he interned at Institute of International Finance in Washington, DC. Oskar is about to graduate with degrees in international relations and Law from the University of Warsaw. He enjoys living in the vibrant capital of Poland.



## **Hanya Riedl**

*Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva*

Hanya Riedl is a MA candidate in international law at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. Alongside her studies, she currently supports the UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS in its advocacy for child-sensitive economic and social policies and, highly topical, for rights of refugee children. Previous work experience, including at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, allowed Hanya to explore topics ranging from disarmament to criminal justice and from corporate compliance to human rights. Hanya completed her bachelor's degree in political science and economics at Columbia University in New York. Being German-Taiwanese, Hanya grew up in Bayreuth and spent a gap year after high school in Taipei.



## **John Scott**

*Harvard University*

John Scott is a master of public health student at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health. He is developing a veterans organization, is active with several veterans initiatives, and is working with the Dana Farber Global Health Initiative to build an oncology center in Yerevan, Armenia. John is also an attorney with experience in antitrust and medical malpractice law. He is a former military judge advocate, U.S. Marine, and Veteran of Afghanistan. John is an alumnus of UC Berkeley and Stanford Law School.





## **Rohit Sudarshan**

*Tufts University*

Rohit Sudarshan recently graduated from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy where he studied international business relations. Prior to attending graduate school, Rohit worked as a Legislative Fellow at the Ohio House of Representatives and as a Teacher and Dean of Students at Breakthrough Collaborative, a teaching nonprofit. He graduated with a degree in political science from Kenyon College. At the Fletcher School, he focused on migration studies by studying the social and economic impacts of remittances with a specific focus on migrants from Southeast Asia. He was born in Newcastle but raised in Cincinnati, Ohio.



## **Roya Talibova**

*University of Michigan*

Roya Talibova is a dual degree PhD student in political science and statistics at the University of Michigan interested in dynamics of armed conflicts. Prior to her PhD program, Roya was a program coordinator for the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard University. Between 2009-2012, Roya was a Senior Advisor on the United States at the Office of the President of Azerbaijan Republic. She has previously worked at the Department of Political Affairs at the United Nations and served as a Spokesperson for the UN Millennium Development Goals. Roya received her MPA from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, MA in international relations from Seton Hall University, and BA in international relations from the Azerbaijan University of Foreign Languages.



## **Jessica Tollette**

*Harvard University*

Jessica Tollette is a PhD Candidate in the department of Sociology at Harvard University where she focuses on race and immigration. Prior to entering graduate school, Jessica worked for two years as a management consultant at the Monitor Group where she focused on marketing consulting and led the North American undergraduate diversity recruiting efforts for the firm. She received her bachelor's of arts in communication with a minor in Hispanic studies from the University of Pennsylvania. She was also a Fulbright Scholar to Spain where she conducted her dissertation research on race and immigrant integration in Madrid. She was born and raised in Laguna Niguel California but has lived in Philadelphia, New York, Boston and currently resides in Madrid.



## **David Truong**

*Harvard University*

David Truong is a second year master in public policy student at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, concentrating in social and urban policy. As a Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow, he will join the Foreign Service upon graduating from HKS. Previously, he has interned at the State Department in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and at the Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. David received his undergraduate degree in political science at Yale University and is deeply passionate about social justice issues, particularly around poverty and racial inequality. He was born and bred in Texas.



**Mike Videler**

*University of Amsterdam*

Mike Videler is a research associate with the Public International Law & Policy Group, a global pro bono law firm advising states and non-state actors on peace negotiations, constitution drafting, and war crimes prosecution. He is also an LLM candidate at the University of Amsterdam, where he works as a research assistant. Previously, Mike worked for the SIM Netherlands Institute of Human Rights and interned with the Netherlands Permanent Representation to the UN at Geneva, where he worked on the UN Human Rights Council. Mike holds a BA in liberal arts from University College Utrecht and an LLB from Utrecht University, and spent a semester abroad at Sciences Po Paris. A native to the Netherlands, he currently lives in Amsterdam.



**Suong Vong**

*University of Texas at Austin*

Suong Vong works at the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) as the Regional Civil Rights Director for the Southwest Region, where she oversees Civil Rights compliance for all 15 of FNS's nutrition assistance programs. Suong has worked in county, state, and federal governments and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Samoa. Suong holds a bachelor's degree in East Asian studies and Asian American studies from the University of California, Los Angeles and is currently a masters of public affairs candidate at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## WASHINGTON

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### >> SUNDAY, MAY 29: WELCOME TO WASHINGTON AND HUMANITY IN ACTION

The Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship begins with two Humanity in Action traditions. The first is dinner at the home of Judy and Stanley Hallet in northwest Washington. Judy and Stanley — both longtime supporters of Humanity in Action — have hosted opening dinners for our Fellows for more than a decade. Stanley, an architect, and Judy, a documentary filmmaker, examine artistic, social and environmental conditions through their creative work. The second tradition is called “Bring An Object.” In this exercise, the Fellows and staff members introduce themselves by showing and explaining an object that illustrates the individual’s connection to Humanity in Action’s issues — human rights, diversity or international affairs. The objects and stories can be funny, poignant or anything in between.

*Location: Home of Judy and Stanley Hallet  
(4542 28th Street, NW)*

17:15                      Arrival

17:15 – 18:30      **Introductions and drinks**

Judith S. Goldstein, Anthony Chase,  
Monika Mazur-Rafał, Antje Scheidler and  
Carlos Gonzalez (Humanity in Action)

19:00 - 20:30      Dinner

## >> MONDAY, MAY 30 (MEMORIAL DAY): AMERICAN POWER AND MYTHS

Our program begins on Memorial Day with an exploration of American power and American myths — seen both from afar and from Washington. We are concerned here with the central concepts, myths and truths that make up the ‘Idea of America’ as a beacon — or failure — of liberal democracy. In the morning, we will contemplate American wealth and poverty seen through the groundbreaking photography and life of Jacob A. Riis — now on show at the opulent Library of Congress. Riis’s photographs captured the extreme poverty of New York’s tenements at the beginning of the 20th Century and also undermined two prevailing myths of American society, namely, the myth of American opportunity and the myth of the United States as a nation that uncategorically welcomed immigrants. In the afternoon, Judith S. Goldstein will discuss the paradox of American exceptionalism. David E. Sanger, the chief Washington correspondent for *The New York Times*, will then turn to contemporary affairs to discuss Washington as a powerhub and the challenges and limits to American power, especially under the Obama administration. DeLessin “Roo” George Warren will join us by video to introduce our next site visit — his inventive audio tour of the Presidential Portrait Gallery that reframes U.S. history to consider the systematic oppression of indigenous peoples. We will end the evening with a dinner with Humanity in Action Senior Fellows who live in Washington and work in law, policy, development and other fields.

*Location: Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building  
(10 First Street, SE; second floor)*

11:10                      Arrival

11:30 - 12:30        **Site Visit: Tour of exhibition “Jacob Riis:  
Revealing ‘How the Other Half Lives’”**

Deborah Dakin (Docent, Library of Congress)

*Location: Cannon House Office Building  
(27 Independence Avenue, SE; Room 122)*

- 13:00            Arrival
- 13:15            Introduction  
                  Anthony Chase (Humanity in Action)
- 13:15 – 14:00    Lunch and group discussion led by  
                  Carlos Gonzalez (Humanity in Action)
- 14:00 – 14:45    **The Paradox of American Exceptionalism**  
                  Judith S. Goldstein (Founder and Executive  
                  Director, Humanity in Action)
- 14:45 – 15:00    Break
- 15:00 – 16:30    **Challenges to American Power**  
                  David E. Sanger (Chief Washington  
                  Correspondent, *The New York Times*)
- 16:30 – 16:45    **Video Presentation: Presidential Mythology  
                  and Indigenous History**  
                  DeLessin “Roo” George Warren  
                  (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

*Location: National Portrait Gallery (8th and F Streets, NW)*

- 17:30            Arrival
- 17:45 – 18:30    **Site Visit: Presidential Portrait Gallery**  
                  Audio Guide developed by  
                  DeLessin “Roo” George Warren

*Location: City Tap House of DC – Penn Quarter*

- 19:00 – 19:30    Drinks
- 19:30 – 21:00    **Dinner with Humanity in Action Senior Fellows**

## >> TUESDAY, MAY 31: WAR AND MEMORY

U.S. foreign relations have largely been defined by national security, military might and concepts of regional and global leadership. On the second day of our programming, we will turn our attention to security, memory and the changing attitudes of Americans toward military engagement abroad. We will begin at the Smithsonian Museum of American History by catching a glimpse of the Star-Spangled Banner, the enormous garrison flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore during the War of 1812 with the British and would later become an American icon. We will then tour parts of an expansive exhibit on Americans at war beginning with the Vietnam war. While in the exhibit, think about the interplay between military engagement abroad and domestic affairs and cultural change at home. Think of the museum as the official showcase of American history. What kind of story does the U.S. government want to tell? We will then walk across the National Mall to meet Paul D. Spreiregen to view the Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans memorials and to discuss the memorialization of complex wartime histories and spatial design in Washington more broadly; Spreiregen is an architect who supervised the design competition for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We will then turn to questions of civil liberties and counterterrorism in modern warfare and particular policy changes under recent U.S. administrations with Kate Martin, a scholar who has worked on these issues since well before 9/11.

*Location: Smithsonian National Museum of American History  
(14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW)*

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| 9:15          | Arrival  |
| 9:30 – 10:30  | <b>Exhibition: “The Price of Freedom – Americans at War”</b> |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | Walk across the National Mall                                |

*Location: The Lincoln Memorial (2 Lincoln Memorial Circle, NW)*

11:15 Arrival

11:30 – 12:30 **Site Visits: The Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

*Location: Courtyard Washington, DC / Foggy Bottom (515 20th Street, NW; “Washington” conference room)*

13:00 Arrival and lunch

13:30 – 14:30 **The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Context and Perspective**

Paul D. Spreiregen (architect and author)

14:30 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:30 **War and Civil Liberties in the Age of Terrorism**

Kate Martin (Senior Fellow,  
Center for American Progress)

16:30 – 17:30 Group Discussion led by  
Jennifer Kuklenski and Roya Talibova



## >> WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1: DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

We will examine issues in development from three particular perspectives. First, we will meet with Nageeb Sumar of the Gates Foundation to discuss the influence of private wealth in international development. How can philanthropists tackle challenges that governments cannot address? What democratic questions of governance do these dynamics raise? We will explore a particular case at the intersection of human rights and development — the cost of homophobia for economic development — with a discussion with Randy W. Berry, the first-ever U.S. Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons, and a panel of experts from government, international finance and civil society. In the afternoon, we will turn to local challenges in development by visiting Anacostia, an economically depressed neighborhood of the District of Columbia. We will view a major exhibit at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum about the period of economic, political and social change in Washington in the 1960s and 70s with Marjorie Lightman, one of the curators of the exhibit.

*Location: Stewart R. Mott Foundation  
(122 Maryland Avenue, NE)*

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| 8:45          | Arrival   |
| 9:00 – 9:15   | Introduction<br>Anthony Chase (Humanity in Action)  |
| 9:15 – 10:30  | <b>The Power of Philanthropy in Development Aid</b><br>Nageeb Sumar (Deputy Director for<br>Philanthropic Partnerships,<br>Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation) |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Break   |

- 11:00 – 11:45 **Challenges and Opportunities: The State of the Global LGBTI Rights Movement**  
Randy W. Berry (Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons, U.S. Department of State)
- 11:45 – 13:15 **Panel Discussion: Toward a More Inclusive Development Agenda: Sexual Minorities and International Development**  
Ajit Joshi (Senior LGBT and Inclusive Development Advisor, USAID)  
Ty Cobb (Director of HRC Global, Human Rights Campaign)  
Robert Oelrichs (Senior Health Specialist, The World Bank)  
Facilitator: Andreas Holzinger (Humanity in Action Fellow)
- 13:15 – 14:15 Lunch
- 14:15 Departure

*Location: Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum (1901 Fort Place, SE)*

- 15:10 Arrival
- 15:10 – 16:00 **Exhibition Tour: “Twelve Years that Shook and Shaped Washington: 1963-1975”**
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Discussion on Development and Political Change in Washington**  
Dr. Marjorie Lightman (Partner, QED Associates)

## >> THURSDAY, JUNE 2: DIPLOMACY AND ETHICS

Thursday, June 2, is devoted to examining moral questions and ethical dilemmas in diplomacy and leadership. We will meet with Carl Gettinger, a former Foreign Service Officer, whose postings in El Salvador and Iraq forced him to confront the differences in his values and the interests of larger institutions. William Keyes will speak about the daily ethical dilemmas faced in leadership and will lead a discussion about what challenges our group is already confronting in our individual professional lives. In the afternoon, we will return to diplomacy by speaking with Arsalan Suleman whose office in the U.S. Department of State seeks to engage religious groups, particularly Muslim communities, in the U.S. foreign policy process. In the evening, we will reconvene for a group dinner at Dukem, an Ethiopian restaurant which has become a Washington landmark.

*Location: Goethe-Institut Washington (1990 K Street, NW)*

- 9:45                      Arrival
- 10:00 – 11:30    **The Moral of the Story: An American Diplomat in Troubled Spots**  
Carl Gettinger (former Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State)
- 11:30 – 12:00    Break
- 12:00 – 13:30    **Ethics and Leadership**  
William Keyes (President, Institute for Responsible Citizenship)
- 13:30 – 14:30    Lunch
- 14:30 – 15:30    **U.S. Relations with the Muslim World**  
Arsalan Suleman (Acting Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, U.S. Department of State)

15:30 – 16:30 Group discussion led by Lizbeth Arias  
and John Scott

16:30 – 18:00 Presentations and discussions of  
Fellows' research

*Location: Dukem Ethiopian Restaurant (1114 - 1118 U Street)*

19:00 Dinner

## **>> FRIDAY, JUNE 3: ISSUES IN THE 2016 ELECTION**

On Friday, June 3 — the closing day of our Washington programming — we turn to the U.S. election and will discuss the international ramifications of U.S. domestic politics. Among several other critical issues, we will address three core concerns — international trade, immigration and the crisis within the Republican party. We will start by discussing the radical change in political culture concerning international trade deals with Lori Wallach, one of the foremost experts on trade in the United States, who directs a division of Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy organization founded by Ralph Nader. Angela Maria Kelley, an immigration expert at the Center for American Progress, will lead a discussion about the contentious politics of immigration in the presidential election. We will take a diversion in the middle of the day to consider a different (s)election — the selection of a new Secretary General of the U.N. with Mark Goldberg, a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow. Finally, we will meet with Alexis Levinson, a reporter with The National Review, one of the most influential conservative magazines in the country, to discuss the state of the U.S. presidential race and what a Trump presidency might mean both for the future of U.S. foreign relations and the Republican Party.

*Location: King and Spalding (1700 Pennsylvania Ave, NW)*

9:15 Arrival

- 9:30 – 11:00 **The U.S. Bipartisan Revolt on International Trade**  
Lori Wallach (Director, Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Immigration, Border Walls and Fear in the U.S. Election**  
Angela Maria Kelley (Executive Director, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Senior Vice President, Center for American Progress)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 **The Other (S)election: The Selection of the Next U.N. Secretary General and the Future of the United Nations**  
Mark Goldberg (Humanity in Action Senior Fellow; Managing Editor, UN Dispatch)
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Envisioning a Donald J. Trump Presidency**  
Alexis Levinson (Senior Political Reporter, *The National Review*)
- 15:30 – 16:30 Group Discussion led by George Bogden and Xianzhi Meng

**>> SATURDAY, JUNE 4:  
DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE**

Saturday morning and afternoon are free. We will depart for Berlin via Paris from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) in the early evening.

- 15:30 Bus departure from hotel for Dulles airport

# BERLIN

## >> **SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016: WELCOME TO BERLIN AND HUMANITY IN ACTION GERMANY**

The arrival day in Berlin offers an excursion into the time of the Cold War when the German capital was still divided by the Berlin Wall. The open air exhibition, “Berlin Wall Memorial,” extends along almost a mile of the former border strip and conveys an impression of how the border fortifications developed until the end of the 1980s. We will get a better understanding of the history of Germany’s division. The evening presentation with Henry Alt-Haaker, a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow and Board Member, will address Germany’s current political structure and discourses to pave the ground for the coming days.

*The programming from 16:30 – 18:30 is optional.*

*Location: Amano Hotel (Auguststraße 43, 10119 Berlin)*

11:50                      Arrival in Berlin and check in

*Location: Berlin Wall Memorial  
(Bernauer Straße 111, 13355 Berlin)*

16:30                      Meet outside of Amano Hotel  
(Auguststraße 43, 10119 Berlin)

17:00 – 18:30      **Visit the Berlin Wall Memorial**  
Miriamne Fields (tour guide)

*Location: Humanity in Action, Seminar Room  
(Kollwitzstr. 94, 10435 Berlin)*

19:00                      Arrival

19:15 Buffet dinner

19:45 – 21:00 **Germany 101**

Henry Alt-Haaker

(Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany)

## >> **MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016: EXCURSION INTO HISTORY**

During the Berlin part of the program, the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship will have its temporary home base in the women's cooperative WeiberWirtschaft, which has been assisting women in establishing their own businesses for two decades. Women entrepreneurs have benefited from comprehensive start-up and business management support, direct communication channels and the opportunities arising from close networking and collaboration made available through the cooperative arrangement. Before moving to current affairs, we will discuss Germany's colonial past, a topic that is often forgotten but needs to be addressed in order to fully grasp the subsequent historical periods. In the evening, Dr. Dirk Schmalenbach, Chairman of the German Board of Directors, and his wife, Alexandra Erhoff, will welcome us in their home. This will be good opportunity to meet with board members, several of whom are also Humanity in Action Senior Fellows.

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

10:15 **Arrival**

10:30 – 11:00 **Introduction to the Berlin Program**

Antje Scheidler (Humanity in Action)

11:00 – 12:30 **Coloniality and Institutional Racism**

Joshua Kwesi Aikins (political scientist)

12:45 – 14:15 Lunch at Restaurant Lemongrass

14:30 – 15:30 Group Discussion led by Jessica Tollette and Mike Videler

*Location: Home of Alexandra Erlhoff and Dr. Dirk Schmalenbach (Christburger Str. 19, 10405 Berlin)*

19:30 Arrival

19:30 – 21:00 **Welcome reception with board members**

Dr. Dirk Schmalenbach (Chair of the Board of Directors, Humanity in Action Germany),  
Alexandra Erlhoff and guests

## **>> TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016: REMEMBRANCE IN GERMANY AND ANTISEMITISM**

Half of the day will be devoted to exploring one of the central areas of Berlin with a number of memorials dedicated to the victims of the Nazi dictatorship. This part of German history — the Second World War, the Shoah, the persecution and murder of political opponents and many minority groups — has been formative for German identity for the last several generations. We hope that visiting the memorials will enable us to reflect on various means of expressing remembrance and the educational impact on its visitors. In the evening, we will discuss contemporary antisemitism, a phenomenon that the Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union (FRA) has researched with a survey. The results, published in 2013, stated that “two thirds of respondents to FRA’s survey on discrimination and hate crimes against Jews in eight EU Member States considered antisemitism to be a problem in the EU country they live in. Three quarters of respondents said that antisemitism had worsened over the past five years. Respondents also reported incidents of violence and harassment.”



*Location: Memorial Area in Berlin-Mitte (Cora-Berliner-/ Hannah-Arendt-Straße, 10117 Berlin*

9:45                      Arrival

10:00 – 13:00: **Walking Tour in the Memorial Area for the Victims of Nazi Dictatorship:** Jews, Sinti and Roma, homosexuals, victims of National Socialist “euthanasia” killings

13:00 – 14:30: **Individual Audio-Tour at the Information Center of the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe**

14:30                      Departure

*Location: Women’s Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop (Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance, 5th floor)*

15:30 – 16:30      Group Discussion led by Kathryn McDonald and Alen Kerić

17:00 – 18:30      **Antisemitism Today – Opportunities and Limits of State Interventions**  
Nikola Gillhoff (Vice Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organizations and Issues relating to Antisemitism, Federal Foreign Office)

18:30 – 18:45      Wrap-up of the day

## >> **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016: HISTORY'S IMPACT ON FOREIGN POLICY AND VISIT TO THE BUNDESTAG**

After having dealt with different periods of Germany's history, the leading question today will be how this history has shaped Germany's foreign policy. What lessons has Germany learned and applied to its interactions with other countries, nations and supranational entities? What choices in international relations can be seen against the background of Germany's history? Who could be a better speaker to discuss these questions with us than Dr. Klaus Scharioth, who was a member of the German Foreign Service for more than 35 years (1976-2011) and who served from 2006-2011 as German Ambassador to the United States? In the afternoon, we will visit Berlin's powerhub, the German Bundestag, where we will meet with Dr. Karamba Diaby, a Member of Parliament from East Germany. He focuses on social unity in East and West Germany, advancement through education as well as the promotion of diversity as an asset. By learning about Dr. Diaby's political career, we will get an insider's perspective on various political dynamics and discourses in German society. Visiting the dome of the Reichstag — especially in the evening — provides a spectacular view over the city.

In the evening, Humanity in Action will host a public lecture by Konstanty Gebert, a journalist from Poland and a special advisor on international affairs with Humanity in Action. He will share his perspectives on the political and practical realities of what Europe today refers to as its 'refugee crisis.' Convinced that mass population movements will continue to form part of Europe's reality, Gebert will speak about the significance these movements have and will have on our understanding of 'ownership' and 'rights.'

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

8:45                      Arrival

9:00 – 9:15            Introduction into the Day

9:15 – 10:15 **Spotlight Session: The Health Sector: Sharing Experiences from Working on HIV/AIDS**

Kyla Johnson and Tanja Dittfeld  
(Humanity in Action Fellows)

10:30 – 12:00 **Germany's Foreign Policy and How It is Impacted by the Country's History**

Dr. Klaus Scharioth (Former German  
Ambassador to the United States)

12:00 Departure

*Location: Paul-Löbe-Haus, Room E032  
(Konrad-Adenauer-Str. 1, 11011 Berlin)*

12:30 Security procedures

13:00 – 14:00 **Conversation with Dr. Karamba Diaby**

Dr. Karamba Diaby (Member of the German  
Bundestag, Social Democratic Party)

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

15:00 – 16:00 Group Discussion led by Matthew  
Kustenbauder and Moises Mendoza

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

19:00 – 21:00 **Public Lecture: Migration as the New Normal**

Konstanty Gebert (International Columnist,  
Gazeta Wyborcza; Special Advisor on  
International Affairs, Humanity in Action)

*Location: German Bundestag (Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin)*

21:30 Security procedures

22:00 **Berlin at Night**  
Visiting the Dome of the Reichstag

## >> **THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016: SEEKING REFUGE AND ASYLUM IN EUROPE**

Humanity in Action runs parallel Fellowship programs. This day is dedicated to bringing the Fellows from the Berlin Fellowship and the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship together. We will take a closer look at the challenges that the current migration flows pose and discuss various responses from within society — from volunteering to hate speech, from the welcome culture to discrimination.

The Humanity in Action network is international by nature and Berlin is a permanent, temporary or transitory home for many alumni. Therefore the evening is reserved for networking and continued conversations with Humanity in Action Senior Fellows.

### **JOINT DAY WITH THE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP**

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

8:30 Arrival

8:45 – 9:00 Introduction  
Luisa Maria Schweizer and Antje Scheidler  
(Humanity in Action Germany)

9:00 – 10:15 **Seeking Refuge and Asylum in Germany:  
Human Rights Violations Meet Counter  
Activities**  
Dr. Nivedita Prasad (Professor, Alice Salomon  
University of Applied Science)

11:00 – 12:30 **Realities of Newcomers and Refugees in Rural Areas: Between a Welcoming Culture and Racist Attacks**

Konstanze Ameer (Amadeu Antonio Foundation, Project “Aktion Schutzschild”)

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch at Restaurant Due Forni (Schönhauser Allee 12, 10119 Berlin)

14:30 – 16:00 **Panel Discussion: Europe’s Refugee Crisis – No Time for Easy Answers**

Maximilian Popp (Journalist, *Der Spiegel*)

Ramy Al-Asheq (Editor-in-Chief, *ABWAB Newspaper*)

Astrid Ziebarth (Migration Fellow, Europe Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States)

Moderator: Linnea Riensberg (Board Member and Senior Fellow, Humanity in Action Germany)

16:30 – 17:30 Group discussion led by Hanya Riedl and Rohit Sudarshan

17:30 – 18:00 Wrap-up of the day

*Location: Restaurant Die Schule (Kastanienallee 82, 10435 Berlin)*

19:00 – 21:00 Dinner with Humanity in Action Senior Fellows

## >> FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016: PROTECTING CULTURAL PROPERTY

The images of recently destroyed or damaged cultural property in Syria were deeply disturbing and added another dimension — a cultural heritage perspective — to the Syrian civil war. Today, we will be visiting Berlin's Archeological Centre and discuss the issue with two experts — representing both academic and policy perspectives. We will view some ancient cuneiform artifacts. The afternoon is dedicated to working on the articles that all Fellows write as a requirement of the fellowship program. Our in-house editor, Johannes Lukas Gartner from the German office, will join us for the session. In the evening, the Gallery Kai Dikhas invites us for a vernissage featuring the work of David Weiss. The gallery is specialized in Romani and Sinti contemporary art.

*Location: Archeological Centre (Geschwister-Scholl-Straße, 10117 Berlin)*

- 9:45                      Arrival
- 10:00 – 11:15        **Protecting Cultural Property: Opportunities and Limits of Law, Diplomacy and Research**  
Prof. Markus Hilgert (Director, Museum of the Ancient Near East) and Dr. Robert Peters (Legal Officer, Office of the Federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media)
- 11:15 – 12:30        Site Visit: Tour of the Depository
- 12:45 – 14:30        Lunch at Restaurant Zwölf Apostel (S-Bahnbögen 177-180, Georgenstraße 2, 10117 Berlin)

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

15:30 – 16:30 Group Discussion led by Kyla Johnson and  
Nina Lazarczyk

17:00 – 18:00 Working session on Fellows' research articles  
Johannes Lukas Gartner  
(Program Coordinator and Editor,  
Humanity in Action Germany)

18:00 – 18:15 Wrap-up of the day

### **OPTIONAL EVENING PROGRAMMING**

*Location: Aufbau Haus am Moritzplatz, Prinzenstr. 84, Entrance  
2 (Corner of Oranienstr. / Stallschreiberstr.), 10969 Berlin*

19:00 Vernissage at the Gallery Kai Dikhas –  
Gallery for Contemporary Art of the Roma and  
Sinti in the AUFBAU HAUS presenting art by  
David Weiss

## **>> SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016: AFTERNOON SKILLS WORKSHOP**

Speaking in public, addressing unknown or large audiences, is reason for many to feel uneasy. However, public speaking is a crucial tool in many professions and one of the keys to success. The training session on June 11 aims to help with understanding and practicing the four most important pillars (attention, meaning, multi-sensory and emotion) needed to maximize one's impact when speaking to an audience. At the end of the training, participants will have an understanding of their preferred communication style and they will have gained awareness on how to connect with various audiences to leave a lasting impression. The workshop is exercise intensive and covers the importance of structure, voice, body language, presence and the use of multi-sensory/emotionally stimulating communication.

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

13:45           Arrival

14:00 – 19:00   **Workshop: Advanced Public Speaking**  
Mona Shair-Wloch (Key2dvance)

## >> **SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016: FREE DAY**

## >> **MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016: TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS**

This last day of the Berlin program is dedicated to questions of radicalism and violent extremism during which our own Fellow Tamikka Forbes is sharing insights from her research with us. We will also take time to reflect on the program before the Berlin part concludes with a real highlight — a visit to the Embassy of the United States and a discussion on transatlantic relations with Ambassador John B. Emerson.

*Location: Women's Business Center, Room 5 – rooftop  
(Anklamer Str. 38, 10115 Berlin; 1st yard, 2nd entrance,  
5th floor)*

12:30 – 13:30   Lunch

13:30 – 14:30   **Spotlight Session: Radicalization and  
Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism**  
Tamikka Forbes (Humanity in Action Fellow)

14:30 – 15:00   Break

15:00 – 16:00   Feedback and reflections on the program



*Location: Embassy of the United States of America in Berlin  
(Pariser Platz 2, 10117 Berlin)*

16:45                    Arrival — with passports

17:15 – 18:15        **Briefing with the U.S. Ambassador to the  
Federal Republic of Germany**

John B. Emerson (U.S. Ambassador)

*Location: Restaurant Pasternak (Knaackstraße 22/24,  
10405 Berlin)*

19:00                    Farewell dinner

## >> **TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016: TRAVELLING TO POLAND**

*Location: Amano Hotel (Auguststraße 43, 10119 Berlin)*

8:00                    Meet in front of Amano Hotel

8:15                    Departure by bus

*Location: Central Train Station (Hauptbahnhof, Europaplatz 1,  
10557 Berlin)*

9:37                    Departure

15:15                    Arrival in Warsaw, Poland

# WARSAW

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## >> TUESDAY, JUNE 14: WELCOME TO WARSAW AND HUMANITY IN ACTION POLAND

The last day in Berlin and the first day in Warsaw is the time for transition between both program components. We plan a dinner and warm welcome by the Board Members of Humanity in Action Poland. Apart from this, decompression.

*Location: Warsaw Central Train Station (Aleje Jerozolimskie 54)*

15:15                      Arrival

*Location: Hotel Mercure (Złota street 48/54)*

15:45                      Check-in at the Hotel Mercure

*Location: Mią ższ Restaurant (Francuska 12 A)*

19:30-21:30            **Welcome Dinner**

Hosted by Janusz Reiter and  
Eugeniusz Smolar (Board Members,  
Humanity in Action Poland)

## >> WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15: POLAND TODAY

The program in Warsaw consists of two interrelated parts referring to the key subjects of diplomacy and diversity. The first programming day focuses on the role of Poland in the region and its foreign policy priorities after 1989, which will be presented by Eugeniusz Smolar, a foreign policy expert and one of Humanity in Action's Polish board members. Special attention will be devoted to the shift in Polish foreign policy after the last parliamentary elections in November 2015. Konstanty Gebert, a

journalist and Humanity in Action advisor, will discuss the successes and failures in Poland's systemic transformation. Poland used to be acknowledged as a country of successful transformation into democracy as a market economy with civil society. But the transition was not free from mistakes and people were left alone in a completely new reality for which they were not prepared. Thus, some Poles contested the post-solidarity reality. This frustration was visible in the last parliamentary elections, in which the Law and Justice Party won with a significant majority of seats enabling it to form a one-party government. After the fellows discussion, we will explore Warsaw looking for traces of the past in today's urban landscape.

*Location: Plac Grzybowski 2*

- 9:30                      Arrival
- 9:45 – 10:15          Introduction  
Monika Mazur-Rafał (Humanity in Action Poland)
- 10:15 – 11:30        **Contemporary Poland in the Region**  
Eugeniusz Smolar (Board Member,  
Humanity in Action Poland)
- 11:30 – 12:00        Break
- 12:00 – 13:30        **Poland After 1989 v. Poland Today:  
Democratization and Systemic  
Transformation**  
Konstanty Gebert (International Columnist,  
Gazeta Wyborcza; Special Advisor on  
International Affairs, Humanity in Action)

*Location: Miłość Restaurant (Kredytowa street 9)*

- 13:30 – 14:15        Lunch
- 15:00 – 16:00        Group Discussion led by Suong Vong and  
Andreas Holzinger

16:00 – 16:30 Wrap-up of the day

16:30 – 17:00 Break

17:00 – 19:30 **Walking Tour, Part I**

Adrian Grycuk (tour guide)

Free Evening

## >> **THURSDAY, JUNE 16: WAR AND MEMORY: IMPACT OF LOST DIVERSITY**

The goal of the day is to explore the relevance of the Second World War and the Holocaust for contemporary Poland. We will start the day with a meeting with Professor Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, who had a leading role in designing the core exhibition of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN. The exhibit presents Poles and Jews living together over centuries with periods of cooperation and periods of immense challenges. Due to the Holocaust, shifting borders, mass movements during and after the war, socialist Poland was installed as an ethnically homogenous country. The regime presented itself as a positive feature and tried to destroy any form of diversity. Over 44 years, the society has been living in a closed country. Only after systems changed in 1989, was it already officially acknowledged that minority representatives are welcomed in free Poland. Since then, we observe a growing interest in different cultures as well as efforts to revive lost diversity coming back to the roots of a prewar multicultural society. There is, however, also a trend to perceive low but growing diversity as a risk for the society. Low levels of diversity can also be a challenge as was visible during the last election campaign and the debate on receiving refugees from the crisis areas in the Middle East, when there was a wave of frustration, intolerance and hate speech in public and private discussions among Poles. In the last session, we will explore the challenges resulting from the rise of the extreme in Europe with Larry Olomofe from ODIHR.

*Location: Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN  
(Anielewicz street 6)*

- 9:00                    Arrival & security check
- 9:15 – 9:30            Introduction  
                              Monika Mazur-Rafał
- 9:30 – 10:00        **Introduction to the Core Exhibition**  
                              Prof. Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett (Chief  
                              Curator of the Core Exhibition, POLIN)
- 10:00 – 13:30      **Core Exhibition Visit, individual walk with  
                              audio guides**

*Location: Besamim Restaurant at the Museum Polin  
(ground floor)*

- 13:30 – 14:30      Lunch

*Location: Educational Center Polin (1st floor)*

- 14:15 – 15:45      Group Discussion led by Ashley Portillo and  
                              Tamikka Forbes

*Location: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human  
Rights (ODIHR) Warsaw (Miodowa street 10)*

- 16:10                    Security check
- 16:30 – 18:00      **The Rise of the Extreme: Challenges of Hate  
                              Speech and Hate Crime**  
                              Larry Olomofe (Adviser on Combating Racism  
                              and Xenophobia, Office for Democratic  
                              Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR))
- 18:00 – 18:15      Wrap-up

*Location: Zorza Restaurant (Żurawia street 6)*

20:00 – 22:00 Buffet Dinner

Networking Dinner with Senior Fellows

## **>> FRIDAY, JUNE 17: BORDERS, SECURITY & DIPLOMACY**

Poland with its geopolitical situation between the East and West, Germany and Russia has long been exposed to security threats. Therefore, after 1989, security of borders, especially with Germany, was the key issue. In turn, Germany as a major exporter has been deeply interested in enlarging the security zone. Thus, both countries had a mutual interest in developing their friendly relations beyond the heritage of the Second World War. Janusz Reiter, who was at that time Ambassador of Poland to Germany, was actively engaged in this reconciliation process. Later on Germany became an advocate of Poland in EU structures, which was instrumental for Poland's EU accession. Next, Poland as the EU member state is also interested in enlarging its security zone. It supports Ukraine in its EU ambitions and in transforming the country into a democracy and a market economy. Ambassador Magdziak-Miszewska will talk about relations between Poland and Ukraine, challenging proximity to Russia and will also focus on the Ukrainian crisis. Beyond bilateral relations, Poland is also responsible for securing the EU's external borders. Finally, the refugee crisis in Europe made clear how unprepared the EU as a whole was to such types of changes, also due to different expectations of its member states. Ewa Moncure will present the mandate of Frontex, the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union, and its actions, which exemplifies challenges in reaching a compromise among EU member states and their different interests.

*Location: Frontex (Plac Europejski 6)*

9:10                      Arrival and security check

- 9:30 – 9:45 Introduction to the Day  
Monika Mazur-Rafał
- 9:45 – 11:15 **The European Union: The Paradigm of a ‘Fortress’ v. Human Rights Standards**  
Ewa Moncure (Spokesperson, Frontex)
- 11:15 – 12:15 Break and departure

*Location: Menora (Plac Grzybowski 2)*

- 12.00 – 13:30 **Polish-German Relations: Reconciliation, Cooperation and Challenges**  
Janusz Reiter (former Ambassador; Humanity in Poland Board Member)

*Location: Miłość Restaurant (Kredytowa street 9)*

- 13:30 – 14:45 Lunch

*Location: Austrian Cultural Forum (Próżna street 7/9)*

- 15:00 – 16:30 **Poland as a EU Border Country Between the West and East**  
Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska (former Ambassador; defense and Eastern policy expert)
- 16:30 – 16:45 Break
- 16:45 – 17:45 Group Discussion led by Oskar Raczycki and John Scott
- 17:45 – 18:15 Wrap-up

## >> **SATURDAY, JUNE 18: EXPLORING WARSAW**

- 11:00 Meeting point in the Hotel's lobby
- 11:30 – 13:30 **Sightseeing of Warsaw: Praga District  
(Part II)**  
Adrian Grycuk (tour guide)

*Location: (Plac Zabaw)*

- 18:00 BBQ, in case of good weather

## >> **SUNDAY, JUNE 19: DAY OFF**

## >> **MONDAY, JUNE 20: SECURITY V. HUMAN RIGHTS**

Apart from traditional security challenges, modern democracies face new forms of threats to their stability and prosperity. In the globalized world the new 'battlefields' are (among others) the internet and movements of people. Thus, Agnieszka Kosowicz will present the discourse in Poland regarding a possible reception of refugees and the real facts and figures. What role have Poland's international agreements played? Mrs. Kosowicz will also present the challenges of the refugees living in Poland for some time already. Next, Katarzyna Szymielewicz will engage us into a conversation about potential infringements of privacy rights and ways of preserving the ownership over own private data in the age of social media. The last session touches upon the controversy in Polish public life on the cooperation of Poland's highest authorities with the CIA in conducting interrogation of alleged terrorists involved in 9/11. This cooperation included the use of torture – in violation to the Polish Constitution and binding international agreements signed by Poland. There will be a panel discussion of Mrs. Grabowska-Moroz and Mrs. Piasecka on how to draw a line between security and human rights.



*Location: Polish Migration Forum (Szpitalna street 5/14)*

- 9:45                    Arrival
- 10:00 – 10:15    Introduction  
                          Monika Mazur-Rafał
- 10:15 – 11:45    **Migration Crisis in Europe:  
Challenges in Poland**  
                          Agnieszka Kosowicz  
                          (President, Polish Migration Forum)

*Location: Menora (Plac Grzybowski 2)*

- 11:45 – 12:15    Break
- 12:15 – 13:45    **Security v. Privacy Rights in  
Modern Democracy**  
                          Katarzyna Szymielewicz  
                          (President, Panoptikon Foundation)

*Location: Miłość Restaurant (Kredytowa street 9)*

- 13:45 – 15:00    Lunch

*Location: Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights (Zgoda street 11)*

- 15:30 – 17:00    **CIA Renditions in Poland: How to Draw a Line  
Between Security and Human Rights?**  
                          Barbara Grabowska-Moroz (Helsinki  
                          Foundation of Human Rights)  
                          Paulina Piasecka (Terrorism Research Center,  
                          Collegium Civitas)

*Location: Menora (Plac Grzybowski 2)*

17:15 – 18:15     Group Discussion led by Renata Barreto and David Truong

18:15 – 18:30     Wrap-up

## >> **TUESDAY, JUNE 21: LOOKING FOR A COMPROMISE IN INTERNATIONAL SET-UP**

The last day of our programming in Warsaw is devoted to skills training. In the globalized and interdependent world achieving a compromise is becoming more and more difficult. After the training on public speaking in Berlin, we will hold a skills workshop on negotiation. In the evening, we will attend the presentations of the social campaigns against discrimination and hate speech developed by the Humanity in Action Fellows in the Warsaw program. Finally, we will have a closing dinner together.

*Location: Menora (Plac Grzybowski 2)*

9:00                Arrival

9:15 – 17:00     **International Negotiations: Skills Training**  
Wojciech Sacha (institutional negotiation trainer and public policy expert)

*Location: Miłość Restaurant (Kredytowa street 9)*

13:00 – 14:00     Lunch

*Location: Austrian Cultural Forum (Próżna street 7/9)*

17:30 – 20:00     **Eight Ideas for Social Campaigns Against Hate Speech**

*Location: Bar Studio (Plac Defilad 1 in the Palace of Culture and Science, entrance from Marszałkowska street)*

20:30 – 22:30 Farewell Dinner

## **>> WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22: DEPARTURE TO ATHENS**

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| 7:30  | Check-out from the Mercure Hotel   |
| 7:45  | Travel to the Chopin Airport by train from the Warsaw Central Train Station (Aleje Jerozolimskie 54) |
| 8:55  | Arrival at the Chopin Airport (Żwirki i Wigury street 1)   |
| 10:55 | Departure to Athens, Flight A3 861   |
| 14:25 | Arrival in Athens, Greece  |

# ATHENS

## >> **THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – SATURDAY, JUNE 25: HUMANITY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN ATHENS, GREECE**

We will depart from Warsaw and travel to Athens with the 2016 Humanity in Action Fellows of the Warsaw Program.

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

The Seventh Annual International Conference, titled “Europe at a Crossroads: Voices from Athens,” will investigate a range of critical issues concerning Greece’s political and economic situations. Over the course of four days, the conference will examine Greece’s position at the forefront of multiple intersecting crises – foremost the migration crisis, as Greece is the first destination for hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees, as well as a hub for human trafficking. The conference will also address Greece’s financial crisis, as the country’s institutions and civil society continue to fracture under the pressure of the recession in Europe and the country’s ties to the European Union.

The conference will include keynotes, discussions and workshops with leading Greek and international experts. It will also feature the annual Senior Fellow Reunion Dinner, skills training sessions, networking opportunities and tours within Athens.

Please refer to the conference program booklet for a detailed schedule and speaker biographies.

## >> **SUNDAY, JUNE 26: DEPARTURE FROM ATHENS**

The International Conference and the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship formally conclude on the evening of June 25. Fellows will make their journeys back to their home cities beginning in the morning of June 26.

# 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. As an academic and activist, he is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana. 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. As a member of the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative of Black People in Germany), he works in both policy analysis and lobbying, advocating for data collection toward tracing, proving and combating the effects of institutional racism. He is involved in antiracist organising, 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 and to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana’s first Voter advice application for the December 2012 elections.

## 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, 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.” He issued his first book “Walking on Dreams” in 2014 which is a poetry book about the Syrian revolution, then earned a grant for full-time writing of the Heinrich

Böll Foundation in Germany. Ramy Al-Asheq writes for many Arabic and German newspapers and publications. He has been living in Germany since November 2014 and is a resident of Cologne.

## **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 remained engaged with Humanity in Action since as a member and chair of the German and European Senior Fellow Networks and various other Humanity in Action bodies. Currently he serves as a Member of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany. After studying Philosophy and German Literature in Berlin (Humboldt University), Paris (Sorbonne Paris 1) and Saint Louis (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 daily. 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 Bundestag, was the Manager of Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger — formerly Germany's 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.

## **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, Konstanze has been the project director of Aktion Schutzschild (Action Protection Shield) with the Amadeu Antonio Foundation.

## **RANDY W. BERRY**

Randy W. Berry is the U.S. State Department's first-ever Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBTI Persons. He arrived in his new post on April 13, 2015. Prior to serving as the Special Envoy, he served as the United States Consul General in Amsterdam. He was United States Consul General in Auckland, New Zealand, from 2009 to 2012, and prior to that, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal, from 2007 to 2009. Mr. Berry's career with the State Department has also taken him to postings in Bangladesh, Egypt, Uganda (twice), and South Africa, as well as Washington, DC. Mr. Berry holds a State Department Superior Honor Award, and is a nine-time Meritorious Honor Award recipient. He speaks Spanish and Arabic. Mr. Berry was raised on a family cattle ranch in rural Custer County, Colorado. He is a graduate of Bethany College of Lindsborg, Kansas, and was a Rotary Scholar at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. Before joining the Foreign Service in 1993, Berry worked as an international training manager for America West Airlines in Phoenix, Arizona.

## **TY COBB**

As Director of HRC Global, Ty Cobb works to advance equality for LGBT people around the world. Much of his work focuses on collaborating with international LGBT organizations and leaders; exposing U.S. individuals and organizations exporting homophobia and transphobia abroad; and ensuring that the U.S. government is fulfilling its commitment to support the human rights of LGBT people across the globe. Previously, Ty served as Senior Legislative Counsel at HRC, where he focused on advocacy related to a portfolio of federal issues, including the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and passage of a LGBT-inclusive Violence Against Women Act. He joined HRC after serving as counsel to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee of the U.S. Senate, where he worked toward passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act in 2009. Ty began his professional career as an associate attorney at Bracewell & Giuliani in Dallas and then Sidley Austin in Washington, D.C. He received his bachelor's degrees at the University of Texas at Austin and his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law. He is a member of the Victory Fund's Campaign Board and serves as a mentor with the Point Foundation.

## **KARAMBA DIABY**

Dr. Karamba Diaby was born in 1961 in Marsassoum in Senegal. In 1985 he came to Germany as a student and since then has been politically and socially active. Since September 2013 Diaby has been a Member of the German Bundestag for the Social Democratic Party (SPD). His focus areas are social unity in East and West Germany, advancement through education as well as the promotion of diversity as an asset. He is a full member of the Committee on Education, Research and Technology Assessment and Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid. Here he approaches domestic and foreign policy from a human rights perspective. This includes educational issues, the fight against racism and the development of the asylum system. Since 2015 Diaby has been the head of the SPD project group #NeuesMiteinander, which deals with the challenges of immigration society. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (Federal Agency for Civic Education).

## **JOHN B. EMERSON**

John B. Emerson was confirmed by the United States Senate on August 1, 2013, as U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. Ambassador Emerson was the 2015 recipient of the State Department's Sue M. Cobb Award for Exemplary Diplomatic Service, which is given annually to a non-career Ambassador who has used private sector leadership and management skills to make a significant impact on bilateral or multilateral relations through proactive diplomacy. Emerson was the President of Capital Group Private Client Services from 1997-2013. Previously, he served on President Bill Clinton's senior staff, from 1993-1997. He served as Deputy Director of Presidential Personnel, and subsequently as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, where he was the President's liaison to the nation's governors. Emerson also coordinated the Economic Conference of the Clinton-Gore transition team and led the Administration's efforts to obtain congressional approval of the GATT Uruguay Round Agreement in 1994 and the extension of China's MFN trading status in 1996. In 2010, President Obama appointed Emerson to serve on the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. Before joining the Clinton Administration, he served as the Los Angeles Chief Deputy City Attorney (1987-1993) and was a partner at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, specializing in business and



entertainment litigation and administrative law. Emerson earned his BA in government and philosophy from Hamilton College and his JD from the University of Chicago.

## **KONSTANTY GEBERT**

Konstanty 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 is the founder of the Polish Jewish intellectual publication *Midrasz*. Konstanty Gebert serves as a board member for the Paideia Institute in Stockholm as well as the Einstein Forum in Potsdam, Germany. He has taught in Poland, Israel and the US. He 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.

## **DELESSLIN “ROO” GEORGE-WARREN**

DeLesslin “Roo” George-Warren grew up with one moccasin in the small city of Rock Hill, South Carolina, and the other in the Catawba Indian Nation. Today, he continues to straddles multiple boundaries between art, advocacy, research, and performance. After graduating from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelors of Musical Arts (May 2014) he returned to his reservation to conduct oral history interviews with Elders and workshops with youth. Since relocating to the District of Columbia, DeLesslin has performed all over the Eastern Seaboard including New York City, Baltimore, Washington, Charleston, Nashville, and Atlanta. Current projects include an indigenous tour of the Presidential Portrait Gallery ([indigenousdiscovery.com](http://indigenousdiscovery.com)), a performance-lecture on the great history of the Catawba Indian Nation (*Histories*), and Indigenous Youth for Peace — an organization that brings young indigenous thinkers and doers to international peace-building conferences and summits. DeLesslin is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Denmark 2014).

## CARL GETTINGER

Hugo Carl Gettinger (known as Carl) is from San Diego, California. He became interested in the Foreign Service at the age of 15 when he had to write a high school essay on what he wanted to do in life. He became a Foreign Service Officer in March 1979, soon after graduating from San Diego State University where he majored in history. His first assignment was to Santiago, Chile, as a consular officer. His main interest, however, was political work and in Santiago he moonlighted for the political section of the embassy, working with individuals and groups opposed to the regime of Augusto Pinochet. In 1980 he responded to a call for volunteers to serve in San Salvador, El Salvador and was assigned as a political officer, arriving there in July of that year. There he worked closely with the Christian Democratic Party and the Catholic Church and travelled extensively to assess political and social conditions throughout the country. He was in El Salvador for two years, then briefly in October 1983, then again for five months in 1984. He worked on El Salvador issues in the Office of Central American Affairs at the State Department from 1984 to 1986. He then chose to take a different path, studying Japanese and then going to Japan as a political and political/military officer for a total of 12 years in Tokyo, Okinawa, Nagoya, and Yokohama. His Japan tours were interrupted by three years in Argentina in the mid 1990s. He left his assignment as the chief of political/military affairs in Tokyo early in 2005 to go to Mosul, Iraq as the head of the State Department's operations in northern Iraq. He ended his career in 2009, his last assignment as the political/military chief in Islamabad, Pakistan. His post retirement assignments were again in Islamabad and in Bogota, Colombia. During 30 years as a Foreign Service Officer Carl was awarded the Averell Harriman Award and the FBI award "For Service in the Public Interest" for his work in identifying and bringing to justice the killers of four American churchwomen in El Salvador in 1980 as well as the State Department's Superior Honor Award and five Meritorious Honor Awards. Carl is married to Julia Fendrick, also a Foreign Service Officer, and he will soon follow her to Paris where she will be the Counselor for Cultural Affairs. Julia is a Public Affairs Officer and has served in Tokyo, Copenhagen, Islamabad, Rome and Tripoli. Carl and Julia have three grown children, a son and two daughters.

## NIKOLA GILLHOFF

Nikola Gillhoff is Deputy Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organisations and Questions on Antisemitism in the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. Until September 2015, she worked in the Middle East division in the European External Action Service in Brussels. Before that, she was the German delegate to the Maghreb/Mashrek Working Party negotiating EU Council conclusions, documents and declarations on the Middle East and North Africa region as First Secretary in the Political Division at the German Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels. Nikola previously worked for the German Federal Chancellery during the German EU Presidency and at the European Commission as well as in the German Federal Foreign Office on Human Resources issues and on Asia/Oceania Affairs at the Permanent Representation to the EU at a former posting. Nikola also served at the German Embassy in Tel Aviv. She earned her Master's Degree in International Relations at the Free University in Berlin and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. Nikola is a founding member of the International Criminal Law Society, and a lecturer on international criminal law at the Free University in Berlin. Nikola speaks English, French, and Dutch.

## MARK GOLDBERG

Mark Leon Goldberg is a writer, blogger and podcaster. He is the editor of the United Nations and global affairs blog UN Dispatch and host of the Global Dispatches Podcast. He is co-founder of the global humanitarian news clips service DAWNS Digest. For three years running, he's been named one of *Foreign Policy* magazine's Top 100 "Twitterati." From 2004–2006 Mark was a writing fellow at *The American Prospect* where he wrote numerous articles on foreign policy. Prior to joining the *Prospect*, Mark was a research assistant at the New America Foundation. Mark is a Senior Fellow with Humanity in Action and a proud former Dan Dutko Memorial Foundation Public Policy Fellow. Mark's work has been featured in the *New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The American Prospect*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *The New Republic*, *PSI IMPACT*, *USAID Frontlines*, and *The Daily Beast*. He has appeared regularly as an on-air guest for Al Jazeera English, National Public Radio, the BBC and HuffPo Live. He has a Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University.

## **JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN**

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 Ph.D. 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.

## **BARBARA GRABOWSKA-MOROZ**

Barbara Grabowska-Moroz is a lawyer at the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Warsaw, Poland), coordinator of the "Monitoring of the legislative process", L.LM in comparative constitutional law (Central European University, Budapest) and a Ph.D. candidate at the Warsaw University.

## **ADRIAN GRYCUK**

Adrian Grycuk is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Department of Social and Economic Research and EU Policies at the Bureau of Research, Chancellery of the Sejm (lower house of the Polish Parliament). He graduated from the Warsaw School of Economics and currently works on his PhD in management at Kozminski University in Warsaw. Adrian started his professional career as a project manager at the Polish Information & Foreign Investment Agency, supporting greenfield manufacturing projects of multinational companies in Poland. In 2004-2009 he worked with Rexam Home & Personal Care Łódź, a Polish branch of UK-based Rexam plc (packaging industry). He is a certified lean black belt and a member of Polish Lean Management Association. One of his most favourite hobbies is Warsaw; he has been a licensed city guide since 2011. He is also an active Wikipedia editor (over 26k edits and 3k photographs uploaded to Wikimedia Commons), contributing mostly to the Warsaw WikiProject.

## MARKUS HILGERT

Prof. Dr. Markus Hilgert (born 11 August 1969) is a specialist in Ancient Near Eastern Studies and Cultural Heritage Research. He is the current Director of the Ancient Near East Museum (Vorderasiatisches Museum) at the Pergamonmuseum in Berlin (Staatliche Museen zu Berlin – Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz). From 2007 until 2014, Hilgert held a chair for Cuneiform Studies at Heidelberg University. From 1998 to 2007 he taught as an Assistant Professor for Assyriology at Jena University. From 1990 to 1998 Hilgert was a student (Assyriology, Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, Comparative Semitics) at the universities of Marburg, Munich, and Chicago. Between 2009 and 2015, Hilgert served as President of the Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft, a learned society established in 1898 in order to support German archaeological research in the Near East. From 2011 until 2013, Hilgert was the founding director of the interdisciplinary research center “Material Text Cultures” (SFB 933) funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft. Hilgert is the founding director of the “Heidelberg Center for Cultural Heritage”, an interdisciplinary expert network for cultural heritage research established at Heidelberg University in 2013. Since 2015, Hilgert is the coordinator of the federal research consortium ILLICID, a transdisciplinary research project focusing on the illicit traffic with cultural property in Germany. ILLICID is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Hilgert is also the director of the newly established “Center for Digital Cultural Heritage in Museums” (<http://www.zedikum.de/>), a core facility for the 3D digitization of archaeological objects at the Berlin State Museums funded by the Federal Commissioner for Culture and Media. In addition, Hilgert is the co-director (with the ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to UNESCO) of the Iraqi-German expert forum “Iraq’s Cultural Heritage at Archaeological Sites and Museums,” funded by the Federal Foreign Office. Hilgert is a member of the expert roster of UNESCO’s “Emergency Safeguarding of the Syrian Cultural Heritage Project.” In 2016, Hilgert was named the “National Correspondent for the Blue Shield in Germany.” Hilgert is a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts and has held visiting professorships at various universities in Europe and the United States. He has received several prestigious awards and scholarships and published extensively in the fields of cuneiform studies, cultural theory, and cultural heritage research. Hilgert holds honorary professorships at Heidelberg University and Marburg University.

## AJIT JOSHI

Ajit Joshi is USAID's Senior LGBT and Inclusive Development Advisor in the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance at USAID in Washington. He provides technical assistance on programs and policies as well as training on human rights integration. He leads inclusive development training efforts for USAID field staff, implementing partners, and external stakeholders with particular expertise in the inclusion and protection of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex (LGBTI) persons in addition to the wider range of social inclusion - social impact and safeguards, disability, indigenous peoples, counter trafficking in persons, and gender. Under his leadership, USAID has made strides in LGBTI inclusion, both in workplace policy and international development programming. His technical assistance, leadership, and training for USAID programs, ranging from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Malawi, Mali, Georgia, Armenia, the regional USAID-UNDP Being LGBTI in Asia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh to raising the profile of LGBTI persons in economic growth at the USOECD, have been recognized for team building, technical excellence and inclusion. For his courageous leadership in establishing USAID as a maverick and thought leader in inclusive development of LGBTI people — both staff and program beneficiaries — he received the Agency's Distinguished Honor Award and a Meritorious Honor Award for his service as Acting Senior LGBT Coordinator. He has previously served as a Senior Program Officer, Special Assistant to the Counselor to the Agency, Team Leader for NGO capacity-building, and Supervisory Democracy Specialist in the Africa Bureau. In these roles he has earned a Superior Honor Award, Superior Accomplishment Award for Special Acts and Suggestions, an Equal Employment Opportunity Award, meritorious honor awards, and several group superior and meritorious honor awards. Prior to USAID, he worked on post-conflict reconstruction in Liberia with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, a CTIP activity at the State Department's Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration, and on a bilateral environmental agreement at the US Consulate in Maracaibo, Venezuela. He received a Master's Degree in international affairs from Columbia University, a Bachelor's Degree from Tufts University, and a Fulbright Fellowship (India). He has served on the Board of Governors of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest advocacy group in the US advancing the inclusion and participation of LGBTI persons. He twice served as a board member on the USAID-State LGBTI+ employee resource group

(ERG), GLIFAA, during which time he was the driving force for Secretary Clinton recommending GLIFAA, which was recognized by Out & Equal as 2009 Employee Resource Group of the Year. As a ParaYoga certified teacher, he enjoys teaching yoga, meditation, philosophy, and serving as a life coach.

## **ANGELA MARIA KELLEY**

Angela Maria Kelley is the Executive Director of the Center for American Progress Action Fund and a Senior Vice President at the Center for American Progress. She joined American Progress in 2009 and was the first Vice President for Immigration Policy until November 2014. Kelley took a leave of absence from American Progress in November 2014 to work as advisor in the White House on immigration executive actions. She also served as the vice president for campaigns and advocacy at Planned Parenthood Federation of America before returning to American Progress. Before joining American Progress, Kelley served as director of the Immigration Policy Center, a research and rapid-response organization that provides policymakers, academics, the media, and the general public with access to accurate information about the effects of immigration on the U.S. economy and society. Prior to that, Kelley was deputy director at the National Immigration Forum, where she headed its legislative, policy, and communications activities and oversaw its operations. During her service there, Kelley was a frontline negotiator as Congress debated proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation. Kelley, the daughter of South American immigrants, began her career as an attorney for a legal services agency in Washington, D.C., representing low-income immigrants on immigration and family matters. She is a graduate of The George Washington University Law School and a Georgetown University Law School Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow.

## **WILLIAM A. KEYES**

William A. Keyes, IV has worked in Washington, DC for nearly four decades. He has worked on Capitol Hill and as a White House Senior Policy Advisor. His most important work to date has been the establishment and direction of the Institute for Responsible Citizenship, which selects some of America's best and brightest African American male college students for an intensive two-summer enrichment program. For his extensive work in education, Keyes was presented the Mac A. Stewart Distinguished Award for Service by

the Todd A. Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male at Ohio State University. He also received the Dr. Asa G. Hilliard Model of Excellence Award from the College Board. Keyes serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## **BARBARA KIRSHENBLATT-GIMBLETT**

Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett is distinguished University Professor Emerita and Professor Emerita of Performance Studies at New York University, where she also serves on the Advisory Committee for Museum Studies. She currently serves as Chief Curator of the Core Exhibition of POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw. She is the author of numerous publications, including *Image Before My Eyes: A Photographic History of Jewish Life in Poland, 1864-1939*, with Lucjan Dobroszycki, *Destination Culture: Tourism, Museums, and Heritage*, and *They Called Me Mayer July: Painted Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland Before the Holocaust*, which was written with her father, Mayer Kirshenblatt. She received the Foundation for Jewish Culture Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2008 and the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland by the President of Poland for her contribution to POLIN Museum in 2015. She currently serves on Advisory Boards for the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Council of American Jewish Museums, Jewish Museum Vienna, Jewish Museum Berlin, Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow, and museum and exhibition projects in Lithuania, Ukraine, and Israel.

## **AGNIESZKA KOSOWICZ**

Agnieszka Kosowicz is the President of the Board and Founder of the Polish Migration Forum, a non-profit organization working to promote integration of migrants and respect for their rights in Poland. She has studied journalism at the University of Warsaw and has worked as a writer and editor at the foreign desks of Polish dailies, reporting from Kosovo, Iraq and Albania. In 1998, she spent six months as a fellow journalist at Alfred Friendly Press Fellowships (at the *Chicago Tribune*). Kosowicz began working with migration in 2000, first in the Warsaw Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in charge of the external relations of the office and later with the Polish Migration Forum. She is a graduate of UNHCR Refugee Protection Learning Programme. Furthermore, Kosowicz worked as editor in chief of



migration-focused publications: the “From the Foreign Land” quarterly (2000–2006) and monthly “Refugee” (2006–2007). Within the Polish Migration Forum, she designs integration initiatives for migrants and refugees, plans awareness raising campaigns and coordinates publication and information work. Kosowicz is also an experienced trainer, speaker and author or co-author of many articles and publications on refugees and migrants (i.e. the monograph *Working Together. 10 years of UNHCR in Poland*).

## **ALEXIS LEVINSON**

Alexis Levinson is the senior political reporter for National Review. For the past year, she has covered the Republican presidential primary, traveling around the country talking to candidates and voters as the field whittled down from 17 hopefuls to, now, just one. In the aftermath of the primary, she has turned her focus to the Senate and House races, focusing particularly on how other Republicans on the ballot will be impacted by Trump’s candidacy, and the deep fissures it has exposed within the Republican Party. Prior to working at National Review, she worked at Roll Call, where she covered the 2014 Senate races, and The Daily Caller, where she covered the 2012 campaigns and Capitol Hill. She graduated with honors from Princeton University with a degree in comparative literature.

## **MARJORIE LIGHTMAN**

Dr. Marjorie Lightman is a principal in Q.E.D. Associates LLC, a consulting partnership founded in 1988 to provide the strategic advantage of an historical perspective for planning and programs. Q.E.D. works with nonprofits, mission-oriented organizations and businesses committed to making a difference. Dr. Lightman specializes in planning, program development and fundraising. She has worked on domestic and international projects that range from new museums to music schools. Her current clients include a Washington based international advocacy organization, a university, and a foundation in California. Dr. Lightman is co-curator of an exhibition currently on display at the Anacostia Smithsonian Community Museum in Washington DC. Since 2002 Dr. Lightman has been a Senior Fellow at the Women’s Research and Education Institute (WREI), Washington, DC. ([www.WREI.org](http://www.WREI.org)). Dr. Lightman has delivered Congressional briefings on women in Afghanistan, women’s pay equity in the US, and on international trafficking

in women. She has worked on WREI's project for the equality of women in the military, with special attention to conferences that have included women in the military forces of the Europe, South Asia and Australia. With support from the Rockefeller Foundation, she directed *Crossing Borders*, a multi-year project that explored public-policy alternatives for United States immigration law. Dr. Lightman has delivered papers in the US, Europe and Africa. In July, 2013 and again in 2014 she explored the breakdown of the Greco-Roman culture in the Mediterranean at the Festival de la Culture Amazighe a Fes, Morocco. Dr. Lightman holds an AB and an MA from Hunter College, and a PhD in history from Rutgers University.

### **AGNIESZKA MAGDZIAK-MISZEWSKA**

Agnieszka Magdziak-Miszewska graduated from the University of Warsaw and the Jagiellonian University in Cracow. From 1984–1991 she was working for the *WIEŹ* (*THE BOND*) monthly, first as a section editor, and then from 1995–2001 as a deputy editor-in chief. In the years 1991–1995 she served as a minister-counselor at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Moscow. From 1995–2001, she was a Project Director for the Eastern Project at the Center for International Relations. From 1998–2001, Magdziak-Miszewska was assigned as a special advisor on Polish-Jewish relations to the Prime Minister of Poland, Mr. Jerzy Buzek. Next, she worked for the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where she served as a Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York (2001–2005) and in the years 2006–2012 an Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Israel. Since 2012 until February 2016 she worked for the Ministry of Defense as a political adviser to the Undersecretary of State and deputy director of the Military Foreign Affairs Department. She is a member of the International Auschwitz Council, and also an author of numerous articles and publications connected with the Eastern Region policy, defense and security issues and Polish-Jewish relations. In 2012 Magdziak-Miszewska was awarded the Order of Polonia Restituta by the President of Poland.

### **KATE MARTIN**

Kate Martin is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress working on issues relating to fundamental rights and national security. From 1992 to 2015, she served as Director of the Center for National Security Studies,

in Washington, D.C., having joined the Center as Director of its Litigation Project in 1988. At CNSS, Martin worked on national security and civil liberties issues, including government secrecy and surveillance, detention, war powers, and oversight of intelligence agencies. She has written and litigated extensively on these issues and has testified frequently before Congress. She is regularly quoted in the media and appears on television and radio including The PBS News Hour. Martin and CNSS were awarded the 2005 Eugene S. Pulliam First Amendment Award by the Society for Professional Journalists for “years of working to protect open government and freedoms of speech and the press in the face of adversity in the name of national security.” She was inducted into the Freedom of Information Hall of Fame in 2001. *The New York Times* editorial blog, *Taking Note* described her as “an expert on surveillance and detention, and a leading advocate for the rule of law in the so-called ‘war on terror.’” From 1993 to 2002, Martin worked in emerging democracies, with NGOs in Eastern Europe and Latin America to secure freedom of information and assist in establishing oversight and accountability of secret intelligence agencies, serving as co-director with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights in Warsaw for a project in 12 formerly communist countries in Europe. From 1995 to 2001, she also served as general counsel to the National Security Archive, a research library located at George Washington University. Martin has taught Strategic Intelligence and Public Policy at Georgetown University Law School and National Security Law at George Washington University Law School. Before joining CNSS, Martin was a partner with the Washington, D.C. law firm of Nussbaum, Owen & Webster. She graduated from the University of Virginia Law School, where she was a member of the Law Review, and from Pomona College with a B.A. in philosophy cum laude.

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# ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

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.

Humanity in Action has educated over 1,500 young leaders in their 20s and 30s who now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice. Through its diverse programs as well as partnerships with outstanding institutions, such as The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc. (Atlanta), The New School (New York), and the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews (Warsaw), Humanity in Action contributes in innovative ways to advance human rights and democratic freedoms.

The annual Humanity in Action Fellowship brings together more than 130 American and European university students and young professionals in programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Humanity in Action Fellows meet with leading experts and activists to study historical as well as contemporary cases of institutional violations of human and minority rights. They explore how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values. As part of the Humanity in Action Fellowship, the Fellows write research-based articles, develop teaching tools, and implement hands-on civil society projects to share what they learned in their programs.

Humanity in Action supports all Fellows financially for the duration of their programs, allowing for the merit-based selection of diverse applicants. Humanity in Action also provides professional development opportunities as well as funding for civil society initiatives. It maintains an active international network of students, young professionals, established leaders, experts, and partners, for which it organizes a range of educational and career opportunities, including seminars, workshops, study trips, and fellowship positions at leading civic and political institutions, including the European Parliament and the United States Congress. These opportunities encourage emerging leaders to

develop their professional abilities and introduce established leaders to the ideas of the younger generation.

Humanity in Action's network of leaders is a valuable resource to policymakers, diplomats, educators, business leaders, and civic-minded individuals and organizations. By the end of the decade, Humanity in Action will have connected over 2,500 professionals working in all sectors, on a range of critical issues, in countries around the world.

Humanity in Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with governing and advisory boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. The international headquarters of the organization is in New York City.

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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.

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