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ABOUT

Humanity in Action is an international organization that educates, inspires, and connects emerging and established leaders committed to promoting human rights, pluralism, and active citizenship in their own communities and around the world. Since its founding two decades ago, Humanity in Action has engaged over 2,000 young leaders in their 20s and 30s in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. They now form a unique international alumni community committed to social justice and the advancement of minority rights.

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The 2019 Humanity in Action Berlin Fellowship brings together twenty-two carefully selected university students and recent graduates from Germany, Greece, Poland, Ukraine, and the United States to explore historic and contemporary human rights issues in Germany. The Fellows meet with activists, artists, experts, and policymakers to explore a variety of human rights issues, including how and why individuals and societies, past and present, have resisted intolerance and protected democratic values.

Humanity in Action cordially thanks all supporters and collaborators, speakers and participating organizations, Senior Fellows, hosts and host families. Without their dedicated help, the realization of this program would not be possible. Thank you!
To mark the beginning of this month together, the Fellowship program begins with an Evening Reception in Berlin-Prenzlauer Berg. Fellows, Senior Fellows, Members of the Board of Directors and Staff of Humanity in Action Germany gather for an evening of getting to know each other over food and drinks.

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

**19.00–21.00 Welcome Reception**
With Henry Alt-Haaker (Chairman, Board of Humanity in Action Germany; Head of International Relations Programs & Liaison Work, Berlin Representative Office at Robert Bosch Stiftung; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), Board Members, Senior Fellows, Fellows and Staff
>> Saturday, June 8 Welcome to Humanity in Action

The Fellows and staff team learn more about each other. The staff introduces the program and provides practical information about life in Berlin. By the end of this day, the Fellows have reached consensus on their own framework for discussions and interactions in the coming weeks. In the evening, the Fellows organize a barbecue at Tempelhofer Feld, a park on the premises of the former Tempelhof Airport.

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10.00-11.00 Welcome to Humanity in Action & Sharing Fellows’ Expectations
David Jatta (Program Coordinator), Jalyn Radziminski (Program Intern; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Alia Schwelling (Program Director; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.15 Introduction to the Program & Sharing Humanity in Action’s Expectations
David Jatta and Alia Schwelling

12.15-13.15 What Brings Us Here
David Jatta and Alia Schwelling

13.15-14.30 Lunch

14.30-15.30 Building a Community: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting
David Jatta, Jalyn Radziminski and Alia Schwelling

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.30 Building a Community: Interacting, Discussing, Respecting
David Jatta, Jalyn Radziminski and Alia Schwelling

17.30-17.45 Wrap Up

17.45-19.00 Break and Travel to Tempelhofer Feld

Location: Tempelhofer Feld Grillplatz, any entrance via Oderstraße, 12051 Berlin (closest subway stop: Leinestraße, line U8)

19.00-21.00 BBQ at Tempelhofer Feld
**>> Sunday, June 9** Germany and Berlin in Context

The Fellows spend the morning getting to know their hosts. In the afternoon, those who are based in Germany give insights into some of the latest German media headlines and share some context about contemporary Berlin, a city that has lived through immense socio-political change over the past three decades. Following on from these inputs, the Fellows get an introduction to local social justice histories, discourses and terms that form the backdrop to contemporary debates in Berlin. In the evening, the Fellows explore the area around Berlin’s central train station, seen through the eyes of a tour guide who used to live in the area as a homeless person.

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**Morning**

**Meet Your Hosts**

12.00-13.00 **Introduction to the Day**

13.00-13.30 **Glimpses into Current German Headlines**
Facilitated by Dennis Enßlen, Derin Malka, Nora Mpho Mathemuse and Sheila Ann Riek (Fellows)

13.30-14.00 **Insights into Berlin's Local News**
Facilitated by Keshraw Majidi, Hanna Nedjma Schwarz, Pauline Sprang and Valerie Viban (Fellows)

14.00-14.30 **Break**

14.30-16.00 **Creating Inter-National Conversations**
Barbara Orth (Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany; Research Associate, Berlin State Office for Equal Treatment and Against Discrimination; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

16.00-16.15 **Break**

16.15-16.45 **Fellow Perspectives**
Hanna Nedjma Schwarz (Fellow)

16.45-17.15 **Fellow Perspectives**
Dennis Enßlen (Fellow)

17.15-18.00 **Travel to Hauptbahnhof (Main Train Station)**

**Location**

18.00-20.00 **Walking Tour: The “Steppenwolf” of Central Station**
André Hoek (Guide, Querstadtein e.V.)
Monday, June 10 to Wednesday, July 3

Individual and Group Work on Action Projects

Specific sessions are from now on dedicated to working individually, in small groups, and with designated experts on developing skills and ideas around the Fellows’ Action Projects.

In sessions entitled **Individual Work on Action Projects**, the Fellows may work at any location of their choice. However, a space for thinking will be available to them during most of these hours, in which staff members are also present for individual consultations on their project plans.

**Tasks for the Action Period include:**

- **IMPORTANCE**: Get in touch with your designated target group and check if the project idea addresses real needs.
- **FEASIBILITY CHECK**: Determine the scope of your project, its timing, the financial resources needed, time requirements, and potential partners.
- **FIND YOUR ALLIES**: Who could be potential collaborators during the implementation of the project?
- **INSPIRATION**: Find related projects and get inspired.
- **LITERATURE**: Review literature on your project topic.
- **TEAM UP**: Team up with other Fellows and discuss the ideas.
- **PROJECT PLAN**: Include feedback and suggestions from other Fellows and modify the project plan accordingly.
>> Monday, June 10  Queer and Feminist Perspectives on Class and Capitalism | Kicking off the Action Project Phase

Today, the Fellows explore issues of class and capitalism from different queer and feminist perspectives. In the morning, they attend a workshop in which they learn about materialist approaches to feminism and anti-racism. After lunch, they participate in an interactive input that approaches the issue from a queerfeminist and intersectional lens. The input will provide insights into how issues of classism, heteronormativity and racism are intertwined. It further touches on the question of how queerfeminist practices can contribute to inventing alternative economies, which foster sexual and social justice simultaneously. In the afternoon, the Fellows’ attention is drawn to the Action in Humanity in Action. While all the Fellows are required to implement an Action Project within one year after completion of the Fellowship program, the projects may differ significantly in their thematic scope, size, methodology, and number of people involved. The Fellows discuss success and failure stories of previous projects and share personal project experiences.

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09.30-10.00  Introduction to the Day
10.00-11.45  Workshop: Women* Strike: A Global Movement towards Materialist Feminism and Anti-Racism
Carmen Glink Buján (Activist; Member, Organizing Committee of Women* Strike Berlin; Social Worker, Hydra e.V. Berlin; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

11.45-12.00  Break
12.00-13.00  Workshop: Women* Strike: A Global Movement towards Materialist Feminism and Anti-Racism
Carmen Glink Buján

13.00-13.45  Lunch
13.45-15.15  Class Matters! Capitalism and Class from a Queerfeminist Perspective
Francis Seeck (Anti-discrimination Trainer; Author; PhD Candidate; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

15.15-15.30  Break
15.30-16.00  Introduction to the Action Project Phase
Jalyn Radziminski (Program Intern; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

16.00-17.00  Working Groups: Share Personal Experience with Project Implementation

17.00-17.15  Break
17.15-18.15  Share Findings with the Group
18.15-18.30  Wrap Up
>> Tuesday, June 11 Crash Course on Intersectionality | The Fight against Antisemitism | Germany’s Quest for Identity

The Fellows start the day with brainstorming initial ideas for meaningful post-Fellowship projects in their own communities. After the first discussion facilitated by Fellows themselves, the Fellows learn about the concept of intersectionality and how it informs the work done by the Centre for Intersectional Justice. In the afternoon, the group meets the Federal Government’s Commissioner for Antisemitism and Jewish Life to explore the issue of Antisemitism in Germany and its challenges to the country’s liberal democratic order. Following from this, the Fellows discuss the trajectory of Germany’s quest for national identity and consider the ramifications of various historical developments on national consciousness.

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09.00-09.15 Introduction to the Day
09.15-10.15 Brainstorming and Heartstorming: Action Project Ideas
10.15-11.15 Fellows Discussion
Sarian Jarosz and Rafaela Tsinafournioti (Fellows)
11.15-11.30 Break
11.30-13.00 Crash Course on Intersectionality
Dr. Emilia Roig (Founder and Executive Director, Center for Intersectional Justice)
13.00-14.00 Lunch
14.00-15.30 Livestream Event: The Fight Against Antisemitism – A Litmus Test for Democracy in Germany
Dr. Felix Klein (Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Antisemitism, Federal Government of Germany)
15.30-15.45 Break
15.45-17.15 Germany’s Quest for Identity
Gülay Gün (Collection Manager at FHXB Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum; Historian and Cultural Scientist; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
17.15-17.45 Wrap Up
17.45-18.30 Optional: Administrative Office Hour | Open Door Staff Hour
>> Wednesday, June 12 Positionality and Group Processes

Today, the Fellows work collaboratively on the ways in which they interact in the group and on a societal level by discussing and asking questions and through exchanging ideas. They explore what it means to exist, move and communicate in spaces that structurally center some, while others are kept at the margins. Through this, the Fellows learn about how they can navigate various spaces with their own positionalities – be it in their activism, daily lives or work – in such a way that is respectful, enriching to themselves and others whilst working together to break (structural) barriers and (structural) inequalities. Ultimately, they inquire how to fight oppression, discrimination together while navigating all the myriad, often conflicting, identities in which they exist.

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09.30-10.00 Introduction to the Day
10.00-13.30 Workshop: (m)your margins- (m)your centers- (our) intersections
   Manjiri Palicha (Coach; Activist)
13.30-14.30 Lunch
14.30-16.00 Workshop: (m)your margins- (m)your centers- (our) intersections
   Manjiri Palicha
16.00-16.30 Break
16.30-17.30 Fellows Discussion
   Facilitated by Sydney Eisenberg and Keshraw Majidi (Fellows)
17.30-18.00 Wrap Up
>> Thursday, June 13

Berlin’s Memorial Landscape | Deceptive Memories | Jewish Life in Germany Today

Today starts with an exploration of Berlin’s memorial landscape, where the Fellows visit and learn about sites of remembrance related to different victim groups of the Nazi era. Consecutively, the Fellows visit the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) and meet with their representatives who share insights into recent research findings concerning Germans’ remembrance of the period of National Socialism. Afterwards, the fellows learn about different aspects of contemporary Jewish life in Germany.

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Location: Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Cora-Berliner-Straße 1, 10117 Berlin (closest subway stop: Brandenburger Tor, line U5)

09.45-10.00 Meet at Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and Introduction to the Day

10.00-12.30 Guided Tour: Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Memorial to the Victims of National Socialist ‘Euthanasia’ Killings, Memorial to the Sinti and Roma Victims of National Socialism, Memorial to Homosexuals Persecuted Under Nazism

12.30-13.30 Lunch and Travel to Foundation EVZ

Location: Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Friedrichstraße 200, 10117 Berlin (closest subway stop: Stadtmitte, line U6)

13.30-15.00 Deceptive Memories: How Germany Remembers the Period of National Socialism
Dr. Andreas Eberhardt (Chairman, Board of Directors, Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) and Marianna Matzer (Team EVZ Expanded)

15.00-15.45 Travel to Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin

15.45-17.15 Fireside Chat: Jewish Life in Germany Today
Dalia Grinfeld (Former President and Founding Member, Jewish Student Union Germany (JSUD); Policy Advisor, Council Presidency of the European Union; Campaigner) facilitated by Anne Aulinger (Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany; Policy Advisor, Office of MP Susann Rüthrich (SPD); Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

17.15-17.30 Break

17.30-18.00 Fellow Perspectives
Pauline Sprang (Fellow)

18.00-18.30 Fellow Perspectives
Derin Malka (Fellow)

18.30-19.00 Wrap Up
>> Friday, June 14 Holocaust Remembrance

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

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Lunch: Today, please bring your own lunch and sufficient water.

Meeting Point: Deutsche Bahn Reisezentrum at Gesundbrunnen Train, S-Bahn and Subway Station (line U8)

09.30 Meet at Meeting Point
09.49 Departure from Gesundbrunnen Train Station, Train RE3508 (direction: Stralsund Hauptbahnhof)
10.10 Arrival at Oranienburg Train Station
10.10-10.20 Walk to Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Oranienburg
Location: Seminar Room, Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Oranienburg, Lehnitzstraße 32, 16515 Oranienburg
10.20-11.20 Overview of Fellows’ Expectations
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker (Literary Scholar; Lecturer, Humboldt University; Translator)
11.20-11.45 Walk to Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen
Location: Memorial and Museum, Straße der Nationen 22, 16515 Oranienburg
11.45-14.40 Guided Tour: Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker
14.40-15.10 Individual Tour: Memorial and Museum Sachsenhausen
15.10-15.35 Walk to Evangelische Kirchengemeinde Oranienburg
15.35-16.35 Debriefing and Discussion
16.35-16.44 Walk to Oranienburg Train Station
16.44 Departure from Oranienburg Train Station
17.20 Arrival at Potsdamer Platz Train Station
Events and Things to Do in Berlin during the Weekend


- **June 14, 7 - 8.30 pm, Queer Cabaret #2**, Studio Я, Hinter dem Gießhaus 2, 10117 Berlin, [https://gorki.de/de/queer-cabaret](https://gorki.de/de/queer-cabaret)

- **June 15 & June 16, 10 am–8 pm Jewish Museum Berlin**, Lindenstraße 9-14, 10969 Berlin, [https://www.jmberlin.de/](https://www.jmberlin.de/)

- **June 15, Tag der offenen Gesellschaft** (Day of the Open Society), [https://tdog19.de/](https://tdog19.de/)

- **June 15, 8 – 10 pm, Spoken Word meets Slam Poetry meets Hip Hop | Superpowerpoetry**, Akademie der Künste – Hanseatenweg 10, 10557 Berlin, [https://tinyurl.com/yycc5jwo](https://tinyurl.com/yycc5jwo)

- **June 16, 7 - 10 pm, Queerberg - Soli Party with Queer Refugee Performers**, Silver Future, Weserstrasse 206, 12047 Berlin, [https://tinyurl.com/y5dvnw6r](https://tinyurl.com/y5dvnw6r)
>> Monday, June 17 Anti-Muslim Racism | Islamic Feminisms

Alongside many perspectives given by the Fellows themselves, today the Fellows meet with a political scientist who shares with them his perspectives on the state of contemporary Anti-Muslim racism in Germany, linking it to post-colonial theories and developments. After lunch they learn about Islamic feminisms through an input and discussion with a co-founder of the Berlin Muslim Feminist Collective.

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09.30-09.45 Introduction to the Day
09.45-10.45 Fellows Discussion
Kiara Gilbert and Sheila Ann Riek (Fellows)
10.45-11.15 Fellow Perspectives
Sofia Koudouni (Fellow)
11.15-11.45 Fellow Perspectives
Hava Aboubakarova (Fellow)
11.45-12.00 Break
12.00-13.30 Anti-Muslim Racism in Germany Today
Ozan Zakariya Keskinlik (Political Scientist; Lecturer and Research Fellow at Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin; Co-Founder and Board Member, Salaam-Shalom Initiative Berlin)
13.30-14.30 Lunch
14.30-16.00 Perspectives on Islamic Feminisms
Saboura Manpreet Naqsband (Co-Founder, Berlin Muslim Feminist Collective; Researcher at the German Center for Integration and Migration Studies (DeZIM-Institute); Empowerment Coach)
16.00-16.15 Break
16.15-17.15 Fellows Discussion
Alexandros Manafis and Karolina Obońska (Fellows)
17.15-17.45 Fellow Perspectives
Nikolai Mather (Fellow)
17.45-18.00 Wrap Up
>> Tuesday, June 18 Right-Wing Terror in Germany

Today the Fellows learn about instances of right-wing terror in Germany through two of the most prominent cases in the last two decades: the three bomb-attacks and eleven murders of people of Turkish and Greek decent carried out by the National Socialist Underground (NSU) and the murder of Oury Jalloh, a Sierra Leonian refugee, who was burned to death in a police cell in Dessau in 2005. Meeting the Editor of NSU Watch the Fellows learn about the NSU case and the subsequent trial, followed by a workshop with the Initiative for the Memorial of Oury Jalloh, which continues to work relentlessly on organising around the demand of investigating the circumstances of Oury Jalloh’s murder.

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Location: be’kech, Exerzierstrasse 14, 13357 Berlin (closest subway stop: Pankstraße, line U8; Osloer Straße, line U8 + U9)

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<td>Optional: #tuesdaytalks at be’kech: Reflections Unheard: Black Women in Civil Rights Film &amp; Talk</td>
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The day starts with glimpses into the work of GLAD, an organization of black and PoC lesbians, gays, bisexuals, Trans*, Inter* and queers in Berlin. The organisation has a special focus on people affected by multiple forms of discrimination and provides counselling services, hosts self-organized groups and creates events and publications and offers trainings and workshops on intersectional issues. Before lunch, the Fellows discuss how the acceptance of homosexuality is discussed and incorporated in contemporary far-right narratives against the backdrop of the far-right’s traditional and openly homophobic stances. The day closes with reflecting on non-binary identities and with the re-imagining of a society where gender categories are no longer static.

Location: Karl Ballmer Saal, SinneWerk e.V., Liegnitzer Str. 15, 10999 Berlin (closest subway stops: Schönleinstraße, line U8 or Görlitzer Park, line U1)

09.45-10.00 Introduction to the Day
10.00-11.30 Intersectionality in Social Work: An Introduction to GLADT e.V.
   Rafia Shahnaz (Project Coordinator, Trainer and Consultant at GLADT e.V.)
11.30-12.00 Break
12.00-13.30 Identitarian Gays and Dangerous Queers: Homosexuality and the Far Right Today
   Patrick Wielowiejski (PhD Candidate in Cultural Anthropology, Humboldt University Berlin; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
13.30-14.30 Lunch
14.30-15.30 Fellows Discussion
   Facilitated by Nora Mpho Mathelemuse and Maddie Titelbaum (Fellows)
15.30-15.45 Break
15.45-17.00 Midterm Evaluation
17.00-17.30 Break
17.30-18.45 Fireside Chat: Imagining Society Beyond the Binary
   Lyra Pramuk (Activist; Artist), facilitated by Slieman Halabi (PhD Candidate in Social Psychology, Friedrich Schiller University Jena; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
>> Thursday, June 20  German Colonialism and its Continuities | Anti-Racist Resistance and Community

Today, the Fellows learn about Germany’s colonial past, a history long neglected and largely excluded from national educational curricula and German collective memories. In the morning, the Fellows embark on a tour through the “African Quarter” in the district of Berlin-Wedding, where they see vestiges of Germany’s colonial history. After the tour, the Fellows examine that history’s nexus to institutional racism today. They learn about ramifications that are continuously present in the social dynamics and societal structures of the country today. Following this, they get insights into Germany’s historical responsibility arising from the colonial atrocities committed in Namibia. The evening takes the Fellows to Neukölln, where Humanity in Action hosts a public documentary screening and subsequent panel discussion in collaboration with DoK Crew, a self-organised women of colour collective. The collective works on the cinematic archival of anti-racist struggles and features different self-organised anti-racist movements in Germany that have been evolving after the 1990s in the documentary. During the panel, the Fellows have the chance to speak to one of the featured activists and two members of the DoK Crew.

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Meeting Point: Afrikanische Straße (subway line U6)
09.15 Meet on street level at subway stop U6 Afrikanische Straße (corner with Müllerstraße)
09.30-11.30 Walking Tour: Germany and its Colonial Past
Joshua Kwesi Aikins (Activist; Political Scientist, Kassel University)
11.30-12.00 Walk to Each One Teach One (EOTO)
Location: EOTO, Müllerstraße 56-58, 13349 Berlin
12.00-13.30 Coloniality and Institutional Racism
Joshua Kwesi Aikins
13.30-14.30 Lunch and Travel Back to Kollwitzstraße
14.30-16.00 Germany’s Historical Responsibility for Colonialism: Thoughts from Academic, Activist and NGO-Sector Perspectives
Yaşar Ohle (Activist; Jurist; Former Employee, Friedrich-Ebert Foundation Windhoek, Namibia; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)
16.00-16.15 Break
16.15-17.15 Fellows Discussion
Facilitated by Gelly Konstantinidi and Hanna Nedjma Schwarz (Fellows)
17.15-17.45 Wrap Up
17.45-19.00 Break and Travel to Neukölln

Location: IL Kino, Nansenstraße 22, 12047 Berlin (closest subway stops: Schönleinstraße, line U8)

19.00-21.30 Public Documentary Screening and Panel Discussion: "Without Community There Is No Liberation" (Org. Title: “Zusammen haben wir eine Chance”)
Sanchita Basu (Activist; Director at ReachOut), Nadiye Ünsal (Activist; Filmmaker, DoK Crew; PhD Candidate; Member, Bündnis gegen Rassismus); Tijana Vukmirović (Activist; Filmmaker, DoK Crew)

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1 Audre Lorde
In the beginning of the day the Fellows discuss the continuous presence of colonial ideologies in contemporary discourses around feminism. Afterwards, they learn about Black life historically and the emergence of the Black women*'s movement in Germany, amongst other things by examining the work done by Audre Lorde and May Ayim. In the afternoon, the fellows discuss sex work as an intersectional feminist issue. As the topic that is often either sensationalised or stigmatised by mainstream feminist narratives, the Fellows learn about perspectives that challenge the narrative of such debates and explore how the interlocking mechanisms of labour, migration and gender manifest themselves in the dynamics of sex work.

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<td>Nelly Y. Pinkrah (Activist; Cultural and Media Theorist; PhD Candidate and Research Assistant, Leuphana University Lüneburg; Member, Initiative for Black People in Germany (ISD); Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)</td>
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Events and Things to Do in Berlin during the Weekend

- **June 21,** Badehaus Open Air - Fête de la Musique 2019,
  [https://tinyurl.com/y2edckln](https://tinyurl.com/y2edckln)

- **June 22,** 2 – 7 pm & June 23, 2 – 6 pm, Schwules Museum Berlin [Gay Museum Berlin], Lützowstraße 73, 10785 Berlin,
  [https://www.schwulesmuseum.de](https://www.schwulesmuseum.de)

- **June 22,** 10 am – 6 pm, Symposium: Let’s talk about Femicides! Sharing knowledge and networking, Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation, Franz-Mehring-Platz 1, 10243 Berlin,
  [https://www.facebook.com/events/701159023633589/](https://www.facebook.com/events/701159023633589/)


- **June 22,** 10 pm – 3 am, Zembî [Concerts & Party], SO36, Oranienstraße 190, 10999 Berlin, [https://www.facebook.com/events/2027129844052202/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2027129844052202/)

- **June 22,** 3 pm, Mad and Disability Pride Parade 2019, U and S Bahnhof Jannowitzbrücke, 10179 Berlin [Destination: Südblock at Kottbusser Tor, Admiralstraße 1-2, 10999 Berlin], [https://www.pride-parade.de/about](https://www.pride-parade.de/about)

- **June 23,** 2 – 6 pm, »zurückgeschaut« Erste Deutsche Kolonialausstellung 1896 | Treptower Park [»looking back« The first German Colonial Exhibition 1896 | Treptower Park], Museum Treptow, Sterndamm 102, 12487 Berlin, [http://zurueckgeschaut.de/](http://zurueckgeschaut.de/)
In the morning the Fellows work on their Action Projects individually and collectively discuss their ideas afterwards. The afternoon program gives insights into current developments at the EU external border in Greece, which was the major point of entry to the EU during the migratory movements that were labeled the “Refugee Crisis” in 2015. Afterwards the Fellows discuss and hear from two Senior Fellows from Greece about their perspectives and work in the civil society in Greece. The day ends with a collective feedback round on the Action Project ideas presented in the morning.

10.00 -12.00 Individual Work on Action Projects
Location: Humanity in Action Seminar Room, Kollwitzstraße 94, 10435 Berlin (closest subway stop: Eberswalder Straße, line U2)

12.00-13.00 Share Action Project Ideas with the Group

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 Refugee and Migration Management at the Borders of the EU: Lessons from the Greek Experience after 2015
Prof. Dr. Dimitris Christopoulos (Professor of Comparative Politics, Panteion University in Athens; President, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH))

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-17.15 Panel Discussion: Civic Engagement in Greece- Examples from the Senior Fellow Community
Stevi Kitsou (PhD Candidate; Legal Coordinator, Generation 2.0 for Rights Equality and Diversity; Rapporteur, Golden Dawn Watch; Board Member, Hellenic League for Human Rights; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), Chrysa Petala (Project Manager, Youthnest; Workshop Facilitator; Regional Coordinator, Robert Bosch Stiftung Greek Alumni Network; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) facilitated by Antje Scheidler (International Director of European Programs, Humanity in Action)

17.15-17.30 Break

17.30-18.45 Working Groups: Feedback on Action Project Ideas

18.45-19.15 Wrap Up
>> **Tuesday, June 25** Forced Labor and Labor Exploitation Then and Now | Perspectives on German High Schools

The day starts with a guided tour through the Documentation Centre of Forced Labor in order to examine forced labor during the Nazi era. The former labor camp Berlin-Schöneweide, the last well-preserved former labor camp in Germany, illustrates the historical organization of labor exploitation by the Nazis. Against the backdrop of this visit, the Fellows learn about examples of labor exploitation in Germany today. The day closes with a discussion with two high school students, who provide their perspectives on diversity and inclusion in the German school system. The two students are Fellows of NYU Berlin’s Martin Luther King Fellowship, in which high school students are given the opportunity to participate in university classes and events at NYU Berlin for one semester.

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

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

**09.50** Meet at Meeting Point

**Location:** Documentation Center Forced Labor, Britzer Straße 5, 12439 Berlin

**10.15-12.00** Guided Tour: **Documentation Center Forced Labor**

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

**12.00-13.30** Travel to Kollwitzstraße and Lunch

**13.30-14.00** **Fellow Perspectives**  
Maddie Titelbaum (Fellow)

**14.00-15.30** **Labour Exploitation in Germany Today**  
Livia Valensise (Project Coordinator and Researcher, Ban Ying e.V.; Social Psychologist)

**15.30-15.45** Break

**15.45-16.15** **Fellow Perspectives**  
Rose Reiken (Fellow)

**16.15-17.45** **Fireside Chat: Perspectives on German High Schools**  
Marie Gultom (High-School Student; Martin-Luther King Fellow, NYU Berlin) and Sonia Pillibeit (High-School Student; Martin-Luther King Fellow, NYU Berlin) facilitated by Linnea Riensberg (Process Designer; Facilitator; Coach; Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

**17.45-18.45** **Wrap Up**
Today the Fellows explore grassroots as well as legal perspectives on social justice and human rights. In the morning they speak to an activist from International Women Space, an anti-racist feminist grassroots collective consisting of refugee and migrant women*, about their struggles in Germany. Before lunch they analyze recent social movements over the post-financial crisis landscape and visit the question of how effective specific transformative strategies deployed by grassroots actors have been at changing social relations. Taking Solidarity City Berlin, a collective, which seeks to secure access to city services for people with restricted or undocumented legal statuses as an example, the fellows learn about an organizing approach for grassroots movements. Afterwards, the group travels to the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights to get to know their work and to exchange visions on human rights. For those Fellows who still have energy after this, there is the opportunity to join their co-Fellow Valerie for an open air film evening with short documentaries on the so-called "Anglophone Crisis" in Cameroon, hosted by the film collective Draufsicht Global that he is part of.

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Jennifer Kamau (Activist; Co-Founder, International Women Space) facilitated by Dr. Carolin Wiedemann (Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany; Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Quarterly; Co-Editor, Spheres; Member, kritnet; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) |
| 11.15-11.30 | Break |
| 11.30-13.00 | People Power? Rethinking Transformative Approaches in a Conjuncture of Crisis
Daniel Gutiérrez (Organizer, Solidarity City Berlin; PhD Candidate, Freie Universität Berlin) |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00-15.00 | Fellows Discussion
Facilitated by Viktoriia Muliavka and Valerie Viban (Fellows) |
<p>| 15.00-16.00 | Break and Travel to Location |
| Location: | European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), Zossener Str. 58, 10961 Berlin |</p>
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| 16.00-18.00  | Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights: The Work of the ECCHR and the Case of Ramstein Air Base  
Mariana Karkoutly (ECCHR Fellow; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow) and Rosa Beets (ECCHR Fellow) |
| 18.00-20.00  | Optional: Drinks with ECCHR Fellows                                   |
| Location:     | Freiluftkino Pompeji, Laskerstr. 5, 10245 Berlin                      |
| 21.30-00.00   | Optional: Open Air Cinema: Draufsicht Global – Bamenda X Berlin       |
>> Thursday, June 27 Governmental Perspectives on Migration, Refugees and Integration | Visit to the Bundestag

Today, the Fellows tackle asylum and integration in Germany from various perspectives. After a morning of Fellows perspectives and discussions the Fellows visit the Bundestag, where a former Minister of State and Federal Government Commissioner for Migration, Refugees, and Integration in Germany meets with the Fellows to share her perspectives on how Germany has been handling migration. After the talk the Fellows have the opportunity to explore the parliament buildings and have time to work in their Action Projects individually afterwards.

**Attention:** To be able to enter the German Bundestag, you need to bring your passport or national identity card (EU citizens).

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Friday, June 28: Action Project Skills | Street Art and Graffiti in Kreuzberg

Today the Fellows acquire useful skills for the implementation of their action projects. First they learn about how they can effectively implement digital tools and strategies in their action projects. After lunch they travel to the Archive of Youth Cultures where they get insights into how to create so-called intervention sets for civic education, an alternative to the classical educational brochure. The sets experiment with cards and action material like bracelets, stencils, dog-tags, buttons, adhesive tattoos or markers to inform, empower and raise sensitivity for each topic. The day ends with a street art and graffiti walk tour through Berlin’s district of Kreuzberg. During the walk the Fellows trace the emergence of graffiti writing from New York and Philadelphia as well as the political roots of stencil graffiti. Using the example of Kreuzberg pictures, they get to know the historical backgrounds of various forms of urban art – from illegally tiled mosaic pictures to elaborate 3D installations – and address the questions of how we read graffiti, who hides behind its messages and what the artists’ motivation are.

Dress Code: We will be outside part of the day. Please dress accordingly.

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09.00-09.15 Introduction to the Day

09.15-09.45 Fellow Perspectives
Kiara Gilbert (Fellow)

09.45-10.00 Break

10.00-12.00 Action Project Skills: Leveraging your Action Project with Digital Tools and Strategies
Tim Schleicher (Data and Social Scientist; Consultant at LEAD; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow)

12.00-14.00 Lunch and Travel to Location

Location: Archiv der Jugendkulturen, Seminarraum Haus A, Fidicinstr. 3, 10965 Berlin (closest subway stop: Platz der Luftbrücke, line U6)

14.00-15.30 Action Project Skills: Intervention Sets against Discrimination: Innovative Formats for Civic Education
Svetla Koynova (Project Coordinator, Archive of Youth Cultures)

15.30-15.45 Break

15.45-18.00 Walking Tour: Street Art and Graffiti in Berlin-Kreuzberg
Benjamin Oliver Lode (Tour Guide for Graffiti and Street Art in Berlin)
Events and Things to Do in Berlin during the Weekend

- June 29, 6.30 pm – 3 am, **Disorient Launch ft. Karl reMarks & Hoe_mies** [Online magazine launch with panel discussion and party], Südblock, Admiralstr. 1-2, 10999 Berlin, [https://www.facebook.com/events/2200749046627005/](https://www.facebook.com/events/2200749046627005/)

- June 30, 4 – 7 pm, **BIPOC Picknick**, Görlitzer Park, Görlitzer Straße 1-2, 10999 Berlin, Germany [only for people who are negatively affected by racism], [https://www.facebook.com/events/600979727049203/](https://www.facebook.com/events/600979727049203/)

- June 30, 10 am – 6 pm, **Nowkoelln Flowmarkt** [Fleamarket], Maybachufer 39-50, 12047 Berlin, [https://www.facebook.com/events/326838281300296/](https://www.facebook.com/events/326838281300296/)
How to Pitch Your Action Project

Following from several Fellows Discussions and Perspectives, the Fellows learn how to pitch their Action Projects in preparation of the Fellow day’s farewell reception in a workshop during the late afternoon. The Fellows are required to submit their completed Action Project Plans before midnight.

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09.00-10.00 Introduction to the Day
10.00-11.00 Fellows Discussion
   Derin Malka and Nikolai Mather (Fellows)
11.00-11.30 Fellow Perspectives
   Karolina Obońska (Fellow)
11.30-11.45 Break
11.45-12.15 Fellow Perspectives
   Sydney Eisenberg (Fellow)
12.15-12.45 Fellow Perspectives
   Khesraw Majidi (Fellow)
12.45-14.00 Break
14.00-15.00 Fellows Discussion
   Sofia Koudouni and Pauline Sprang (Fellows)
15.00-15.15 Break
15.15-16.00 Workshop: How to Pitch a Project
   Mona Shair-Wloch (Founder and Managing Director, key2advance)
16.00-16.45 Develop Your Project Pitch
   Mona Shair-Wloch
16.45-18.00 Test the Pitch with the Group & Collective Feedback
   Mona Shair-Wloch
18.00-18.15 Wrap Up
18.15-19.00 Optional: Open Door Staff Hour
Disability has long been a dramatically overlooked issue in human rights and progressive politics. Especially in Germany, where segregated institutions for disabled people are constantly growing, the voices of the oppressed are marginalized to a tragic degree. The Fellows are introduced to the situation of disabled people in Germany and dive into the question of what a human rights-based critique of exclusion and discrimination could look like. They further discuss how everyday political issues can be framed in a way that allows for an understanding of their repercussions on disabled people and finally take a look at arguments on an inclusive and human rights-based politics in order to become a helpful ally to disabled people. In the afternoon, the Fellows learn about the continuities in the century-long prosecution of Roma people in Germany and Europe and the communities’ fights for recognition of the atrocities during the NS period.

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09.30-10.00 Introduction to the Day
10.00-11.30 “Disabled by Society, not by our Bodies”- Disability, Politics and Human Rights
Frieder Kurbjeweit (Activist; Researcher, Institute for Disability Studies, Cologne University)

11.30-11.45 Break
11.45-12.15 Fellow Perspectives
Rafaela Tsinafournioti (Fellow)

12.15-13.15 Lunch
13.15-14.45 From Centuries of Prosecution to Ethnic Cleansing to Today’s Deportations: Rom*nja in Germany and Europe
Nadezda Krasniqi (Activist; Author)

14.45-15.00 Break
15.00-18.45 Refine Pitches and Prepare Project Presentation
23.59 Deadline: Submit Project Plans Online
>> Wednesday, July 3  Farewells

The day is spent with collectively evaluating the program and farewells and ends with a reception where Fellows pitch their Action Project ideas.

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*With Dr. Henriette Rytz (Vice Chairperson, Humanity in Action Germany; Foreign Policy Advisor to Cem Özdemir, MP, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen) and Barbara Orth (Board Member, Humanity in Action Germany; Research Associate, Berlin State Office for Equal Treatment and Against Discrimination; Humanity in Action Senior Fellow), Members of the Board, Supporters, Host Families, Senior Fellows, Fellows, Staff, and Friends*
FELLOW BIOGRAPHIES

KHAVA (HAVA) ABOUBAKAROVA
(SHE/HER/HERS)
University of Warsaw

Hava was born in Chechnya but has been living in Poland for eighteen years now. Last year, she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Teaching Foreign Languages at Warsaw University and currently is close to receiving her B.A. in American Studies. From a young age she has always been interested in human rights issues and decided to write her thesis concerning hate crimes. Due to her passion for theatre she was a member of drama classes in a “Microscene” participating in various spectacles and intercultural dialogs. During her high school years she won the “Great Eight” competition for her social work and, thanks to this, had the opportunity to go to Rome for the first time in her life. She completely fell in love with the city and decided to go back to Italy, choosing it for her Erasmus destination.

YOUNES BOULARES (HE/HIM/HIS)
Tulane University

Raised in the New Orleans area his entire life, Younes Boulares is a graduating senior at Tulane University with a dual degree in Neuroscience and International Relations. He also spent a semester abroad in England at King’s College London while working for the Labour Party. In his spare time, Younes likes to watch football and his favorite teams are Algeria and Real Madrid. After Tulane, Younes plans to work for the state of Louisiana and pursue a law degree aimed at federal prosecution.
SYDNEY EISENBERG (SHE/HER/HERS)
University of Michigan

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Sydney is currently is a rising senior at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is majoring in Psychology, and minoring in Education for Empowerment and Writing. In Cleveland, she combined these passions as an intern at Facing History and Ourselves, and worked with teachers to integrate social justice concepts into their curricula. On campus, Sydney conducted psychology research on recent resettled Syrian refugees’ identity and belonging, and served as a co-chair for the Michigan Refugee Assistance Program. In her free time, Sydney loves to travel; she has spent the past two summers learning about sustainable international development and education in rural Thailand, Laos, and Tanzania, and has just returned from a semester abroad at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

DENNIS ENSSLLEN (HE/HIM/HIS)
Zeppelin University

Being born to a Turkish mother and a German father, Dennis grew up between two cultures that follow seemingly contradictory premises. He was raised in Hanover and attended an inclusive comprehensive school there. After graduating from high school, he worked for an NGO in the field of sustainability. Because of his interest in societal issues and the ambiguity of his own cultural background, he attended the Communication and Cultural Sciences program with a Minor in Economics at Zeppelin University in Friedrichshafen and holds a bachelor’s scholarship there. As the student diversity representative and the leader of the Diversity-Initiative, he organizes workshops, lectures and events to promote awareness of minority issues. In Friedrichshafen, he is actively involved in local politics. Dennis enjoys reading sociological literature and intense discussions. He plans to do a master’s degree in political communication in order to get involved in structures that will build new progressive political opinion leaders for Germany and also Europe.
KIARA GILBERT (THEY/THEM/THEIRS)
Florida State University

Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Kiara Gilbert recently earned their BFA in Studio Art and BA in Political science from Florida State University. Through their work, Kiara seeks to bring awareness and start conversations about the effects that racial and income inequality has on access to fresh and healthy foods in marginalized communities. They have recently shown prints in Atlanta, Seattle, and New York and plan to pursue an MFA in printmaking and sculpture.

SARIAN JAROSZ (HE/HIM/HIS)
University of Warsaw

Sarian Jarosz has finished his studies in Ethnography at University of Warsaw, Poland, and then - International Diplomacy at European Academy of Diplomacy. He is a Regional Vice-president of Forum of Young Diplomats, but worked in many non-governmental organisations in field of humanitarian assistance and migration - Habitat for Humanity, Polish Humanitarian Action, Foundation Salvation and others. He worked as a journalist in local TV and as a volunteer in Russia, Romania, Macedonia and Uganda. He was a part of Global Education Program in Kampala, Uganda, where he was conducting journalism classes. He is interested in topics of environmental migration, humanitarian economics and natural disasters. He is planning to work in humanitarian sector, after finishing his master in Development Studies in Denmark.
EVANGELIA-STYLIANI (GELLY) KONSTANTINIDI (SHE/HER/HERS)
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Born and raised in Athens, Gelly Konstantinidi is a PhD student in Social Psychology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. She is currently doing research on political radicalisation and the acceptance and rejection of political violence. Her MSc degree was in Social Psychology of Conflicts at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences and she is also working as a lecturer in Psychology, Sociology and Applied Statistics in Social Research at City Unity College in Athens. Gelly has previously done research on minority influence, refugees’ and LGBTQ issues, corruption, radicalization and Muslim identity. She has worked on site with refugee students and their parents in cooperation with UNICEF and the British Council Greece and has always been keen on addressing all sorts of social inequalities both academically and practically.

SOFIA KOUDOUNI (SHE/HER/HERS)
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Sofia is a Greek, recent graduate from the English Department of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. She is particularly interested in languages and more specifically, translation and subtitling. She also spent a semester abroad as an Erasmus exchange student at Lumière Lyon 2 in France. She has participated in various Erasmus+ youth exchanges and training courses including a two-month European Voluntary Service in Latvia, where she was planning and implementing summer activities for kids and teenagers. She has teaching experience in the field of English and at the same time, training experience within the domain of non-formal education. The last part having been acquired through her position as Team Leader of Workshops & Events in an informal team which focuses on gender equality, called She&he. Lastly, she is an active volunteer in a local NGO, Youthfully Yours, under the position of Project Manager of the organization’s web radio station.
Khesraw Majidi was born in Afghanistan and raised in Pakistan and India. Currently, he is pursuing his masters in Social Sciences at Humboldt University in Berlin. Besides his studies, he works with a project called Peacemakers: Dialogue Campus Network at Humboldt University which aims to foster peace-building and conflict resolution activities by targeting university students in European countries and Turkey where racial, ethnic, cultural and migration-related conflicts have begun to take a worrying eminence. This project is done in cooperation with multiple other universities including the Erasmus University Rotterdam and Gaziantep University, University of Bologna and Universidade Aberta. He is also working as a student assistant in the research project “Glimpses of hope in the Shadow of war: The Afghan Youth Project” funded by the German Peace Foundation. In addition, he volunteers as a student assistant in another research project called “Former ISIS Child Soldiers/ Survivors in Iraq” funded by GIZ.

Derin Malka (She/Her/Hers)
Zeppelin University

When people ask Derin where she sees herself in five years, she replies that she sees herself empowering women all over the world. Derin was born in Zaxo, Kurdistan and grew up in Germany. After graduating from high school, she immediately left her city to start a one-year volunteer program in a small village in West India. She volunteered for a women’s rights organization that gave her the opportunity to learn more about the struggles of underprivileged women. Derin is currently completing her bachelor’s degree at Zeppelin University. There she combines the disciplines of politics, administration and international relations. As a member of the Club of International Politics and the College-Initiative Model United Nations, she has the chance to get deeper into diplomacy. Her goal for the future is to shape a career in human and women’s rights and to work with marginalized populations such as female immigrants.
ALEXANDROS MANAFIS (HE/HIM/HIS)
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Alexandros was born in Serres, a small town in northern Greece. Having an interest in local community from an early age, he was engaged with student councils, school committees, and grassroots movements. He has been granted an Award of Academic Excellence by the President of the Greek Republic for his performance in national examinations. As a medical student, Alexandros is an active member of the Scientific Society of Hellenic Medical Students where he is involved in a variety of scientific and social actions. He has voluntarily assisted the “Doctors of the World” Public Healthcare Clinic in Thessaloniki and has been a volunteer rescuer for “Hellenic Rescue Team”. He has also been engaged with clinical research since his early student years, mainly in the fields of Hypertension and Diabetes, contributing in the publication of multiple scientific papers and taking part in numerous national and international conferences.

NORA MPHÒ MATHELEMUSE (SHE/HER/HERS; THEY/THEM/THEIRS)
Glasgow Caledonian University

Born in Germany and raised both in Germany and South Africa, Nora Mpho is a graduate diploma student at Glasgow Caledonian University in Psychology. They spent two years working in Berlin. As a co-innovator of a destigmatizing mental health campaign with a particular focus for refugees and working in various psychiatric facilities. Nora seeks to use educational campaigning to overcome barriers and help people with mental illness overcome problems. Right now Nora is researching mental health implications of queer, black and people of color identifying individuals living in Germany. In their spare time, Nora is involved with art collectives, Yon Afro, a female afro-diasporic art collective, which recently concluded their residency at Transmission, a Gallery space supporting artists of color. After Caledonian University, Nora plans to pursue a career in Psychology and continue with further studies.
NIKOLAI MATHER (HE/HIM/HIS; THEY/THEM/THEIRS)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Nikolai Mather is from Chatham County, North Carolina. He is a rising junior and Levine Scholar at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Charlotte, where he is pursuing a double major in Political Science and International Studies. In 2018, Nikolai co-organized a successful campaign to establish the first LGBTQ+ space on UNC Charlotte’s campus. In addition to his work in queer activism, Nikolai is also the assistant editor of the Opinion Section at UNC Charlotte’s student newspaper, the Niner Times. He was the Executive Secretary for Diversity Affairs in UNC Charlotte’s Student Government Association for the Spring 2019 semester. Nikolai has conducted research on the alt-right’s usage of racist memes as well as Chechnya’s crackdown on LGBTQ+ civilians. In his spare time, he likes to write, cook, and practice the banjo. His post-graduate plans include law school, continued work for social justice, and mastery of Arabic and Estonian.

VIKTORIIA (VICKY) MULIAVKA (SHE/HER/HERS)
Polish Academy of Sciences

Originally from Ukraine, Viktoriia Muliavka is a PhD student in Sociology at Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences. She graduated with a BA in Sociology at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and with an MA in Economy and Society from Lancaster University. Vicky also spent one semester studying Political Science in University of Sofia ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’. She is interested in studying socio-economic inequalities, grievances and student protest, and works as a research assistant and data analyst in a number of research projects on political voice and economic inequality as well as European student engagement and analysis of contemporary social movements in Poland. She is also working on her dissertation about student protests in post-socialist states. In addition to her academic experience Vicky is engaged in with Ukrainian NGOs. She is a managing editor and author of ‘Commons: Journal of Social Criticism’. 
KAROLINA OBOŃSKA (SHE/HER/HERS)
University of Silesia

Coming from Silesia, a region heavily impacted by the turmoils of war and communism, it was easy for Karolina to notice that almost all of the current social problems stem from negligences of the past. Therefore, after deciding to focus her master’s thesis on legal basis of art restitution, broadening her knowledge through academic conferences dedicated to the matter paired with extensive research, she became fully aware of how perplexed this problem actually is, especially regarding real estate ownership, which is one of many aspects that still has a direct impact on everyday lives resulting in complex issues, all leading to extreme injustices. Throughout her period at university she has also had the opportunity to undergo certain internships, both in public and private institutions, which allowed her to acquaint herself with procedures that she later used and intends to use in efforts to correct the existing unjust state of things.

ROSE REIKEN (SHE/HER/HERS)
Columbia University

Rose is a native New Yorker and a rising senior at Barnard College studying Sociology and Urban Teaching. She serves as Director of Pedagogy for Meet Me at the Museum, a program that writes and gives tours of art museums in New York City to low-income students. Rose is also a Judaics teacher at a local synagogue and will serve as her Hillel’s Vice President of Engagement next year, creating programming to make her Jewish community on campus more inclusive. In years past, Rose was her college class president and a mentor for first-generation low-income students. With a free minute, she is an avid baker and often carries the scent of freshly baked brownies around with her wherever she goes. After graduating, Rose plans to teach high school history and later dedicate her career to equitable education reform with a particular focus on school discipline.
SHEILA ANN RIEK (SHE/HER/HERS)
University of Passau

As a womxn of German and Namibian heritage, Sheila is a free-spirited political science student (B.A. Governance and Public Policy) in her final year of university. She recently spent a year abroad, first in Brussels, Belgium to work at a human rights organization focusing on the self-determination of indigenous people and minorities and right after in Stellenbosch, South Africa to attend university. Involved in her university back home, Sheila is a member of Amnesty International and founded a working group focusing on issues members of the African continent and African diaspora are facing. For the second time she is part of the organizational team of the anti-racist festival “festival contre le racisme” (FCLR). Sheila seeks to bring womxn empowerment to her own local community back in Rehoboth, Namibia through strengthening the ties of every womxn in her community and the engagement in finding strength within oneself and others.

HANNA NEDJMA SCHWARZ (SHE/HER/HERS)
Humboldt University Berlin

Originally from Bonn, Hanna has studied social sciences with a focus on public sphere theory, feminist critique, and political communication in places as diverse as Erfurt, Lille and Berlin. She holds a scholarship from the Hans-Böckler-Foundation and is currently finishing her Master’s degree in Social Sciences at Humboldt University of Berlin, focusing on the relevance of race and gender in the capitalist labor division. Hanna has worked for Amnesty International, Actors for Human Rights, and the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation. She is part of the women’s and queer-strike movement and involved in antiracist struggles.
Pauline Sprang (No Pronouns; She/Her/Hers)
Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg

How do we want to live together? Driven by this fundamental question, Pauline Sprang is seeking for sustainable ways to draw upon one’s privileges in order to work against the oppressive structures they are part of. She started her intellectual journey with a Bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences in Freiburg, which allowed her to explore mechanisms of power and oppression from different fields. To look over the rim of the Western teacup, she also studied political sciences in Iran. In journalism, photography, and film, she sees a way to bring theory into an everyday context. Pauline worked as a freelancer and with several collectives on mostly queer feminist issues. The topics she writes most passionately about are intimacies and non-monogamies. At the moment, she is working in a film production and helps in the organization of the PorYes Feminist Porn Award Europe.

Madeleine (Maddie) Titelbaum (She/Her/Hers)
Pacific Lutheran University

A native Coloradan and graduating senior, Maddie Titelbaum studied Environmental Studies with minors in Sociology and Nonprofit Leadership at Pacific Lutheran University. She participated in leadership and academic research opportunities that aligned with her passion for advocacy and community building. As a student coordinator at the Center for Gender Equity, she spearheaded the re-branding of the university’s community peer education program by securing grant funding, facilitating trainings, and mentoring students. Through her internship at local non-profit Citizens for a Healthy Bay, she developed case studies on fossil fuel bans and other environmental justice topics. Her most formative educational experience involved conducting an anthropological field study in rural India, investigating tribal women’s agency in forest management. This cross-cultural research experience inspired her to pursue a career in human rights, advocating for community-based solutions in environmental policy decisions. In the next few years she plans to pursue graduate studies in Applied Anthropology.
ATHANASIA RAFAELA (RAFAELA) TSINAFOURNIOTI (SHE/HER/HERS)
Hellenic Open University

Rafaela Tsinafournioti is an educator and linguist, as well as an honorary graduate of the Language Education for Refugees and Migrants master’s program of the Hellenic Open University. Her national background is Greek, Turkish, Roma, German and probably more than that. Due to her having a university degree, she is a highly respected advisor in her Roma community. Since 2011 she has tried to help the children of the community stay in school, have dreams, and be aware of opportunities that break the Roma traditions and gender roles. In her spare time, Rafaela writes, reads, does sports, and takes care of stray dogs. She is fascinated by languages and cultural diversity, and strongly believes that change in language (what we say and how we say it) can bring social change. She plans to pursue a Ph.D in Applied Linguistics and/or Sociolinguistics.

VIBAN VALERIE (HE/HIM/HIS)
Berlin School of Economics and Law

Valerie Viban, 28, is from Cameroon in Central Africa. Born to a religiously diverse family, his passion for advocating for human rights, intra-faith tolerance, and cohesion saw him working in several projects in community based organizations in his home country and eventually at the National Commission for Human Rights and freedoms. Valerie has previously been part of a youth led organization, which focuses on peace building via offering alternative empowerment to young people with a history of violence. In Germany, he has had experiences working and volunteering with Bread for the World, German African Partnership foundation, and Solidarity Service International where he is part of a film-making project called ‘Draufsicht’. He holds a master’s degree in International Relations with a special focus in Communication and Public Policy and is currently rounding off a second master’s in International Economics at the Berlin School of Economics and Law.
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

JOSHUA KWESI AIKNS
Joshua Kwesi Aikins is a political scientist and Ph.D. candidate at University of Kassel. 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, equality data, coloniality and the politics of memory in Germany. As an academic and an activist, Aikins is involved in various projects in both Germany and Ghana. Currently he serves as expert member of a parliamentary commission of inquiry on racism and discrimination in the German state of Thuringia. As a policy officer with Diakonie Bundesverband he coordinated, co-wrote and presented the parallel report to Germany’s state report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2013-2015). As a member of the board of advisers for the Initiative Schwarze Menschen in Deutschland (Initiative Black People in Germany), he contributes both policy analysis and advocacy, e.g. for data collection toward tracing, proving, and combating the effects of institutional racism. Aikins is involved in antiracist organizing, diaspora empowerment, and the ongoing struggle for a decolonial renaming of Berlin streets and a shift from colonial to anti- and decolonial commemoration in and beyond the German capital. In Ghana, his involvement spans conceptual and policy work, from serving as associate researcher for the Ghana Constitution Review Commission to the development and scientific lead for Ghana Vote Compass, Ghana’s first voter advice application for the December 2012 election.

HENRY ALT-HAAKER
Henry Alt-Haaker is the Chairman of the Board of Humanity in Action Germany and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from the German Program of 2005. He currently heads the International Relations Programs & Liaison Work at the Berlin Representative Office of the Robert Bosch Stiftung as Senior Vice President. He joined the foundation in the role of program officer in August 2013, becoming a senior project manager in October 2016 and serving in his current position since September 2017. His primary expertise encompasses the foundation’s activities in conflict transformation and programs with German policymakers. He supervises projects in various regions including the Caucasus, the Middle East, sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He is furthermore responsible for the liaison mandate of the Berlin Office with public and private partners. Before joining the foundation, Henry Alt-Haaker headed the parliamentary office of German Minister of Justice Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger as chief clerk, served as a political officer at the Canadian Embassy in Berlin and worked for Humanity in Action in Paris. His expertise includes migration and integration, German politics as well as European and transatlantic affairs. He is an alumnus of several German foundations, including the German National Academic Foundation. After having studied German literature and philosophy at Humboldt University in Berlin, Sorbonne University in Paris and Washington University in St. Louis, he obtained a Master in Public Policy at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.
DR. RUSSELL ALT-HAAKER
Dr. Russell Alt-Haaker is a lecturer of literature within the bologna.lab at the Humboldt University of Berlin with a focus on Jewish identity in Germany in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. He also partners with Holocaust archives and museums as a specialized translator of handwritten German documents and correspondence. Alt-Haaker completed undergraduate work at Drake University as well as the Humboldt University of Berlin and received his B.A. in German literature from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2004. In 2006, he earned his M.A. from Washington University in St. Louis. Alt-Haaker returned to Germany from 2008 to 2009 after receiving a DAAD Research Grant to begin research on his dissertation Coloring Catastrophe: De/Coding Color in Representations of the Holocaust. His principal research interests include representations of the Shoah in film, photography and literature, German-Jewish studies, visual theory, contemporary German-language literature, and translation studies. He defended his Ph.D. thesis in May 2013.

ANNE AULINGER
Anne Aulinger is a member of the board of Humanity in Action Germany and has served as a Policy Advisor in the Berlin office of MP Susann Rüthrich (Social Democratic Party) since 2015. She is responsible for strategies to promote civil society engagement and combatting right-wing ideology. She is furthermore concerned with migration, integration as well as LGBTI*-issues. She supported her MPs work at the Bundestag Inquiry Committee on the murders of the right-wing terrorist group NSU (2015-2017), where Susann Rüthrich was vice chair. Prior to this position, she worked for the “Network for Democracy and Courage” in Leipzig, an NGO that offers peer-to-peer political education on anti-discrimination and participation. Anne completed a B.A. in Public Policy and Religious Sciences at University Erfurt and holds a M.A. in Social Sciences from the Humboldt-University Berlin. During this period, she spent one semester at Université Libre de Bruxelles. Anne focused on social inequality, integration and anti-discrimination, topics that she seeks to apply in her long-standing practical work as a political educator. As an activist and member of several working groups, she is furthermore engaged in the combat of antisemitism. In her master thesis, she explored the effects of gender-specific online harassment and coping strategies, particularly when dealing with threats of sexualized violence. Anne is a senior fellow from the Berlin program in 2014 and took part in the Pat Cox-HIA-Fellowship in 2015, in which she worked as a policy assistant in the Brussels office of the “European Network Against Racism” (ENAR).

SANCHITA BASU
When Sanchita Basu came to West-Berlin in the 1980s she realised relatively quickly that as an “Ausländerin” (alien) in Germany you need to assert yourself and find allies. She took the challenge upon her and found her political friends at “Arbeitsstelle 3. Welt” (working group “third-world“) at the Technical University of Berlin. Despite many obstacles and fights, she struggled against the department for educational studies of TU Berlin and managed to establish racism, a taboo subject at the time in Germany, as a topic studied and addressed in the department. This successful struggle lead her to her next project: Nozizwe- the first feminist educational project for women of the “two-thirds world“ in Berlin, which was not about cultural
togetherness but feminist discourses. The 1990s in West-Berlin shaped Sanchita. She developed an opposition to white feminists, whose centre-peripherie logic was not accepted by her, and tried to occupy space with her political allies. Since 2000 she is engaged in organising against the detrimental effects the fall of the Berlin Wall had on people of colour, when racism unleashed in Germany. This is how ReachOut was created - a consultation centre for people affected by racist, right-wing and anti-semitic violence.

**ROSA BEETS**
Rosa works as a legal trainee with ECCHR’s Business & Human Rights team. Originally from Amsterdam, she previously worked on strategic human rights litigation with the Public Interest Litigation Project. Afterwards, she worked as a paralegal at Dutch law firm Prakken d’Oliveira Human Rights Lawyers. Having a background in both law and European studies, she is also interested in history. In previous years, she has hence much enjoyed working as a tour guide, offering historical tours in both Amsterdam and Berlin.

**PROF. DR. DIMITRIS CHRISTOPOULOS**
Dimitris Christopoulos is a professor of comparative politics at the Department of Political Science and History of Panteion University in Athens, where he teaches public law and human rights focusing on migration, minorities, citizenship and freedom of expression. He regularly provides lectures in different universities around the world and publishes in scientific reviews or journals in the field of legal and political theory focusing on issues related to human rights, minorities, migrants and citizenship. In 2016 he has been elected President of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) based in Paris. He is frequently interviewed by international or Greek media and writes regularly in the Greek and international press on issues of his interest. For an extensive biography and publications see [https://bit.ly/2PolFRU](https://bit.ly/2PolFRU).

**DR. ANDREAS EBERHARDT**
Dr. Andreas Eberhardt has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) since April 2016. The active shaping of a culture of memory, the promotion of democratic civil society in Europe, and the strengthening of international understanding are central to his work. Eberhardt studied sociology, political science, journalism, and communications (M.A.). He received his doctorate from the University of Münster with a thesis on the processing of captivity and imprisonment in camps, and did research on prisoners’ literature, biographical narratives, and on addressing experiences of persecution. He is a member of the Advisory Council on the Alliance for Democracy and Tolerance - against Extremism and Violence, founded by the Federal Ministries of the Interior and Justice, and also of the Advisory Council of the foundation Brandenburgische Gedenkstätten.

**CARMEN GLINK BUJÁN**
Carmen Glink Buján (*1992 in Osnabrück) gained her BA and MA degree in Social and Cultural Anthropology and Political Sciences at Freie Universität Berlin. After graduating from college in 2018, she started working as a social worker at Hydra eV Berlin, a counselling centre for sexworkers. In her future
career she hopes to successfully connect academia and activism to support struggles against discrimination and oppression and to fight for global justice. Her master’s thesis was based on her ethnographic field research with Nigerian sex workers in Barcelona. Her research interests include post-marxist, post-colonial and feminist theory and concentrates on topics surrounding gender, migration, self-organization and (sex)work. Carmen will attend graduate school for her PhD about racist motivated murder in Germany next year. In the past, she was organized in different anti-capitalist groups. Last year she became part of the first women* strike committee in Germany since 1994, where she is a leading member of the organizing committee. She enjoys taking part in different cultural events and loves to dance!

DALIA GRINFELD
Dalia Grinfeld was the first elected President (2017-2019) and also founding member of the Jewish Student Union Germany (JSUD), the representative organization for 25,000 Jewish students and young adults in Germany. Her expertise fields are political campaigning, development and empowerment of Jewish student communities and minority coalition building. Furthermore, Dalia is a Policy Advisor for the Council Presidency of the European Union since January 2017. Her portfolio is filled in-depth with a wide range of European policy topics, but has a focus on education and migration policies. Prior, she studied Political Science and Jewish Studies at the University of Heidelberg. In addition, she spent two semesters abroad at the University of Buenos Aires and at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya. Moreover, she is on the board and actively involved in various NGO’s in the fields of women’s rights and health, LGBTQ* inclusion, reshaping democracy and Jewish community building. She has a multicultural family background and speaks fluent German, English, Hebrew, Russian and Spanish. If she’s not doing any of the above, she is most likely reading a behavioral economics book at one of the many coffee places she likes to discover worldwide.

MARIE GULTOM
Marie is 17 years old and currently graduating from Carl-von-Ossietzky High School in Berlin Kreuzberg. Next to high school she is a participant of NYU’s Martin Luther King Fellowship that focuses on ethnic diversities and understanding the differences between cultures and backgrounds. Marie moved to Berlin 5 years ago from a small village near Cologne. Ever since, she has learned how different cultures interact with and live alongside one another. As part of this fellowship she got to spend 6 months attending classes at the NYU Campus Berlin where she met students and learned about America’s perception of Europe and Europe’s perception of America. Another project she took part in was the Milestones walks, where she participated in a tour around certain areas of Berlin to see how different groups and cultures transformed spaces over time and turned it into the vibrant, diverse streets Berlin consists of today. In her free time she likes to read outside, meet up with friends or watch series. Marie is interested in anything concerning science and medicine. After graduation she is hoping to study medicine at Charité Berlin to become a neurosurgeon. Marie loves listening to other people’s life stories and create stories of her own whenever she finds a sudden inspiration. Given that she has spent 11 years as a student in different German schools, she has experienced multiple adaptations of the German
school system and its advantages and disadvantages.

**DANIEL GUTIÉRREZ**
Daniel Gutiérrez is an organizer at Solidarity City Berlin. He is a doctoral candidate at Freie Universität's Graduate Studies in North American Studies program, where he investigates post-financial crisis graduate student union militancy at the University of California. His political and investigate work focuses on questions of grassroots organization, power, and strategy, more generally.

**GÜLAY GÜN**
Gülay Gün, M.A., studied history, religions, and European studies in Bremen, Frankfurt/Oder and Istanbul. The focus of Gülay’s interest is critical whiteness, collective memory, and culture of remembrance in a post-migrant society. Being in the field of museum for six years her main exhibition projects have been on German Forced Labour, the Circassian people and Das Kapital. Since 2019 she is the collection manager of the FHXB Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg Museum. When she doesn't work on exhibitions, she coaches other museums on how to diversify their staff and culture. Gülay is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow of 2009.

**SLEEMAN HALABI**
Slieman Halabi is an HIA Senior Fellow (Berlin, 2016) and is a PhD student for social psychology at the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena. Slieman's research is mainly focused on intergroup relations and conflict. He conducted various studies during his PhD on the perceived threat associated with passing as ingroup members in the context of assimilated migrants and perceiving them as impostors among majority society. Moreover, some of his research was on communication across groups and the influence of accents. Slieman is a Palestinian citizen of Israel where he worked as a group facilitator for Israeli Palestinian dialogue groups.

**ANDRÉ HOEK**
André Hoek is a formerly homeless person who used to live on the streets of Berlin. Before he became homeless, he lived his dreams as a web designer, living in a house on Gran Canaria. When things started going wrong, he increasingly attempted to numb his problems with alcohol until he ended up homeless on the streets of Berlin after an unfortunate of series of events. On his tour, he will show you the bridges between central station (Hauptbahnhof) and the government district (Regierungsviertel) where he slept, together with other homeless people, for over 18 months. He explains how dangerous life on the streets can be, how homelessness feels and finally, how he managed to get back into a flat and escape homelessness.

**LIAD HUSSEIN KANTOROWICZ**
Liad Hussein Kantorowicz is a longtime feminist activist and advocate for sex worker rights. She's the co-founder and coordinator of the Peer Projekt - Germany’s first migrant-based project for peer education skills-sharing and information amongst sex workers - at Hydra e.V., Germany’s oldest sex workers’ rights organization. In 2003 She coined the term “Sex Work” in Hebrew and wrote a weekly column about sex work and feminism in Jerusalem, which started her career of journalism in palestine-israel. She
contributed to the 2017 publication “Sex Workers Speak, Who Listens?“, co-published by OpenDemocracy and TAMPEP. Her current focus is on sex workers, community building and mental health in Berlin. She’s a board member of Argaman, Israel’s first national organization for sex workers’ rights. She’s also a perpetual migrant and a longtime former sex worker. She has a double-identity in the world of performance art and music, where her work frequently deals with sex work, gender and migration.

JENNIFER KAMAU
Jennifer Kamau is a co-founder of International Women Space (IWS), an anti-racist feminist group consisting of refugee and migrant women as well as women without this experience. The group was formed during the occupation of Oranienplatz (a square in Berlin’s district of Kreuzberg) and the Gehart-Hauptmann School in Berlin-Kreuzberg. IWS fosters solidarity and cooperation among migrant women, publishes books and organises campaigns, protests and conferences on the topics of seeking asylum and migrant women’s struggles. In 2017, IWS organised "Als ich nach Deutschland kam" (“When I came to Germany”), a two-day conference in Berlin. During the conference, different women shared their experience in six panel discussions: women who came to West Germany as guest workers; women who came to East Germany as contract workers; women who came as migrants and refugees to reunified Germany as well as women who are affected by racism. Books published by IWS: 2015: IN UNSEREN EIGENEN WORTEN (Publikation im Selbstverlag) [“In our own words”- self-published]; 2018: UNS GIBT ES, WIR SIND HIER (Publikation im Selbstverlag) [“We exist, we are here”- self-published]; 2019: ALS ICH NACH DEUTSCHLAND KAM (Unrast Verlag / in Vorverkauf) [“When I came to Germany”- Unrast Verlag/Currently on presale]

MARIANA KARKOUTLY
Mariana studied Law in Syria and after finishing her first masters in Social Work as a Human Rights Profession at Alice Salomon Hochschule in Berlin, she started doing a second MA in Political and Social Sciences at Humboldt University. Throughout her studies she drew a special interest in the relation between law and politics and therefore decided to pursue legal studies. Mariana is currently doing a legal training at the ECCHR with the international crimes and accountability team and is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow.

OZAN ZAKARIYA KESKINKiLiÇ
Ozan Zakariya Keskinkiliç is lecturer and research fellow at the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences in Berlin. His research interests include (anti-Muslim) racism, antisemitism, orientalism and (post-)colonialism as well as anti-racist resistance, counter-narratives and empowerment. He is co-founder and board member of the Salaam-Shalom Initiative Berlin and neue deutsche organisationen (new german organisations). He is co-editor of the anthology Fremdgemacht&Reorientiert (Jewish-Muslim InteRrelations, together with Armin Langer, 2018). In spring 2019, his book Die Islamdebatte gehört zu Deutschland (The Islamdebate belongs to Germany”) got published in AphorismA Press. You can follow Keskinkiliç on Twitter at @ozkeskinkilic.
CARO KELLER
Caro Keller studied Journalism and Politics in Hamburg and is now part of the antifascist organisation NSU-Watch. NSU-Watch critically monitors the investigations and trial against the right wing terrorist association „Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund/NSU“ (National Socialist Underground). Caro Keller is their editor. She therefore is responsible for everything the organisations puts out publicly: their Website, their Social Media Presence and their Podcast. She also regularly gives talks about the case all over Germany. Caro Keller also offers education for example in schools around the topics of the NSU, neonazism, racism and National Socialism.

STEVİ KİTSOU
Stevi Kitsou is an attorney at Law, a PhD candidate in Public Law, holding an LL.B. (AUTH), a Masters in Media and Cultural Studies (University of Sussex) and an LL.M. in Public International Law (NKUA). Her interests have always been revolving around politics, human rights and the politics of human rights. She has worked as a data protection officer at CEDEFOP EU agency, as a legal associate at the General Secretariat for Human Rights in Greece, as a lawyer at the Greek Council for Refugees and an editor in various online magazines. She is currently working as legal coordinator at the Generation 2.0 for Rights Equality and Diversity and rapporteur for the “Golden Dawn Watch” initiative, while she is also a board member of the Hellenic League for Human Rights and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow. In the past years, her work and interests have been focused on the performativity of expression and specifically hate speech in the digital era.

DR. FELIX KLEIN
Dr. Felix Klein has been the Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life in Germany and the Fight against Anti-Semitism since May 2018. This position was newly created with the coalition agreement; the background is the intensive discussion about an increase in anti-Semitism in Germany and the question of how this phenomenon can best be countered at the federal level. Dr. Klein, born 1968 in Darmstadt, joined the Foreign Service in 1994 after studying law in Freiburg and London. After several domestic assignments and foreign posts in Cameroon and Italy, he was Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organisations and Antisemitism Issues at the Federal Foreign Office from March 2014 to April 2018. Dr. Klein is an active violinist and member of the Diplomatic String Quartet Berlin. He is married to the actress Magdalene Artelt and has three children.

SVETLA KOYNOVA
Svetla Koynova, Programme Coordinator and responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation at the Archiv der Jugendkulturen e.V. (Archive of Youth Cultures), Programme Youth Cultures and Group-Based Enmity. Ms. Koynova is a graduate of the bi-national programme for Applied Political Science at the University of Freiburg and the Institute for Political Sciences Aix-en-Provence and specialized in Intercultural Management. Before joining the civic education teams at the Archive of Youth Cultures, she worked for international NGOs and cooperation agencies on the topics of education, youth engagement, anti-corruption and social security. The Programme on Youth Cultures and Group-Based Enmity is sponsored by German Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and
the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb) and targets group-based discrimination by informing young people and the public, raising awareness and empowering the affected. It offers workshops and seminars, organizes meetings and conferences, develops exhibitions and publishes different educational materials to this end.

NADEZDA KRASNIQI
Nadezda Krasniqi is a queer-feminist Romni, grassroot-activist and author, based in Berlin. She gives lectures and holds workshops on topics such as antiromaism & racism, cultural appropriation & critical whiteness, with a strong focus on the intersections of race, class and gender.

FRIEDER KURBJEWEIT
M.A. Frieder Kurbjeweit (1992*), is a disabled scholar at the institute for disability studies in Cologne University, where he researches the commodification and exploitation of disabled people in segregated workshops in Germany. He did his masters degree in International Relations at the University of Bremen and finished with a thesis on the influence of grassroots human rights activists’ influence in the negotiations UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Apart from his research, he is active in leftist political activism, where he promotes issues like accessible activism and a framing of disability as one category of political oppression.

BENJAMIN OLIVER LODE
Benjamin Oliver Lode was born in 1983 in the outskirts of the West-Berlin district of Tempelhof. Both of his parents escaped the DDR: his mother in 1959 and his father, rather spectacular, in 1963 at Gartenstraße. Growing up very close to the Berlin Wall, Benjamin Oliver came in contact with graffiti at a very young age (around five to six years old), when the first generation of West-Berlin-Writers used the Wall for practicing and as a “hall of fame”. He picked up his first spraycan at the age of seven, but did not become an active member of the scene until 2003. After completing his A-Levels in 2004, he studied Marketing Communications and worked in the marketing and advertising industry for seven years. However, he became fed up with the industry and quit all his jobs to become a freelance tour guide specialised in graffiti and street art. Since then Benjamin Oliver has been working for different agencies, amongst others, for the Archive of Youth Cultures, giving graffiti and stencil workshops. He has also been giving educational talks about the graffiti subculture and guided tours through Berlin since 2012. Benjamin Oliver is interested in abstract art, so called outsider art and photography.

MARIANNA MATZER
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