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*Resistance does not start with big words
but with small deeds [.....]
Asking yourself a question
and then asking that question to others (Remco Campert, Dutch writer)*

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's
the only thing that ever has (Margaret Mead)*

*I think the importance of doing activist work is precisely because it allows you to give back and to
consider yourself not as a single individual who may have achieved whatever, but to be a part of an
ongoing historical movement (Angela Davis)*

*We can not fight our rights and our history as well as future until we are armed with weapons of
criticism and dedicated consciousness (Edward Said)*

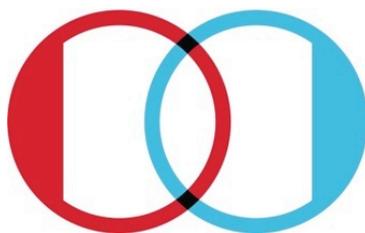
To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity (Nelson Mandela)

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HUMANITY IN ACTION

2016 Dutch Fellowship Program

Amsterdam May 27- June 26 2016

Dear Fellow 2016,

We wish you a warm welcome to Amsterdam and the Humanity in Action Fellowship 2016. We are honored that you choose to dedicate your summer to join us in a fellowship on human rights, minority rights, discrimination and racism. We have compiled an intensive program for you in which we address a broad scope of related issues.

This program offers you a diverse yet thorough perspective on minority issues in The Netherlands. Our aim is to facilitate a collective exploration of the social and political roots of discrimination in The Netherlands, and to provide a forum for the discussion of potential solutions. The program in Amsterdam is highly interdisciplinary and bridges the gap between theory and practice by putting fellows in touch with academics and journalists as well as with NGOs and grass root activists.

The intellectual touchstone for HIA and the start of the Dutch program has always been the study of the Holocaust, the most devastating example of the collapse of democracy and the denial of rights to minorities.

In the first week we will discuss the role the Dutch took during this period: perpetrators, resistance fighters, victims and bystanders. We will also look at how the Netherlands has dealt with this period in history over the course of history.

From this starting point, the Dutch program will continue to discuss more contemporary themes such as immigration and integration in the Netherlands, refugees, institutional racism, xenophobia, LGBTQIA rights, diversity and women's rights.

Program staff in The Netherlands considers dialogue between its very diverse, transatlantic fellows to be one of the most important ingredients of the Humanity in Action experience. We therefore stimulate group discussions and fellow contributions. However, these can only be positive and constructive if everyone feels respected, also when we disagree. Discussion are often found to differ a lot per country. Therefore, we will decide together on how to allow our group to be a safe space for all participants. We hope that you will work with us to make sure that it will remain this way throughout the program.

Organizationally, the Dutch program is divided into two phases. The first phase is an input phase: you will meet some of the leading experts and brightest commentators and researchers in The Netherlands. We will visit various programs and initiatives.

In the second phase of the program, you will be working at an NGO on a topic related to what you have experienced in the previous weeks. This is very much a collaborative, international effort: the group will be divided into teams. After your two days of working with 'your' NGO, you have some days to write a report about it. You'll find more info about it in the last section of this program booklet. All the teams will be given the time to share their findings with the group at the end of the program.

In the after hours we will provide suggestions for sites to visit, places to see and go. We booked tickets for two theatre performances for you: one Dutch play on the asylum procedure and for the non-Dutch speakers the final event of the festival Re: Creating Europe.

HUMANITY IN ACTION

The Netherlands

The Program

Friday, May 27

Arrival fellows from US/Bosnia/Greece

Fellows will sleep at their host families for the first night

Saturday, May 28

Introduction Weekend

We will be starting the program together in a holiday farm at a one hour drive from Amsterdam. We'll get to know each other a little bit, some workshops will be organized and we can test each other's performance skills at the campfire.

Location:

Holiday Farm Nieuwkarspel, Middenkoogweg 1A, 1738 DW in Waarland

- >> 09.30 Meet at Central Train Station, next to the piano in the main hall
- >> 09.57 Catch train to Alkmaar, leaving at platform 5a
- >> 10.44 Catch bus no. 10, from Alkmaar to Oudkarspel, Haagwinde.
Get off at stop 'Zaagmolenweg' and walk for 7 minutes
- >> 11.30 – 13.30 Check in, prepare and have lunch
- >> 13.30 – 14.30 Introduction staff, getting to know each other
- >> 14.30 – 15.00 Break
- >> 15.00 – 17.00 **Workshop: Making the most of it: creating a safe space and supporting each other's learning process**
Lenka Hora Adema (mediation expert, facilitator, process designer and organizational coach)
- >> 17.00 – 18.00 Preparation dinner, with chef Ola Al Khatib
- >> 18.00 – 19.00 Dinner
- >> 19.00 onwards Doing the dishes, making a fire, no obligations.

Sunday, May 29

Location:

Holiday Farm Nieuwkarspel, Middenkoogweg 1A, 1738 DW in Waarland

- >> 09.30 - 10.15 Breakfast & cleaning up
- >> 10.30 - 12.30 **Workshop: Talking to 'Racists'**

by Maja Nenadovic (coach, political consultant, researcher, human rights and advocacy trainer and identity de/construction educator)

This rhetorical self-defense workshop helps participants build resiliency, as well as the ability to respond to discriminatory remarks. In such situations, distress, heightened emotional state or plain shock can sometimes leave us tongue-tied. The rhetorical self-defense class teaches preparedness, and different methods of responding. It tries to replace the silence or tongue-tied shock with empowered, discourse-altering responses.
- >> 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- >> 13.30 - 15.30 **Workshop: Talking to 'Racists', part two.**
- >> 15.30 - 17.00 Checking out the rooms, cleaning the place
- >> 17.00 Leaving the holiday farm
- >> 17.23 Catch bus no.10 to Alkmaar
- >> 18.11 Train to Amsterdam, platform 5
- >> 18.48 Arrival at Amsterdam Central Station

Monday, May 30

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

Topics:

**Intersectionality
Refugees**

- >> 09.00 - 09.30 Introducing the day
- >> 09.30 - 11.00 **Intersectionality: a travelling concept**
Lecture by Nancy Jouwe (cultural historian)
- >> 11.00 - 11.15 Break
- >> 11.15 - 11.45 **Documentary: The Island of all together** (23 min)
- >> 11.45 - 12.45 **Personal story from a Syrian Human Rights Defender**
Shevan (human rights activist, refugee)
- >> 12.45 - 13.30 Lunch
- >> 13.30 - 14.00 **Fellow's talk 1**
Gali Nur
- >> 14.00 - 14.15 Break
- >> 14.15 - 15.15 **Europe: protection of human rights in times of the
refugee crisis**
Eduard Nazarski (director Amnesty International The
Netherlands)
- >> 15.15 - 15.30 Break
- >> 15.30 - 16.30 **The crisis of European refugee law**
Thomas Spijkerboer (professor in migration law)
- >> 16.30 - 16.45 Break
- >> 16.45 - 17.15 **Fellow's talk 2**
Ola Al Khatib
- >> 17.15 - 17.45 **Reflection on the day (group)**

Tuesdsay, May 31

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor) (Morning)

Anne Frank House, Westermarkt 10, Amsterdam (Afternoon)

Topics:

Irregular migrants/asylum in The Netherlands
Anne Frank Museum
Bystanders
Guilty Landscapes

- >> 09.15 Introducing the day
- >> 09.30 - 11.00 **Fellow's talk 3, 4 and 5**
Chryssa Sotiriou
Cameron Kinker
Sahar Afzal
- >> 11.00 - 11.15 Break
- >> 11.15 - 12.20 **Documentary: WE ARE HERE!** (65 min)
- >> 12.30 - 13.00 **Q&A with Alexandra Jansse (documentary director)**
and two members of the WE ARE HERE group
- >> 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch with speakers
- >> 14.00 - 16.00 **Visit Anne Frank Museum**
First introductions to the museum by Cihan Tekeli (Anne Frank House and Senior Fellow). About 1 hour to visit the museum and Q&A with Cihan and Inger afterwards.
- >> 16.00 - 16.15 Break
- >> 16.15 - 17.30 **Places of memory, guilty landscapes**
Rob van der Laarse (founding director Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture)

Wednesday, June 1

Location:

Visit former Dutch concentration camp/Memorial Site Westerbork, Oosthalen 8,
Hooghalen (Drenthe)

Topics:

World War II

- >> 09.15 Meeting point
Central Train Station: piano in the main hall

09.37 platform 10a, stop Lelylaan
10.19 platform 4, stop Zwolle
10.56 platform 14, stop Beilen
11.46 Bus 22 from Beilen to stop Asserweg

30 minutes walk
- >> 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch at the Memorial Centre
- >> 13.30 - 14.45 **Personal story of a survivor**
Fanny Heymann
- >> 14.45 - 15.00 Shuttle bus to the camp
- >> 15.15 - 16.15 Tour through the camp with Educational Department
Memorial Centre
- >> 16.15 - 16.30 Shuttle bus to Memorial Centre
- >> 16.30 - 17.00 Visit museum Memorial Centre
- >> 17.00 - 20.30 Travel back to Amsterdam

Thursday, June 2

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor) (Morning)

Topics:

**Privilege & discrimination
Hidden history of slavery in Amsterdam**

- >> 09.15 Introducing the day
- >> 09.30 - 10.00 **Fellow's talk 6**
Ashley Lawrie
- >> 10.00 - 10.15 Break
- >> 10.15 - 12.30 **Workshop: Privilege and identity**
Glenn Helberg (psychiatrist and Chair Caribbean Dutch Network)
- >> 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- >> 13.30 - 14.00 **Fellow's talk 7**
Nejra Mulaomerovi
- >> 14.00 - 17.00 **Black Heritage Tour by boat and foot:
African presence seen from historical buildings and
landmarks from the 16th century to the present day**
Jennifer Tosch (owner BHAT tours)

14.00 Introduction by Jennifer
14.30 Boat tour starts
16:00 Boat tour ends at Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal
16:05 Walking tour around Dam Square
17:00 End of walking tour

Friday, June 3

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

Topics:
Racism
Inclusive Leadership
Ethnic Profiling
Theatre

- >> 09.15 Introducing the day
- >> 09.30 - 10.00 **Fellow's talk 8**
Merel de Herder
- >> 10.00 - 10.10 Break
- >> 10.10 - 10.30 **Documentary: Black Face** (15 min)
Roger Ross Williams
- >> 10.30- 11.30 **Anti Black Pete Activism**
Kno'ledge (Anti Black Pete activist and Chair Nederland
wordt Beter)
- >> 11.30 - 11.45 Break
- >> 11.45 - 12.15 **Fellow's talk 9**
Eunelda Cairo
- >> 12.15 - 13.15 Lunch (Judy Goldstein is present)
- >> 13.15- 15.15 **Inclusive leadership; life strategies for professional goals**
Astrid Elburg (strategic consultant, executive coach and
leadership trainer)
- >> 15.15- 15.45 Break
- >> 15.45- 17.00 **Police discrimination in The Netherlands**
Sinan Cankaya (cultural anthropologist)

Get something to eat
- >> 19.30 – 23.00 Non-Dutchies go to:
Final Statement: Re-Creating Europe
Where? Stedelijk Museum, Museumplein 10
- >> 20.30 – 23.00 Dutchies go to:
Theatreplay: Nobody Home
Where? Compagnietheater, Kloveniersburgwal 50

Saturday, June 4

Location:

Dinner Discussion Summer Edition

- >> 16.30 Meet at Amsterdam Central Train Station, piano, main hall
- >> 16.53 Catch train to Utrecht
- >> 17.36 Catch bus no. 21, Jaarbeurszijde, stop: Brederoplein
Walk to Croeselaan 301-K.
- >> 18.00 – 19.30 Brazilian food
- >> 19.30 – 20.30 **Fragility of the male ego**
Gerard van der Ree (Lecturer International Relations UCU)
- >> 20.30 – 20.45 **Limbo Citizen**
Lillian dam Bracia
- >> 20.45– 23.30 Brazilian drinks
- >> 23.30 Travel back to Amsterdam

Dr. Gerard van der Ree is a lecturer in International Relations at University College, Utrecht. He will be speaking about the fragility of the male ego, using insights from feminist and social theory to explore the dynamics of power. In particular, he will address the question of what it is like to be privileged and wield social power in our everyday lives, and what the mechanisms are through which we attempt to protect our social positions on a daily basis. By discussing the ways in which we attempt to protect our fragile ego's, he will open up the floor for sharing stories of how social power affects us and how to address it.

Following Dr. van der Ree, there will be a brief presentation by Lillian dam Bracia (former UCU student) & Pien Den Hollander on their recently well-acclaimed public art project 'Limbo Citizen'. In Utrecht, the 'Limbo Citizen' art project was exhibited in the Cathedral allowing spectators to walk through an interactive documentary on the perspectives of four individual migrants in the Netherlands. Stories from one undocumented migrant from Ghana, a refugee from Syria, an economic migrant from Kenya, and a student from India are coming to the fore. Following dam Barcia her own difficulties with extending her residence permit in the Netherlands, she recalls this experience a "limbo that is caused by a lack of stability and structure".

Sunday, June 5

Day off

Monday, June 6

Wear comfortable shoes/sneakers today, as we will be playing soccer

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

**Democracy
Bosnia
Human Rights Law
Soccer**

Public Seminar Refugees

People on the run, people on the move: the current developments in migration law from a European and national level and the power of the media

- >> 08.45 Introducing the Day
- >> 09.00 - 10.00 **Resilient democracy**
Bastiaan Rijpkema (lecturer Leiden University)
- >> 10.00 - 10.15 Break
- >> 10.15 - 11.15 **Fellow's talk 10 and 11**
Mehrgol Tiv
Anouk van Eekeren
- >> 11.15 - 11.30 Break
- >> 11.30 - 12.30 **Let's talk about Bosnia**
Nejra Mulaomerovic
Sasa Buljevic
- >> 12.30 - 13.15 Lunch
- >> 13.15 - 14.30 **Human Rights Law in practise**
Jelle Klaas (human rights lawyer) and Laurens Meijer
(Senior Fellow)
- >> 14.30 - 16.00 **Soccer Clinic**
Rocky Hehakaija (street soccer player and NGO Favela
Street)
- >> 16.00 - 17.30 **Free time!**
- >> 17.30 - 20.00 **Public Seminar Refugees**
People on the run, People on the move: The current
developments in migration law from a European and
national level and the power of the media

With:
Bram van Oijk (ministry foreign affairs; migration)
Rajin Alqallih (Syrian refugee, UNHCR, Erasmus University)
Baba Tarawally (refugee & writer)

Tuesday, June 7

Visit The Hague: City of Peace and Justice

**ICTY
Human Rights Defenders
Entrepreneurs @ New World Campus**

- >> 09.15 **Meeting point Central Station, piano in main hall**
09.27, platform 2, train to The Hague
10.23, tram 1, direction Scheveningen, stop World Forum
Visit ICTY, Churchillplein 1

- >> 11.00 -13.00 **ICTY's Achievements and Impact in the former
Yugoslavia**
Petar Finci (outreach program ICTY)

- >> 13.00 -13.30 Travel to Justice and Peace

- >> 13.30 - 15.00 **Exchange with a Human Rights Defender**
Marieke van der Vliet (program coordinator Justice and
Peace)

- >> 15.00 - 15.45 Travel to New World Campus

- >> 15.45 - 16.45 **Breeding ground for sustainable innovation**
Diederik Bosscha (director New World Campus)

- >> 16.45 Travel back to Amsterdam or free to stay a bit longer in
The Hague

Wednesday, June 8

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

**Greece
LGBTQI Rights, identity, homonationalism
Gender binaries, gender Tour**

- >> 09.15 Introducing the Day
- >> 09.30 - 10.15 **Let's talk about Greece**
Chryssa Sotiriou
Maria Louiza Kalogerakou
- >> 10.15- 10.30 Break
- >> 10.30 - 11.00 **Fellow's talk 12**
Kelvin Ampem-Darko
- >> 11.00- 11.15 Break
- >> 11.15- 12.45 **My identity, whose construction?**
Tugba Oztemir (master student, activist and educator)
- >> 12.45- 13.30 Lunch
- >> 13.30 - 14.00 **Fellow's talk 13**
Oumou van Rijen
- >> 14.00 - 14.15 Break
- >> 14.15 - 16.15 **Workshop: Homonationalism**
Tara Nduma Flach (activist and educator)
- >> 16.15 - 16.30 Break
- >> 16.30 - 19.00 **Gender walking tour through Amsterdam**
Bear Silver (trans activist)
- >> 19.00 *Optional vegan meal at squatter house Vrankrijk with Bear*

Thursday, June 9

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

**Arts & Diversity
Underprivileged neighbourhoods
Urban violence**

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| >> | 09.45 | Introducing the Day |
| >> | 10.00 - 10.30 | Fellow's talk 14
Gage Garretson |
| >> | 10.30 - 10.45 | Break |
| >> | 10.45- 12.45 | Workshop: Daughter of Diaspora
Patricia Kaersenhout (artist) |
| >> | 12.45- 13.30 | Lunch |
| >> | 13.30 - 14.00 | Fellow's talk 15
Zohara Mahmoud |
| >> | 14.00 - 15.00 | Travel to Foundation Connect:
Sara Burgerhartstraat 25 |
| >> | 15.00- 16.00 | Foundation Connect
Said Bensellam (youth worker) |
| >> | 16.00 - 16.15 | Break |
| >> | 16.15- 17.30 | Urban violence, unruly politics
Femke Kaulingfreks (anthropologist, political philosopher) |

Friday, June 10

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

Betzavta Training

Betzavta methodology, a method to relate principles of democracy to everyday decision making. Betzavta enables an experiential way to learn about democracy and the democratic process. The principles and concepts behind democracy – equality, freedom, majorities, minorities – are applied in the group context, allowing the individual to reflect on his/her role in a group. Rather than learning about democracy as a theory, Betzavta allows you to practice it, challenging each person on the difference between what they say and how they behave.

Betzavta, an interactive and experience-based method whose goal is to build and strengthen people's awareness of themselves and their effect on others. This self-awareness plus awareness of others is achieved through a training based on Democracy education, where the goal is to recognize every person's equal right to freedom. The trainings bring together the personal and societal, the individual and the system and works to uncover all that is between ("mellem" in Danish) people, cultures and societies.

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| >> | 09.15 | Introducing the Day |
| >> | 09.30 - 10.00 | Fellow's talk 16
Rick Otten |
| >> | 10.00 - 10.15 | Break |
| >> | 10.15- 12.30 | Workshop, round 1 |
| >> | 12.30- 13.30 | Lunch |
| >> | 13.30 - 16.00 | Workshop, round 2 |
| >> | 16.00- 16.15 | Break |
| >> | 16.15 -17.30 | Talk about next week: working with NGOs
Reflections of the week
HIA staff |

Optional program (3 people):

Dinner with Frieda Menco in her home. Talk with her about her past, while you are having a drink and a meal at her house (fellows& HIA will arrange the dinner)

Saturday, June 11

Day off

Sunday, June 12

Day off

Monday, June 13

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

**Disability Rights
Identity**

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| >> | 09.45 | Introducing the Day |
| >> | 10.00-10.30 | Fellow's talk 17
Huseyin Sakalli |
| >> | 10.30- 10.45 | Break |
| >> | 10.45- 12.00 | Deaf-Blind Reality
Gijs Bruggeman, SWDA, Foundation for the Welfare of Deaf People |
| >> | 12.00 - 12.15 | Break |
| >> | 12.15- 12.45 | Fellow's talk 18
Lisa Muloma |
| >> | 12.45- 13.30 | Lunch |
| >> | 13.30-14.00 | Fellow's talk 19
Maria Kalogerakou |
| >> | 14.00 - 14.15 | Break |
| >> | 14.15 - 15.15 | Raising awareness on disability rights in The Netherlands
Pauline Gransier (disability rights activist) |
| >> | 15.15- 15.30 | Break |
| >> | 15.30- 16.00 | Fellow's talk 20
Katherine Clifton |
| >> | 16.00- 16.15 | Break |
| >> | 16.15- 17.30 | Plural identity
Mounir Samuel (Egyptian-Dutch political scientist, journalist and author) |

Tuesday, June 14

Location:

See information and addresses in NGO section in this booklet

NGO's

Day 1

Volunteer all day at your NGO,

Every group makes prior appointments on times and expectations with the NGO

FAWAKA Nederland
College van de Rechten van de Mens
Wereldhuis
Castrum Peregrini
Stichting Verre Bergen
Faces of Change
Daklozendag
SPARK
Critical Mass
Butterfly Works

Optional program:

Dinner with Frieda Menco. Meet Frieda Menco in her home. Talk with her about her past (Frieda lived in concentration camp Auschwitz), while you are having a drink and a meal at her house (fellows have to take care of the dinner)

Wednesday, June 15

Location:

See information and addresses in NGO section in this booklet

NGO's

Day 2

Volunteer all day at your NGO,

Every group makes prior appointments on times and expectations with the NGO

FAWAKA Nederland
College van de Rechten van de Mens
Wereldhuis
Castrum Peregrini
Stichting Verre Bergen
Faces of Change
Daklozendag
SPARK
Critical Mass
Butterfly Works

Thursday, June 16

Finish work for your NGO and write a report

Friday, June 17

Finish work for your NGO and write a report

Location:

Consulate General of the United States of America, Museumplein 19

Please be well dressed today for the reception at the Consulate. Business Casual

>> 16.00 - 17.00

**Reception Consulate General of the United States of
America**

Marjon Kamrani, Human Rights Specialist

Evening

Fawaka Event organized by the fellows, location and time to be announced

Monday, June 20

Today is International Refugee Day, by the way

Location:

Amnesty International/HIA, Keizersgracht 177, Rosa Parkszaal (Ground Floor)

**Fellow's Talk
Social Entrepreneurship
Prepare presentations**

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| >> | 09.45 | Introducing the Day |
| >> | 10.00-10.30 | Fellow's talk 21
Sasa Buljevic |
| >> | 10.30- 11.00 | Fellow's talk 22
Leah van Ees |
| >> | 11.00- 11.15 | Break |
| >> | 11.15 - 12.00 | Baking Power, a social enterprise
Tine Bakia and Marsha Baah |
| >> | 12.00- 13.00 | Lunch |
| >> | 13.00-13.30 | Fellow's talk 23
Merve Mert |
| >> | 13.30 - 14.00 | Fellow's talk 24
Femke Zeven |
| >> | 14.00-14.15 | Break |
| >> | 14.15 - 16.00 | Work on your presentations for tomorrow |

Evening: host family dinner (location to be announced)

Tuesday, June 21

Presentation Day

Location:

To be announced

- >> 09.30 -12.30 Presentations of reports
- >> 12.30 -13.30 Lunch
- >> 13.30 -17.00 Presentations of reports
- >> 17.00 - 19.00 Drinks with NGO's

Wednesday, June 22

Day off & packing

Thursday, June 23

Travel to the International Conference in Athens.

We will travel together from Central Station.

Time will be announced

This is our flight:

Team Amsterdam

23/06 AMS-ATH KL 1575 12.05-
16.20

Conference starts in the afternoon in Athens

Friday, June 27

International Conference in Athens

Saturday, June 28

International Conference in Athens

Sunday, June 29

International Conference in Athens

Fly back to Amsterdam:

Team Amsterdam

26/06 ATH-AMS KL 1576 17.05-
19.35

Introducing the speakers

Saturday, May 28

Lenka Hora Adema is working as a self-employed senior mediation expert, facilitator and process designer and organizational coach in The Hague. She is specialized in (co-operation) disputes with and within organizations and governments. She regularly works on projects abroad as an advisor in conflicts, a facilitating mediator and organizational coach. Born to an Armenian-Iraqi father and a Dutch mother, her personal experience with different cultures is a treasure trove for her work. With two partners she started DoDemocracy.eu, an organization facilitating and organizing dialogue between citizens and governments, for example about refugees in the Netherlands and what they mean for neighbourhoods. She is an editorial staff member of the specialist journal for mediators in the Netherlands and the Journal for Conflict Management. Previously, Lenka worked as a lawyer and academic staff member at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands. During this period she also worked for Lawyers Without Borders and as a board member of the Association for Law and Administration in Developing and Transition Countries.

Sunday, May 29

Maja Nenadovic is a dedicated debate coach, political consultant, researcher, human rights and advocacy trainer and identity de/construction educator with more than fifteen years of experience. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Amsterdam and combines debating with academic research and civil society activism. As a global trainer and consultant she has taught in more than 40 countries worldwide. She holds a special affinity for challenging and transforming societal stereotypes through applied debate, “radical” empathy and dialogue as a means of resolving miscommunication and conflicts – particularly amongst vulnerable and marginalized groups in society. She is one of the initiators of the Model International Criminal Court Western Balkans, works for the International Department of the Anne Frank House and is a co-founder of HERMES, a Croatian education and development network for the evolution of communication, where she teaches, improves and develops communication and debating skills.

Monday, May 30

Nancy Jouwe studied women’s studies and cultural history at the University of Utrecht and York and is a feminist and a cultural historian. She spent the last two decades working as a manager/managing director at, among others, Mama Cash, Framer Framed and Kosmopolis Utrecht. As an activist, she has been involved from the mid-80s onwards with the squatters’, queer, indigenous peoples’ and the women’s movement, especially in the Asia/Oceania region. Nancy currently works as a curator and researcher at the crossroads of art, cultural heritage and postcolonial history and is affiliated with the Humanistic University in Utrecht.

Shevan is a Syrian human rights defender. He was highlighting humanitarian issues, resulting from regime crackdown on protests, which began mid March 2011. He participated in the peaceful demonstrations in Syria. On November 20th 2011, Syrian regime forces detained, tortured and sexually abused him during his detention. Later he got released, but he was forced to flee Syria to Lebanon with his boyfriend, where they registered at the UNHCR. They got resettlement in the Netherlands and now live in the Netherlands for 3 years. Shevan tries to heal his trauma by helping refugees at the Red Cross, by running and by speaking about LGBT refugee problems. To learn more about his personal story: <https://verhalen.amnesty.nl/shevan#1669>

Eduard Nazarski has been the director of the Dutch section of Amnesty International for ten years now. He is the chief executive at Amnesty's National Office in Amsterdam, where over 70 paid staff are employed. Before joining Amnesty, he was a staff member and later director of the Dutch Refugee Council. Until 2008, he also was the chairman of the European Council on Refugees, a coalition of some 65 NGOs from 28 European countries.

Thomas Spijkerboer is a professor in Migration Law at the Free University in Amsterdam since 2000, where he established the research group on migration law, which is nowadays one of the largest research groups on the issue worldwide. He has focused on Dutch, European and international asylum law; gender issues in migration law; migrant deaths; activism of illegalized refugees in Amsterdam; and on procedural aspects of international and domestic migration law. He has worked as a lawyer in asylum cases (1986-1993), and is currently focused on his research project on the human rights aspects of migrant deaths (with Theodore Baird, Paolo Cuttitta, Lisa Komp, Tamara Last, and Orçun Ulusoy – www.borderdeaths.org).

Tuesday, May 31

Alexandra Jansse grew up in France and in the 'Dutch' West-Indies, where her interest in non-Western cultures was awakened. She obtained a Master's degree at the University of Amsterdam in Political and Social Geography, specializing in Third World Countries. She is currently the founder and CEO of Xela Films (2002). Alexandra has successfully navigated the dance between producer and director, as someone who has worked on numerous documentary projects, ranging from high-profile, big-budget films to less well-known, low-budget productions. A highlight in her career was the landmark "A Dollar a Day"- six part television series, public engagement campaign and set of educational tools that provide a true insight into the complex nature of poverty. The series was broadcast on PBS America and many other countries worldwide. The aim of her projects is to connect people and to get them moving. In her documentary "WE ARE HERE!", Jansse attempts to give an insight into the fragile, unpredictable existence of refugees in the Netherlands.

Cihan Tekeli holds degrees in philosophy and Islamic studies from the University of Leiden. After finishing a fellowship at the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs in Washington DC in 2009 he started working in his current position as an educator in the fields of Holocaust, anti-discrimination, diversity and identity education at the international department of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. He is the mentor supervisor for former inmates at Brotherhood Rehabilitation, which he co-founded in 2013. Early 2015 he spent three months as a visiting fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Centre in Alabama. He has been a Humanity in Action senior fellow since 2008.

Rob van der Laarse is founding director of the Amsterdam School for Heritage, Memory and Material Culture (AHM) at the University of Amsterdam's Faculty of Humanities. He studied history and anthropology at the same university, where he graduated and obtained his PhD (both cum laude). He held positions and visiting scholarships at different universities in theoretical, European and cultural history, media and cultural studies. He was program director of heritage studies from 2004-2010 and currently teaches at the art and cultural sciences departments of the University of Amsterdam as well as the Free University Amsterdam, where he holds the Westerbork chair on the Heritage and Memory of Conflict and War since 2010. Furthermore, he has recently been awarded a 1.2 million euros under the Joint Research Proposals 'Uses of the Past' call, issued by the HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) international research agency for research into Europe's conflicted heritage.

Wednesday, June 1

Fanny Heymann born on 27 February 1942, fled from Germany to the Netherlands just before the beginning of the war with her mother, father, brother Alfred and sisters Esther and Bertie. In 1943, Fanny and her family were transferred to Camp Westerbork and in 1944 to Bergen-Belsen, where Fanny's father died in 1945. Just before the liberation of Bergen-Belsen, Fanny and her family were put on a train. After six long days the train stops at the small village of Farsleben, where Fanny and her family were liberated by the Americans and finally regained their freedom. Three days later, Fanny's mother dies from hunger oedema and the children Heymann were put in different foster families. In recent years, Fanny Heymann has been talking about her personal story at schools. She wants to connect with young people and tries to show them that there are many aspects to a war.

Thursday, June 2

Glenn Helberg was born and raised in Curacao and studied medicine in Utrecht. He specialized in psychiatry in Groningen and in child- and youth psychiatry in Utrecht. He can be considered to be a transcultural psychiatrist and is concerned with the western perspective on diseases and health. In addition to being a psychiatrist, he gives workshops about (sexual) diversity, cultural psychiatry, racism, fatherhood and criminality. He often discusses taboo topics within the Caribbean-Dutch, such as homosexuality and the absence of fathers. He is a member of the Advisory Board of The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, the chairman of the Ocan and he even received a royal award for his dedication to improve the position of Antilleans and Arubans in Dutch society.

Jennifer Tosch is a Surinamese-American woman, whose parents were born and raised in Suriname, South America. Jennifer herself grew up in the United States. She initially came to Amsterdam to follow a postcolonial history course at the BESS (Black Europe Summer School) in Amsterdam, but was intrigued by the void she encountered regarding positive narratives about the presence and contributions of the African Diaspora in the Netherlands. This triggered Jennifer to found the Black Heritage Amsterdam Tours, an organization that seeks to approach the history of Amsterdam from an Africa-centric viewpoint, and thereby shines a different light on the historic center and canals.

Friday, June 3

Jerry King Luther Afriyie, better known by his stage name Kno'Ledge Cesare, is an artist, a poet, motivational speaker and founder of Nederland Wordt Beter (NLWB). NLWB focuses on the legacy of the Dutch slavery and colonial past in The Netherlands. Kno'Ledge is involved in many initiatives, such as the political party Bijlmerstyle in Amsterdam Southeast and the art project 'Black Pete is Racism', which takes a critical look at the black servants that are part of the Dutch Sinterklaas tradition. In 2011 Kno'ledge and fellow activist Quinsy Gario were brutally arrested for wearing a t-shirt from his project during the nationally televised parade connected to the tradition. Their arrests prompted a national debate on black pete and racism. Kno'ledge also founded the Soul Rebel Movement (SRM), a non-profit foundation devoted to empowering disfranchised communities through innovative programmes.

Astrid Elburg lives in Amsterdam. As an assistant in the municipality of Amsterdam she started noticing the flaws in the development of minorities in the city. She is convinced that it is important to unlock the potential of people with different cultural backgrounds and to collaborate with every group in society without sticking to the biased opinions of the dominant culture. Elburg helps organizations with HR innovations to develop ethical, strategic and personal leadership. She provides ideas that sets individuals and organizations in motion by practice-based and workable concepts. She believes that facing your fears and taking action allows you to add value to organizations and society. With her wide-ranging knowledge and understanding of organizational and social

relations she engages in her work as a strategic consultant, executive coach, leadership trainer and member of several boards.

Sinan Cankaya is a cultural anthropologist with a background in conflict resolution (Bradford University) and international relations/geopolitics (Université Vincennes-Saint Denis). His PhD was on the in- and exclusion processes of ethnic minority police officers (2011, Tilburg University). In 2012, Sinan published 'The Control of Martians and other Ccum (De Controle van Marsmannetjes en ander Schorriemorrie), an ethnographic study on the praxis of ethnic profiling in the Netherlands.

Saturday, June 4

Dr. van der Ree is a lecturer in International Relations at University College Utrecht. His work revolves around the epistemology and sociology of international relations research.

Monday, June 6

Bastiaan Rijkema received his LLB at the Erasmus University Rotterdam and his LLM in Philosophy of Law (cum laude) at Leiden University. He had various publications published in the Dutch Law Journal, Think, NRC Handelsblad and the Volkskrant. His main research interests lie within the field of state sovereignty and authority, judicial interpretation and democracy.

Jelle Klaas is the project coordinator for the Public Interest Litigation Project. PILP is a two-year pilot with which the Dutch section of the International Commission of Jurists (NJCM) explores the possibilities of strategic litigation in the field of human rights in the Netherlands. Jelle Klaas has gained a lot of experience in the field of human rights litigation in the Netherlands. He worked at Fischer Lawyers, a law firm that specialized in socio-economic human rights and carried out legal proceedings in the area of 'bed, bath and bread rights' for the undocumented and others who have been excluded from their basic rights. In October 2013 they won an 'immediate measure' at the European Committee of Social Rights in the case of the Protestant church against The Netherlands. Later, the case itself was also won.

Roxanne Hehakaija, also known as Rocky, is a known face in the international world of street football. She is the first and only female member of the Street Legends, the best street football team in the world. With this team she internationally gave demonstrations and clinics in slums across the world, from South-Africa, Ghana and Kenya to Brazil. She also represented the Netherlands and played for the Dutch national team, but because of a serious knee injury, she was forced to quit football. Instead of giving up her biggest passion in life, she decided to change course. Together with Philip Veldhuis, she started the project Favela Street. Favela Street works actively in the slums of Brazil and Haiti. They coach youngsters to become independent football trainers and motivate them to organize football activities for other youngsters in their community. Rocky inspires young women with her positive attitude and passion for street football.

Bram van Oijk is the Special Envoy for Migration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands. He studied economics at the Free University in Amsterdam, where he specialized in development. He started his career at Amnesty International as a coordinator for Southern Africa. Van Oijk has worked as a freelance journalist in Central America and the Caribbean and has conducted research on migration in Ghana. In 1981, van Oijk became a researcher for the Dutch Green Party and was its chairman from 1988 until 1990. During this period he was involved in the creation of GroenLinks (Green Left), a new political party formed by a merger of four left-wing parties. He represented GroenLinks as a Member of Parliament between 2012 and 2015 and has served as its leader in the Lower House. Between 1990 and 1993 van Oijk worked for Oxfam/Novib.

Rajin Alqallih is a Syrian student at the International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, pursuing a Master's degree in social justice, conflict and human rights. She worked for the UNHCR in Syria and Sudan between 2008 and 2015 as a Refugee Resettlement Officer.

Babah Tarawally fled Sierra Leone civil war for The Netherlands 19 years ago and spent the first seven of those years filing an asylum application. After fleeing Sierra Leone, he began working for independent media outlets in Africa, contributing stories and columns to several newspapers and magazines. Alongside this work, he worked for Free Voice (now called Free Press Unlimited), a Dutch organization that supports press freedom in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He worked for Free Voice from 2004 until 2010 as the project officer for Africa. In 2011 he worked as the Program Coordinator for Winternachten-Writers Unlimited Festival, the Netherlands' biggest international literature festival. His novel 'De god met de blauwe ogen' (The blue eyed god) was published in 2010 by KIT publishers, and this month his second novel 'The missing hand' is published.

Tuesday, June 7

Petar Finci comes from Sarajevo and works for the Outreach Programma of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He has written and produced several documentary features about the work of the ICTY and its achievements. His latest film, about prosecution of crimes against cultural heritage before the ICTY, will premiere in Autumn 2016.

Marieke van der Vliet is the Program Coordinator of Justice and Peace. Justice and Peace's mission is to improve access to social, economic and environmental justice by supporting the work of and providing protection to human rights defenders. Justice and Peace offers these human rights defenders the possibility for rest and respite by letting them escape from a temporarily threatening situation. Human rights defenders can apply for a three-month temporary shelter in one of the eight Dutch Shelter Cities, in which they are able to continue their work in safety and are able to extend their network of civil society organizations and political contacts.

Diederik Bosscha is an entrepreneur in heart and soul. The enterprises that he has started have a strong focus on new ways of learning, sustainability and innovation. His purpose lays in creating learning communities and communities of practice around meaningful topics. He is one of the founders and director at the New World Campus, a breeding ground for social impact. Next to that, he has a keen interest in supporting the emergence of a new paradigm for education and to bring that into reality, by developing new ways of learning. He founded Dock20 for this purpose.

Wednesday, June 8

Tugba Öztemir is currently a Master student at the University of Amsterdam and working as a peer-educator for Diversion. As a peer-educator she teaches and discusses taboo topics, such as islamophobia, islamism, extremism, homosexuality and hatred of Jews at several primary schools in Amsterdam. She also speaks about money, finances and student loans at secondary educational institutions. As a human rights activist she can combine her ambition with teaching and discussing social subjects with pupils. Debating and promoting further thinking among pupils is a source of great satisfaction for her.

Tara Flach is a Dutch-Senegalese anthropology student, activist and educator. Dedicated to Black and trans advocacy in The Netherlands and beyond, Tara aims to build community through decolonization, redistributing knowledge to empower. They were born in The

Netherlands, but grew up abroad in countries spread across Africa, Asia and Europe. As a result of their experiences growing up, they developed an interest in grassroots activism, alongside a strong affinity for social justice. Moving from riot grrrl feminism as a teenager to anti-racism during their first years at the University of Amsterdam, they have now united their interest in a variety of social justice movements into their advocacy for decolonization. Currently they are most active as a member of the University of Colour, a flat-structure collective which aspires to create a more balanced university at both curricular and demographic level that includes non-Eurocentric perspectives and ideas.

Bear Silver is a performer, activist and educator and has been a history enthusiast for many years. They recognized that while several versions of “rainbow tours” existed in Amsterdam, none of them really focused on or talked about people who weren’t white, cis, gay men, nor were those stories connected with the rest of Amsterdam’s rich narrative. With visits to various local archives, found or borrowed texts, and internet link-hopping, Bear is constantly adding to their knowledge of Amsterdam’s queer history and hopes that after you know the city a little bit better, you can love Amsterdam as much as they do.

Thursday, June 9

Patricia Kaersenhout was born in The Netherlands but a descendant from Surinamese parents. She developed an artistic journey in which she investigates her Surinamese background in relation to her upbringing in West-European culture. The political thread in her work raises questions about the African Diaspora’s movements and its relation to feminism, sexuality, racism and the history of slavery. She is a womanist, cultural activist and visual artist and has exhibitions in The Netherlands and abroad. Currently she has developed new work for upcoming shows in The Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Cuba.

Saïd Bensellam is a youth worker who is active in Bos en Lommer, a district in Amsterdam West. After having worked a bouncer for seventeen years, he initiated a program to empower those who are classified as ‘problem youth’ in his neighborhood. Due to his personal history, shared cultural background with most of the youngsters, and unorthodox manner of solving problems, he made significant progress with them. In 2007 his efforts became known on a national level when Bensellam became Amsterdammer of the Year. Bensellam currently works at Connect, an umbrella organization that is dedicated to improving the overall living standard in the neighbourhood. Bensellam is founder and coordinator of the youth, security and youth prevention team.

Femke Kaulingfreks received her Master’s degree in Philosophy at the University of Amsterdam and completed her PhD at the University for Humanistic Studies in Utrecht in 2013. Her dissertation consisted of an interdisciplinary research into the political meaning of public disturbances and urban violence caused by adolescents with an immigration background from deprived neighbourhoods in France and The Netherlands. She currently teaches Political Theory at Webster University in Leiden and works as a researcher in the research group “Diversity and Citizenship” of the The Hague University in Applied Sciences. As a freelance researcher she specializes in doing ethnographic field work and evaluation research with youth. She also cooperated with partners such as Hivos (Dutch organization in development cooperation, the Municipality of Amsterdam, Vrijwilligerscentrale Amsterdam (Association of Volunteers Amsterdam) and the DoeTank. Besides her teaching and research work, Kaulingfreks regularly organizes youth exchange projects and is engaged in activism related to housing, migration and social justice issues.

Friday, June 10

Tali Padan has been working in the field of Intercultural Education for the past ten years. After having organized digital media workshops for a variety of communities in New York and developing and delivering workshops to the women’s section of the Riker’s Island Jail,

she completed an M.A. in Intercultural Conflict Management in Berlin with support of the Humboldt Foundation. She has been involved with the Anne Frank Trust in London and Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, delivering workshops about the Holocaust and questioning how we can reflect and act upon discrimination nowadays. Currently Padan is Director of Mellem Education and delivers trainings across Europe and the US in the fields of intercultural communication, conflict management and democracy and human rights education, as well as bridging Middle Eastern communities in Europe.

Frieda Menco survived the Auschwitz concentration camp. Every year she invites the HIA fellows to her house. During this meeting the fellows can ask her questions about her experiences during WWII and her life after the war. Frieda worked as a radio-journalist and was the chairwoman of the Union of Dutch Hebrew Congregations. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of Humanity in Action Nederland.

Monday, June 13

Gijs Bruggeman is legally deafblind. He was born deaf and at the age of 9 was diagnosed with Usher Syndrome type 1, which led to his blindness. He was well aware that his life would change dramatically by becoming a deaf blind person but accepted this as part of his identity. He knew that it was crucial for him to get the best education and support. With no other support than a sign-language interpreter he attended High School. Due to his limited vision there was absolutely no way for him to graduate in The Netherlands without the adequate support. He thus moved to the United States, where better support to disabled students was offered. Gijs graduated within 5 years and got his B.S. degree in Business Administration. At the moment Gijs works as coordinator for the Deaf blind at the Welfare for the Deaf Foundation (SWDA).

Pauline Gransier has devoted herself to creating an equal position for people with a disability in the Netherlands. She started in lower secondary education, but is currently studying Film and Literary theory at the University of Leiden, where she is a member of the Diversity Group. Because of her concerns regarding the future due to political decisions, she has founded Wij Staan Op! (We Stand Up!) in co-operation with Jiska Ogier. Their aim is to share and change when it comes to people with a disability.

Mounir Samuel has a BA-degree in political science from Leiden University and a MSC-degree in International Relations & Diplomacy at Leiden University in corporation with the Royal Institute for Foreign Affairs Clingendael. He has studied American political development and US Foreign Policy at UC San Diego, and has taken extra classes in Middle Eastern history and Islamic Law at Leiden University. He is an Egyptian-Dutch political scientist, journalist and author, who is a well-known spokesperson on a broad variety of social issues in the Dutch media. He is a fierce promoter of minority rights, including LGBTQ-rights. He has been honored for being a role model for his contribution to social diversity and acceptance in Dutch society.

Friday, June 17

Marjon Kamrani is the Political Officer at the US Embassy in The Hague. She is the Human Rights specialist from the Embassy and will provide us with a formal briefing on human rights and the role that the US Embassy plays in this regard.

Monday, June 20

Tine Bakia is the project manager at Baking Power, a sustainable social enterprise dedicated to empower women who have been a victim of human trafficking. Baking Power makes sure that they empower women and that all the profit is reinvested in the project and the women themselves.

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DUTCH PROGRAM STAFF



Inger Schaap

National Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Inger Schaap is National Director of Humanity in Action Netherlands. She studied history and Holocaust and genocide studies at the University of Amsterdam. After graduating she worked as educator at the Anne Frank House, did research at VU University and several projects as freelance researcher and writer. Inger Schaap published a book on the Silbertranne Aktion and is currently researching civilian aid to the prisoners of the concentration camp Vught. She frequently interviews guests at the Historisch Cafe.



Christel Groot

Program Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Christel Groot has been the program director of Humanity in Action in The Netherlands since 2008. Christel studied cultural anthropology. Before Humanity in Action, she worked with asylum seekers for the Dutch Refugee Council and with migrant organizations on behalf of the Amsterdam Centre for Foreigners. She also organized multicultural festivals and worked in the field of ecotourism. She is particularly interested in diversity issues and LGBT(QI...) rights and likes watching documentaries and art house movies. Christel is also a singer and makes melancholy music with a friend – who plays better guitar than she does – under the name Groot en Jong.



Mavis Appiagyei

Program Intern

Born and raised in Amsterdam, Mavis is a down to earth LLM student in Public International Law, specializing in International Human Rights Law. She thinks that everyone has a right to an existence worthy of human dignity, but unfortunately does not see this realized so far. For this reason, after her LLM, Mavis plans to pursue a career in which she will be able to provide both legal and practical assistance to those who need it most. She is not trying to change the world, she is only trying to find a way in which she can contribute to it.



Oleksandra "Alexandra" Zmiyenko
Program Intern

Oleksandra was born and raised in Odessa, Ukraine, and earned a Master's degree in law in Poland at Jagiellonian University as a recipient of a Polish Government scholarship. Her academic interests include international public and private law and human rights. Oleksandra spent a year undertaking challenging and complex work in the Human Rights section of the Legal Clinic of the Jagiellonian University. Through Oleksandra's research work at the University of Montpellier III in the Legal Affairs Department, which was supported by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, and her professional experience with IBM Krakow, she has developed an interdisciplinary approach. Since 2015, Oleksandra has collaborated with Poland's antiracist organization "Never Again". As a Pat Cox-HIA

Fellow Oleksandra worked at the Brussels-based NGO International Partnership for Human Rights, focusing on Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. Oleksandra is a native Russian speaker, has bilingual Ukrainian and Polish proficiency, and has professional working proficiency in English and French.

DUTCH PROGRAM FELLOWS

Sahar Afzal

Amsterdam University College



Sahar Afzal was born and raised in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. This year she will finish her final year in High School. She hopes, after the summer holiday she will start her first year at University College Amsterdam. She will be majoring in International Law and International Relations. She chose these majors because she is very interested in international affairs - especially politics. She is currently the Dutch youth representative to the United Nations. She speaks to more than 1000 young people a year. With all their input, she gives speeches at the UN about topics that concern Dutch youngsters. Within her job at the UN, she mostly enjoys giving guest lectures to children and young people between the ages of 10-25. They discuss topics such as refugees, children's rights and the sustainable development goals interest the youngsters the most. Sahara says they motivate her to speak up for them at the United Nations.

Ola Al Khatib

Leiden University



Ola was born in Baghdad, raised in Middelburg, the Netherlands. Ola Al Khatib is an undergraduate student pursuing a double degree (Dutch- and International Law) at Leiden University. During high school she successfully participated in and chaired local, national and international debating competitions. Since the beginning of her degree, she has been involved with a local Public Affairs firm (Pact Public Affairs) that focuses on the Dutch housing market and sustainable energy. As her international law degree focuses mainly on human rights and humanitarian law, she has volunteered in the legal department of Vluchtelingenwerk (Dutch NGO for refugees). After her undergraduate degree, Ola wishes to pursue a Master degree in Public International Law before applying to the Geneva Academy of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

Kelvin "Kweku" Ampem-Darko

Wheaton College



Hailing from Cape Coast, Ghana, Kelvin Ampem-Darko is currently a rising senior at Wheaton College, MA with a major in Neuroscience and a minor in Hispanic Studies. Influenced by his background, he has worked as the Intercultural Board Chair of his campus to bring visibility to issues facing minority students on campus. Prior to this, he volunteered in a public school and three hospitals in Quito, Ecuador in an effort to address healthcare challenges facing the Quechuan indigenous population. This served as the motivation for learning about the Romani (Gypsy) population during his semester abroad in Granada, Spain. As an early admission candidate to the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, Kelvin hopes to begin a career as a physician in underserved areas. His main hobbies include reading fiction, volunteering in nursing homes and longboarding.



Saša Buljević
University of Sarajevo

Born in Sarajevo, Saša is second year student of master studies in University of Sarajevo. Although his major is Archaeology, Saša is also interested in Social Anthropology and he participated in ethnographic research `YouCitizen` as research assistant. He was also part of the research team in project of qualitative analysis of History textbooks used in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His topic of interests are usage of the past as a tool for national and ethno-national agenda and naturalization of group identities. Saša organized several Archaeology workshops for primary and secondary students with aim to popularize archaeology and encourage students in process of critical thinking. He is also a volunteer in several NGOs and History museum of BiH. After finishing master studies of Archaeology, Saša plans to pursue master studies of Social Anthropology.



Eunelda Cairo
Tilburg University

Eunelda Cairo was born and raised in Rotterdam and is an avid supporter of gender and race equality. In 2015 she graduated in Human Rights Law from Tilburg University. During her studies she explored the legal employment market and interned at the European Parliament and a law firm in Rotterdam. Due to this exploration she found out what her passion is and what she does best: helping and advising others who are in disadvantaged positions in society. Hence, she started a legal consultancy to improve the legal position of migrants in the Netherlands. Likewise, Eunelda is a volunteer at Stichting Ocan, an organization with the aim to improve the position of Dutch Caribbean individuals in the Netherlands. Within this organization she busies herself handling the phenomenon & subject of Afrophobia and ethnic profiling in the Netherlands.



Katherine Clifton
Yale University

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii, Katherine graduated from Princeton University in 2015 where she focused on the social and political importance of English and Theatre. During a gap year before college, she taught English to Roma students in Serbia. Through Princeton's Dale Fellowship, she returned to Serbia after graduation to create a documentary play that explores hostilities between the Serbs and Roma. Her arrival coincided with the refugee crisis, which led her to get involved in efforts to support those passing through the Balkans. This fall, she will begin a master's in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.



Anouk van Eekeren
Amsterdam University College

Born and raised in a small Dutch town, Anouk van Eekeren is now a student at Amsterdam University College, majoring in medical sciences and minoring in law. She will also study at Peking University this summer, following courses and conducting research for the Dutch ministry of Education, Culture and Science. As Chair of Amnesty International Student group Amsterdam, Anouk seeks to address a variety of human rights related topics, but her special interest lies in women's rights and human rights in the light of climate change. The latter is also a core concept of the biannual arts festival Scopophilia, which she helps to organize. This festival is specifically aimed at youngcreatives and hopes to instill social awareness in its artists and visitors by placing inclusivity and sustainability at the heart of its activities. After AUC, Anouk plans to pursue a master degree that incorporates both her passion for human rights and sustainability.



Leah van Ees
University College Utrecht

Leah has lived most of her life in The Hague and also some years in Kazakhstan and Austria. At the moment, she is completing bachelor's degree with a major in Anthropology and International Law at the Liberal Arts & Sciences College University College Utrecht. Her main interests are singing and music - she has a great love for Amy Winehouse, but also for varying jazz, funk and (very different genre) folk artists. Other interests include learning about different cultures and traveling, intrinsic motivational psychology, going for runs in the woods, and writing. Leah would also love to become a better storyteller. She is interested in many different human rights issues, but mostly aims to include a personal aspect in her work. She is eager to get a hands-on experience doing work in human rights.



Gage Garretson
Macalester College

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



Merel de Herder
Utrecht University

The strong desire to use her opportunities in life for the betterment of our global society has brought Merel to both several places in the world as several academic institutions. A BA in Latin America Studies, multiple volunteering experiences in both the Netherlands and abroad, and a LLM in International Human Rights and Criminal Justice taught her that the inequalities in our societies aren't as easily fixed as the universal and fundamental human rights instruments seem to suggest. The way our societies perceive difference - sexuality, race, religion, social status, etc. - requires a change of mindset, interpretation and valuation, which Merel now explores through feminist and queer theories in the Research Master Gender & Ethnicity. Besides breaking certain normativities, in her spare time Merel loves to travel, volunteer, photograph, sing and read.



Maria Louiza Kalogerakou
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Maria was born and raised in Chania, Crete an island in the southern part of Greece. She currently lives and study in Athens at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences in the department of International European and Area Studies. In 2012, she had the chance to participate in a study visit in Bucharest. This time abroad focused on law enforcement cooperation in South East Europe. Two years later, Maria had the unique opportunity to travel to a few African countries on a humanitarian mission. Her active participation in civil society started with an unpaid internship at the department of Amnesty International in Athens, Greece. While this could seem unrelated, it matched perfectly with her trip in Africa. Moreover, Maria participated as a volunteer in the 11th Athens Digital Arts Festival. In her spare time, she enjoys various forms of art, from theater and photography to cinema and live concerts



Cameron Kinker
Washington University in St. Louis

Cameron Kinker is graduating this May from Washington University in St. Louis with a double major in Anthropology (Global Health & Environment Track) and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and a minor in Psychology. Cameron has been heavily involved in LGBTQ advocacy on campus and in St. Louis, writing an honors thesis about transgender health in the St. Louis region. Cameron has also been involved in racial justice work and hopes to obtain a Masters in Social Work after graduating.



Ashley Lawrie
Agnes Scott College

Raised in Guyana, Ashley Lawrie is a recent graduate of Agnes Scott College, where she double majored in History and Religious Studies, with a minor in Film and Media Studies. She studied abroad in Spain, Ireland and as a Benjamin A. Gilman Scholar in Morocco. At her alma mater, a women's college, she was engaged in a number of leadership roles for various campus cultural organizations, which significantly impacted her development as a global citizen. With a dedication to intercultural dialogue and public service, her future academic interests include studies in International and World History, with an emphasis on Caribbean and Mediterranean regional and national identity formation.



Zohara Mahmoud
University of Amsterdam

In 1999 Zohara and her family fled the war in Afghanistan. After spending almost thirteen years in an Asylum centre, they were finally given permission to apply for Dutch nationality. However, her father was not granted permission to apply for Dutch nationality, instead he had to return back to Afghanistan. Last December, she visited her father on my own. He currently lives in Ghazni, a Taliban dominated area. The experience of this visit had a large impact on Zohara. In her words, seeing those children and women living in such hard conditions, made her even more aware of how privileged she is. She hopes to someday make a small difference in this big world.



Merve Mert
St. Olaf College

Merve Mert is a rising senior at St. Olaf College with a major in Political Science from Istanbul, Turkey. As a co-captain of the St. Olaf Debate Team, a moderator of Sustained Dialogue, and an Inclusivity Advocate, Merve aims to help ensure the existence and continuity of venues for open and meaningful communication. She was a Peace Scholar, studying peace, dialogue, and conflict in Lillehammer and Oslo, Norway, during the summer of 2015. She interned at a think tank called the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation, where she focused on issues ranging from minority rights to democratization. Different approaches women use for effective political participation constitute one of Merve's two main interests. She is also interested in the extent of political inclusion of minorities in their states. After St. Olaf, Merve plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations with a focus on minority and stateless rights.



Nejra Mulaomerović
Faculty of Philosophy Sarajevo

Born and raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nejra graduated from Comparative Literature department at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo. She is currently writing her Master's Thesis at the Department of Comparative Literature and working at the Gallery 11/07/95, a memorial museum dedicated to the remembrance of the Srebrenica genocide. She is interested in the post-war generation experience and the culture of remembrance, as well as human rights, art activism and documentary photography. In her spare time, Nejra is working on her own photography projects, capturing everyday life in Sarajevo.



Lisa Muloma
Vanderbilt University

Born in Eldoret, Kenya and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana, Lisa Muloma is a rising senior at Vanderbilt University studying English with a concentration in Creative Writing. As rising Editor-in-Chief of the Vanderbilt Literary Review, Lisa played an integral part in forging a first-time partnership with the Nashville Contributor, the largest street newspaper in the world. Homeless artists and writers exchanged creative work with Vanderbilt Students, featuring one another in their respective publications. Lisa is also a lead facilitator and creative committee head for grassroots organization Hidden Does, which works to articulate and ameliorate the issues of minority students on campus. When she's not curating an art show or facilitating an open mic event, Lisa can be found reading a good book at the corner table of JJ's Market and Cafe. After Vanderbilt, Lisa plans to pursue a JD, analyzing the law as a literary document.



Qali Nur
Leiden University

Born and raised in Zaandam, Qali Nur moved to the Hague three years ago to study at Leiden University College (LUC). She is majoring in World Politics and she follows electives in the field of Journalism and History. Qali is part of several committees at LUC. As a social coordinator of the Act Aware Committee, Qali organizes events that raise awareness for social issues as well as environmental issues. As a board member of LUC Humanity, Qali is busy with a project, which facilitates to let newcomers in the Hague, mostly from Syria and Eritrea, to study at LUC. One of her main interests is migration and she plans to pursue a master in Migration Studies. In January this year, Qali went to Leros to do voluntary work in a refugee camp. This experience inspired her to take a gap year after her study to do more practical things.



Rick Otten
University of Amsterdam

Rick Otten is a foreign policy addict with a dedication to analyzing what is happening in the world and why. He holds a BA in History and is finishing a MA in History of International Relations. He also has a special interest in Ukraine and was an international observer during the Ukrainian parliamentary elections in October 2014. Rick just finished an internship at the human rights team of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the last few years, he participated in numerous editions of Model United Nations, during which he learned to think and act from different perspectives from different countries. All these experiences taught Rick that it is healthy to view international politics from a more earthly perspective by focussing on what people are actually doing instead of saying. Power politics is very much on his mind and is closely related to his attention for human rights.



Oumou van Rijen
Leiden University

Oumou was born in Djenné, Mali. She is 3/4 Fulani and 1/4 Songhai. After a few months, she moved to Guinee Bissau, then to Dordrecht, Aruba, Bergen op Zoom, Voorhout, Leiden and Paris. She currently lives in Leiden, where she studies Public International Law. Her main hobbies are debating (at Leiden Debating Union), aerial silk, playing piano and dancing Salsa. Oumou is very interested in women's rights, and works at a small NGO called Gender Concerns International. Other topics that interest and concern her are corporate responsibility and unlawful displacement.



Huseyin Sakalli
The Hague University of Applied Science

As a progressive thinker born to a conservative family, words such as freedom, individualism and dialogue are all calls to action. Huseyin is currently studying international law and aspires to become a lawyer some day in order to defend the rights of the underprivileged. In terms of academic interest he is very interested in the role of innovation in the strife for social progress and access to justice.



Chrysoula "Chryssa" Sotiriou
University of York

Born and raised in Athens, Chryssa finished her BA in International & European Economic Studies in the Athens University of Economics & Business. During her studies, she also spent a semester in Toulouse attending courses in UT1 Universite, an experience that made her realize she wanted to focus her Postgraduate studies in the field of Politics. Following that experience, she pursued her MA in Conflict, Governance & Development in the University of York. Chryssa has gained valuable experience from working in multinational companies in Greece and UK and also from her internship in the Embassy of USA in Athens. She is now involved in an NGO called METAdrasi, which mainly focuses in the care and safety of unaccompanied refugee children. Her future plans include a PhD in field of Political Science and the rights of minorities.



Mehrgol Tiv
University of Pittsburgh

A native of Iran, Mehrgol Tiv has spent most of her life in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she attended the University of Pittsburgh with a double major in Psychology and French and a minor in Neuroscience. In the fall, Mehrgol will begin her graduate studies at McGill University, pursuing a Ph.D. in psychology with a concentration in language acquisition. As an academic activist, Mehrgol strives to understand the cognitive and social factors that influence learning, intersecting science and humanitarianism to improve education locally and globally. Through her research on classroom language in an all girls' high school and involvement with STEM Stars, a Carnegie Science Center initiative to support the next generation of girls in the STEM fields, Mehrgol has and will continue to promote gender equality in her community. Mehrgol is an avid photographer, voracious reader, and idiom enthusiast.



Femke Zeven
University of Amsterdam

Femke Zeven is a 22 year old from a small city in the eastern part of The Netherlands called Kampen. She moved to Amsterdam to study cultural anthropology at the University of Amsterdam in 2011, where she received her degree in 2015. Last year, she took a gap year, during which she's been working at the municipality of Amsterdam and traveling through South America. During her bachelors, she focused on conflict studies and human rights, which is what she'd like to study for her masters - more specifically: migrants and refugee matters. This is also the field in which she has done most of her literature and field research. Femke is really looking forward to HIA 2016, to meeting everyone, and to the experience everyone is going to gain!

HUMANITY IN ACTION

The Netherlands

The NGOs

In the third week of your program you will be working in groups of 2-4 people at an NGO of your choice. The NGO's vary in focus and tasks, so please read about them carefully. Some NGO's want you to do research, some offer a more hands-on opportunity. If you need to do research and write something for the NGO, of course HIA wants a copy of your work. On top of that we are expecting a report of the work you have been doing of every group. On Thursday and Friday you have time to do this and should ultimately hand it in on Sunday evening (July 19). Your report should be around 1500 words, written in English and contain a description of the work you have been doing. You can also add some more info on the topic your NGO was working on. It should serve as a way to inform an uninformed other. It's not an evaluation. Evaluation goes through other channels.

WERELDHUIS

Wereldhuis is a community center for and by undocumented migrants. The Worldhouse is a place for information, counseling, empowerment and self-organization for undocumented migrants. It aims to support the empowerment of undocumented people, by supporting their own collectives and projects. It has grown to a familiar place for undocumented people, where they are not dependent on others for a while.

Task: On weekdays all people can eat for free at the Worldhouse. The fellows will prepare lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition, the fellows will organize a discussion that will take place on Wednesday evening. This means that they will have to think about how they can professionalize the discussion and how they can give more substance to the discussion. The fellows are also expected to think about ways in which the Worldhouse can become more hospitable and how to integrate people better in society.

Number of fellows: 3

Location: Nieuwe Herengracht 20, 1018 DP Amsterdam

FAWAKA NEDERLAND

Fawaka Nederland is a young organization that is committed to bring more diversity to the sustainability world in the Netherlands. Fawaka Nederland wants to make the change to a sustainable society in the Netherlands and wants to involve underrepresented groups in the discussions on sustainability themes. One example is Fawaka Nederland's unique interview series, in which it defined young sustainable rolemodels, of all ethnic backgrounds, all levels of education, throughout the Netherlands. Shortly, as much diversity as possible.

Task: The fellows will investigate issues on social and environmental sustainability in Dutch society and will organize an event "pressure cooker" style to discuss their findings with their peers, specialists in the field and other interested people.

Number of fellows: 3 or 4

Location: Prinsengracht 436, 1017 KE Amsterdam

CASTRUM PEREGRINI

Castrum Peregrini is the nom de guerre of a World War II safehouse in the city centre of Amsterdam. Driven by her beliefs of art and friendship, an artist Gisèle van Waterschoot van der Gracht (1912 – 2013) helped young intellectuals and artists to survive the war by offering them refuge in her house. Many parts of the canal house remained unchanged, making its history palpable. An old pianola that served as a hiding space, shelves full of poetry books, the original furniture and Gisèle's countless collections tell a rich story of the entire twentieth century. On this background, Castrum Peregrini has developed into a lively house that organizes debates, publications and exhibitions.

Task: The fellows will help with the preparation of a very special presentation/mini exhibition on 'Post-Yugoslav Constellations', named *Burning Diary. Exile in Amsterdam*, that will take place starting from the 17th of June. The preparations will include making arrangements with regard to the studio, invitations and lettering.

Number of fellows: 2

Location: Herengracht 401, 1017 BP Amsterdam

COLLEGE VOOR DE RECHTEN VAN DE MENS

College voor de Rechten van de Mens is The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, which explains, monitors and protects human rights, promotes respect for human rights in practice, policy and legislation and increases the awareness of human rights in the Netherlands. The Institute seeks to improve the human rights situation in the Netherlands and thereby contributes to a society in which the observance of human rights is assured for all those who find themselves in the Netherlands or within the Dutch sphere of influence.

Task: The fellows will examine the added value of the sustainable development goals for the protection of human rights in the Netherlands. They will advise the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights on how it can use the global goals in its work to improve the implementation of human rights law in the Netherlands. The fellows may also be asked to examine a human rights issue for the report of the Institute for the Universal Periodic Review of The Netherlands in the UN Human Rights Council.

Number of fellows: 2 or 3

Special wishes: at least 1 Dutch fellow

Location: Kleine Singel 1-3, 3572 CG Utrecht

PROTESTANTSE DIACONIE

Protestantse Diaconie initiates and supports several projects in Amsterdam, aimed at improving the position of people living in the margin of society, such as homeless people, undocumented migrants, refugees and people living on minimum income. The Protestantse Diaconie mainly sets up projects that focus on the social cohesion between different communities – and support the Diaconal work of the local church communities.

Task: On Wednesday there will be a 'Homeless Day'. Homeless people, people from the health and care system, politics and the police will gather for music, food, discussions and lots of information. Depending on the weather, there will be 400 to 600 people. The fellows can lend a helping hand and could also take care of some live reporting on social media.

Number of fellows: 2 or 3

Special wishes: 2 Dutch speaking fellows

Location: Nieuwe Herengracht 18, 1018 DP Amsterdam

SPARK

SPARK develops higher education and entrepreneurship to empower young ambitious people to lead their conflict affected societies into prosperity. SPARK is determined to increase the number of sustainable jobs and economic prospects for youth in post-conflict regions through the improvement of higher education and the development of the local private sector. SPARK believes that sustainable economic growth is essential for establishing self-reliance and thereby poverty alleviation. Creating jobs for young people and enabling an environment for young people to improve their socioeconomic position are central in this vision. Through job creation, SPARK aims to diminish the potential for conflict, giving special attention to marginalized groups, including women, returning refugees and internally displaced persons.

Task: The fellows will be conducting research on one of two themes related to recent migration policy and debates, both of which are highly relevant to the work of SPARK. The themes SPARK would like the fellows to work on:

1) Recent developments in regard to policies focused on Libyan refugees and how this effects/relates to asylum policies in the Europe. This is a very 'hot topic' as several European countries such as England and Italy have announced increased efforts in limiting Libyan migration to Europe.

OR

2) Policy developments surrounding the in the Netherlands much debated "air bridge" between the Netherlands and Turkey. This was a plan proposed in March by the leader of the Dutch Labour party; the idea behind it was that flying refugees in from Turkey would lead to a decrease in illegal immigration, as well as a more humane treatment of refugees, additionally it would allow for better screening. It would also entail a larger role for NGO's.

Number of fellows: 2

Location: Van Diemenstraat 70, 1013 CN Amsterdam

THE VERRE BERGEN FOUNDATION

The Verre Bergen Foundation is based in Rotterdam and is a venture and strategic philanthropy foundation that aims to bring long-term social and positive impact for socially complex problems. It does so by being a hands-on catalyst and financial resource for innovative ideas. This is done by forming partnerships with new, scalable and sustainable social ventures developed by the citizens of Rotterdam and for the citizens of Rotterdam. The foundation's focus lies on a variety of topics, including education, children, youth, employment, culture, social services and sports. The foundation offers multi-year investments, as well as non-financial support and advise on strategy, management, program development, research and policy.

Task: The fellows will write a report on the language, integration and housing programme concerning Syrians with an asylum residence permit that reside in Rotterdam.

Number of fellows: 2

Special wishes: Preferably both Dutch

Location: Westersingel 102, 3015 LD Rotterdam

FACES OF CHANGE

Faces of Change is geared at supporting people who are displaced by war to become active participating members in their new homes. Faces of Change's mission is to challenge the stigma and present thinking about refugees and their role in society. They want to support refugees in redefining their identity and in becoming agents of change in their host country and their country of birth. Faces of Change wants to emphasize the strength of refugees instead of their despair.

Task: The fellows will be involved in the follow-up concerning Faces of Change's participation in the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul that took place on the 23th of May. The fellows will help organize an event to facilitate conversations related to refugees.

Number of fellows: 2 or 3

Location: Thomassenstraat 21 bis A, 3572 KG Utrecht

CRITICAL MASS

Critical Mass produces interactive exhibitions, movies and games that stimulate people to think about how we live together and how we deal with conflicts. Critical Mass deals with difficult issues that affect everyone in society. They do not tell people how to think and what to think, but they do confront people with their own ideas, offer them a different perspective and let them make decisions under time pressure. Critical Mass tries to let people feel

what it is like to be excluded and confronts them with their own prejudices in order to stimulate a dialogue.

Task: Critical Mass is currently trying to set up a new project, called the Fear Factory, in which they will try to find out where the fear for someone else comes from. When one talks about fear, fear is usually considered from an angle that primarily mirrors the approach of white Dutch people. The fellows will answer a research question that is related to this project.

Number of fellows: 3

Location: Grebbeberglaan 15, 3527 VX Utrecht

BUTTERFLY WORKS

Butterfly Works is a creative and strategic partner in social innovation projects worldwide. It is an organization that creates education and communication projects in emerging economies. Butterfly Works is born in the world of design thinking and matured in the field of international development. They apply the most effective tools and methods from the creative sector to social issues worldwide. Butterfly Works connects people with different backgrounds and views and as a result every solution is based on shared values and user needs.

Task: This year, Butterfly Works started two big projects (in co-operation with Oxfam and local implementation partners) that focus on programs to train young people and to help them into sustainable employment in Somalia, Nigeria, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Indonesia. The fellows will do desk research in relation to these projects.

Number of fellows: 2 or 3

Location: Ms. Van Riemsdijkweg 57, 1033 RC Amsterdam