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GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO



AZI KHALILI (SHE/HER)
Executive Director
Humanity in Action

Dear 2025 Fellows,

Greetings and welcome to Humanity in Action. I'm excited to welcome you as you embark on this transformational journey.

This summer, you become part of a global community rooted in a bold belief: that when thoughtfulness, courage, and curiosity are aligned with a commitment to justice, they can help shape a more humane and equitable world.

You are stepping into this experience at a critical moment. In the Global North, democratic values are under siege, social divisions are widening, and hard-won rights are being reversed. But alongside these challenges lies possibility—and your voices, ideas, and actions are urgently needed. Humanity in Action is not a traditional program. It's deeply relational, radically participatory, and intentionally challenging. Here, you'll step outside your comfort zone, wrestle with complexity, and ask hard questions—of yourself, of each other, and of the systems you hope to change.

In return, you'll gain something rare: a space to grow your understanding of history, strengthen your commitment to justice, forge life-long relationships, and sharpen the tools to lead with empathy and conviction.

For those of us from the Global South—where colonial violence, wealth extraction, and attacks on democracy have long shaped our realities—these struggles are not new. Today, many of those same dynamics are re-emerging in the Global North. This fellowship creates space to connect across borders and stand in solidarity.

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This is a space for dialogue—and, as our name suggests, for action. You'll learn from activists, scholars, mentors, and most meaningfully, from each other. Every one of you brings a vital perspective and a piece of the future we need.

As the newest members of this growing network, you join nearly three decades of Fellows leading social change with clarity, creativity, and heart. We can't wait to see how you will carry this work forward.

My virtual door is always open—I'd love to hear from you and learn about your experiences this summer.

Thank you for being here. Welcome to the Humanity in Action community.

In Solidarity,

Azi Khalili
Executive Director
Humanity in Action, Inc.

WELCOME TO COPENHAGEN!

Since our first Fellowship in 1997, Humanity in Action has worked to instill the values of human dignity and moral responsibility for the protection of the rights of minoritised people and groups in a new generation of social, cultural, and political leaders. Inspired by the flight and rescue of the Danish Jews during World War II in 1943, Humanity in Action Denmark represent the very foundation of this work. Since our founding we have educated, inspired, and connected more than 3000 young people worldwide.

The Copenhagen Fellowship proudly works to continue this tradition at our **28th Fellowship** this year. Yet, over the past 28 years, we have also sought to expand upon our foundations. As new challenges face our democratic societies, the program develops and redefines itself.

Today, the Copenhagen Fellowship explores not only the roots of its history but also contemporary human rights issues and concerns affecting minoritised groups. Pedagogically, the Copenhagen Fellowship strives to be a testing ground for new thinking driven by Fellow dialogue, discussions, and disagreements.

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Through a highly interdisciplinary program, the Fellowship seeks to engage its Fellows in current democratic challenges and inspire them to action - now and in the future.



**MIKAELO FREIESLEBEN
(SHE/HER)**
National Director
Humanity in Action Denmark

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At a time of great tension in local, national, and international realms - wars, democracies under pressure, and Human Rights threats around the globe - we are proud to welcome yet another cohort of 23 engaged Fellows, and to continue our support to pluralistic voices working towards advancing social justice in Denmark and abroad.

Let's make this count!

CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN RIGHTS & DEMOCRACY

Rights of Future Generations



**KATJA BUCH MADSEN
(SHE/HER)**
Program Director
Humanity in Action Denmark

As we witness temperature peaks, sea level rise, flooding, drought and wildfires, the consequences of Climate Change are no longer a faraway future but present in the everyday life of many people around the planet.

Climate Change is affecting all of us; with its myriad of impacts and rarely in uniform ways. Vulnerable and marginalized peoples are often hit disproportionately harder. With little or no resources to adapt, this further exacerbates the adverse effects.

Environmental degradation does not exist in a vacuum but is entangled in existing systems of inequality and oppression. The people who have contributed the least to Climate Change often suffer the most from its consequences. Therefore it is crucial to work towards climate justice, and implement right-based approaches.

The 2025 Copenhagen Fellowship will explore the complex relationships between Climate Change, Human Rights and Democracy by asking:

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Is Climate Change threatening the effective enjoyment of Human Rights? How can we counter its disproportionate effects? And how can we use Democracy and Human Rights effectively to build a just future for all?

The impacts of Climate Change will continue to increase if drastic cuts in emissions are not implemented immediately, threatening younger generations, children and yet unborn. Yet, they have little to no voice in the decisions made today. All generations - past, present and future - hold the Earth in common. The Copenhagen Fellowship will explore how to meet the needs of present generations without compromising the needs and **Rights of Future Generations**.

We believe YOUR voice matters. Hence, we are collaborating with *Talerskolen RØST* (the Speech School VOICE) to strengthen YOUR voice, your courage to speak up, and your ability to make people listen.

Most importantly, this Fellowship is about connections. We hope you are ready to show up, take your seat at the table, speak up, reflect and deeply listen to each other to build community and create change!

SHARING THE SPACE



CODE OF CONDUCT

1 RESPECT FOR OTHER NETWORK MEMBERS

2 RESPECT FOR GUEST SPEAKERS AND TRAINERS

3 RESPECT FOR HOSTS AND ACCOMMODATIONS

4 ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE, AND TIMELINESS

5 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

6 NO DISCRIMINATION AND/OR HARRASSMENT

7 UPHOLD NATIONAL AND LOCAL LAW

8 CREATING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

9 ADJUDICATION

As in society at large, situations that violate *Humanity in Action's Code of Conduct* can arise within our educational programs and community. Addressing incidents of misconduct is essential in upholding our values and maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all participants. By following this protocol, Fellows and staff (Network Members) contribute to fostering a culture of accountability and mutual respect within the HIA community.

The Code of Conduct describes Humanity in Action's expectations for the behavior of its Network Members throughout their participation in the Fellowship programs and all other network activities. The envisioned purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote a constructive learning environment for all Network Members, particularly our Fellows. Guest speakers, volunteers, freelancers, and trainers will also be informed about our network's Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct is not intended to be comprehensive or to address all possible applications of, or exceptions to, Humanity in Action's expectations. Nor is it intended to, in any way, limit a Network Member's rights to communicate with a government agency, as provided for, protected under, or warranted by applicable law. In addition, we understand that different terms mean different things in different contexts, languages, and countries. If you have any questions, please ask for clarification.

Please refer to this form for the full text on our Code of Conduct.



OMBUDSPERSON



ANNE KATRINE EBBESSEN

(SHE/HER)

Senior Advisor | Nordregio

2013 Copenhagen Fellow

Contact our Ombudsperson:

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Anne Katrine Ebbesen is our Ombudsperson, our designated point of contact to serve members of the Humanity in Action network, including the Fellows of this program.

The objective of the ombudsperson is to ensure a safe and respectful environment within the Humanity in Action community by providing clear procedures for addressing situations that are not in line with the organization's Code of Conduct (see previous page).

The ombudsperson's role is to (1) serve as a designated point of contact for members experiencing or witnessing misconduct. (2) Provide an open, respectful, and safe environment for all affected individuals who reach out, and provide them with confidential advice and support. (3) Manage the subsequent actions, consequences, and interventions stemming from each report.

Every report is taken seriously, and the Ombudsperson assumes responsibility

for the necessary actions and interventions. However, not every report will automatically lead to an intervention; decisions are made considering the duty of care of the organizers and the well-being of the reporting or affected individual, with a focus on de-escalation.

When interacting with the Ombudsperson, you have the autonomy to choose:

- How and when you make your report (e.g., during the Fellowship or afterwards).
- How much detail you provide about your experience.

The Ombudsperson is not a counselor or psychotherapist. If Fellows or team members need psychosocial assistance or support, they will be directed to relevant counseling centers and resources.

Please refer to our website for more information on Anne Katrine Ebbesen and the role of the Ombudsperson.



CREATING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

Through common values

GOOD AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

We communicate with each other all the time, therefore, how we communicate is central to the way we interact as human beings and how we function as a group. Together we will work to create the best possible foundation for good and constructive dialogue and communication - when we agree and when we disagree.



A good, open, and respectful dialogue is crucial for change and, therefore, crucial for Humanity in Action. Throughout the Fellowship we will work together to achieve good and constructive dialogues.

But what determines a "good" dialogue or a "good" conversation? A good dialogue and a good conversation can have many forms and may be interpreted in many different ways.

Humanity in Action emphasizes an open and inclusive dialogue as an important value for "good" communication.

But what does it mean to you? In collaboration, you will define what good communication means to you and the 2025 Fellowship cohort, and you will create a foundation of common group values together.

WHAT ARE VALUES – TO YOU?

Values can be said to be culturally determined perceptions of what is valuable and desirable, and what is not.

Every human being lives their life based on their values which have often been determined in an early stage of life. Our day-to-day actions are influenced by our values, often without conscious awareness. These implicit values are shown through our interactions with others.

Values are more often than not implied and not necessarily mentioned explicitly. Without explicit verbalisation, values are expressed through our communication and attitudes toward other people.

This can be expressed in the way we begin and end a conversation, how we listen, how we respond, if we are attentive towards others, and finally, what words we choose when we speak with each other.

We are curious to learn what values **you** would like during the Fellowship in order to create open and constructive communication.

Throughout the Fellowship, we will explore which values are especially important to you and how you would like them to be expressed in the way we communicate with each other.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



LOGISTICS

Lunch will be provided on all program days, and will be sensitive to individual dietary restrictions. When at Globalhagen, our main venue, lunch will be served warm and **organic**. When we are on tour, lunch will be take-away items, such as sandwiches.

You are responsible for your own breakfast and dinner. As well as all meals on days without a structured program. Some host families/accommodations may provide breakfast and some dinners.



The Copenhagen Fellowship will take place in several different locations in Copenhagen. It is your responsibility to check which location we will be at each day of the Fellowship. The location will appear in the day-to-day program.

Important! Fellows and staff must respect the spaces that we have been invited into.

We expect you will keep them in good shape and order, tidy up after yourselves, and be mindful of other activities that might take place in these locations while we are there.

Fellows from abroad will be equipped with a travel card for public transportation. This will **not** cover all transportation during the Fellowship, only to/from your accommodation and fellowship venue. Should you have any issues with getting to the locations, you may always contact the staff.



Fellows from abroad are offered to stay with a host family, hostel or dorm depending on availability and possibilities. This may vary from year to year. Fellows are asked to be sensitive to their hosts' expectations, show openness to get to know the host and their families, as well as take part in the daily routines of the host and assigned chores.

People outside the Fellowship are not allowed to stay overnight in any Humanity in Action-sponsored accommodation without pre-approval from Staff, and where applicable, hosts.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Every year our program consists of a number of fixed components. Read about them below, and other important elements of the program you can expect to meet:

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

These are important components of our everyday schedule. They will usually take around 15 minutes and are meant as spaces of transition where we prepare ourselves to either begin or end the day together.

They might sometimes include energizers, teambuilding, reflections or meditations. You are welcome to suggest how to start and end the day in a meaningful way.

We expect you to be on time and ready every morning for our check-in.

LECTURES

Every day we will have lectures focusing on different aspects of our theme. Some will be more workshop oriented, others will be discussion oriented, but many will also be classical lectures. We have asked all speakers to leave plenty of room for questions and engaging in dialogue with you.

ACTION PROJECT WORKSHOPS

We have a number of workshops throughout the program where you can work on your Action Project and to inspire you to go from *passion to action*.

FELLOW SESSIONS & FOLLOW-UPS

The **Follow-Ups** are meant as 20-30 minutes after a lecture, or a series of lectures, where you reflect in groups, in pairs or by yourself on the lecture/s you've just had: What are your main take-aways, what especially resonated with you - or not! - what would you like to know more about, how can you use this information you just received etc.

The **Fellow Sessions** are designed to provide you with a space for you to discuss a topic, initiate a workshop or a creative spaces you feel is missing from the program. Or simply just share something you are passionate about with your peers!

We invite you to take turns in leading the Fellow Sessions, by yourself or in groups.

EXCURSIONS

We have a number of excursions and site visits during the program to get you out of the classroom and into the field - literally!



GROUP VALUES

We are in this space together, we are learning together and discussing with one another - sometimes emotional topics close to our hearts.

We will begin this Fellowship by exploring our values and identifying and operationalizing common values.

How do we each show up to make a compassionate space for learning. How do we practice democracy and make space for different opinions. What does respect and open-mindedness mean to you? And what kind of behaviour supports active listening?



BREATHING SPACES

During lunch breaks, we will be providing a **Breathing Space**.

In a world of immense suffering, it is easy to get overwhelmed and locked in states of apathy or anxiety. Meditation can help us sit with recognise what goes on in body and mind, and make space for it to move.

You will learn how to sit with discomfort and hold yourself and others with compassion - supporting not only your wellbeing but also your capacity to take pro-social actions.



SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

We would like each of you to introduce a speaker before their lecture/workshop. Sign up for a speaker to present at the beginning of the program.

OPEN EVENTS

During the program some of our events are open to the public. These events are designed to engage the wider public in our conversations.

August 18 Clement Kjersgaard will be speaking about ***The World in Crises - Where Are We Heading?*** August 26 we will screen the award-winning Bosnian film "***Quo Vadis, Aida?***" about the genocide in Srebrenica in 1995 with a subsequent talk, and on August 27 you will be giving a speech about ***Defending Tomorrow!***

Feel free to invite your friends, families, host family and others who might be interested!

Read more about these events in the Day-to-day program below.

GOODBYE DINNER

August 28 is our last day together. We will mark the end of our time together in Copenhagen with a dinner and a party at our main venue, Globalhagen House.

Our food will be prepared by **Send Flere Krydderier** (*Send More Spices*), an eatery with a social agenda and dishes from all over the world, located in the heart of Nørrebro.

We encourage you to make this day special and thus invite you to join in the planning of the dinner and party.

Sign up in the beginning of the Fellowship if you would like to create a magical and memorable evening together.

VENUES

OUR MAIN VENUE: GLOBALHAGEN HOUSE

We will spent most of our program days at **Globalhagen House**. This is a dynamic hub for NGOs, humanitarian initiatives, political parties and businesses looking to collaborate and create change. Their mission originates from Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke (ActionAid Denmark), a Danish NGO fighting for human rights and poverty alleviation in more than 45 countries. The profit from Globalhagen House goes towards creating a more just and sustainable world. So we're not just guests at Globahagen, we are an active part of an important cause!



Globalhagen House is located in the district of **Nørrebro** in Copenhagen. Nørrebro is known for its multiculturalism, vibrant nightlife, and diverse food scene. It's a popular area for young people, with a mix of trendy and traditional shops, bars, and restaurants, as well as historical landmarks like Assistens Cemetery. On **August 20** we will take you on a city walk through the neighbourhood to explore its hidden gems and history of activism and migration.



YOUTH ISLAND

August 15-16, we will go to The Youth Island. It is an old sea fortress from 1894. In 2015 it was bought by A.P. Møller and the Nordea Foundation and given as a gift to the youth. It aims to strengthen young people in their journey to become active, committed, and curious citizens.

We will spend the night there. **Remember to bring your swimming suit, if you want to swim** (All meals, towels, and linen will be provided, but anything else you will need to bring from home as there are no shops).

It's not permitted to bring alcohol to the island.

THE YOUTH DEMOCRACY HOUSE

August 21 we're in **Ungdommens Demokratihus** (Youth Democracy House). It is a communal space for young people, and it is placed in Copenhagen's Meat Packing District, which is particularly busy at night!

UN CITY, ARC & COPENHILL

On August 14 we will first visit UN-City Copenhagen for a talk on **Just Energy Transitions**.



Next, we will go to *Amager Ressource Center* (ARC) for a guided tour on **transforming waste to energy**. On the way there we might stop by the **Opera Park** for lunch. The park is designed with sustainable practices, including rainwater management systems and solar panels.

Important: It is a requirement that you wear long trousers and practical, closed shoes when you visit ARC. No access to the facility with flip-flops, sandals or high-heeled shoes. Due to the many steps, you must be healthy, walking and mobile to get a tour inside the facility, and you must wear a helmet and safety vest on the tour.



CINEMATEKET

For our OPEN EVENT on August 26, we will go to **The Cinematheque**, a film & cultural center dedicated to exploring the art and history of film.

FARENDLØSE MOSTERI

On August 25 we will go to a regenerative producer community in the countryside. Originally a cider mill, the first apple tree was planted in 1912. Today, the place is not only a mill, but also an active farm home to several small businesses and a school where young people learn how to produce in a regenerative ways that mitigates climate change and supports biodiversity. In the afternoon, Katja will invite you into her home - just a walk from the farm.



SPEAKER'S CHAIR

August 27 we will take on **Speaker's Chair** in *Fælledparken*. 112 years old, the big granite stone has been home to many speeches, especially workers and unions' May Day speeches calling for their rights. Today, you will step up onto the stone and speak up on the **Rights of Future Generations** asking the current generations to act.



VENUES ADDRESSES

AMAGER RESSOURCE CENTER (ARC) & COPENHILL

Vindmøllevej 6
2300 København

CINEMATEKET

Gothersgade 55
1123 København K

FARENDLØSE MOSTERI & DEN REGENERATIVE JORDBRUGSSKOLE

Farendløsevej 103,
4100 Ringsted

GLOBALHAGEN HOUSE

Fælledvej 12
2200 København N
"Solidarity Room", building C, second floor,
room 21. You'll find building C in the back
courtyard.

SPEAKER'S CHAIR

Fælledparken
*The path that connects Frederik den 5.
Vej and Øster Allé, just south of the
lake and Café Pavillonen*

UNGDOMMENS DEMOKRATIHUS

Slagtehusgade 10A
1715 København V
'Meat Packing District'

UN-CITY COPENHAGEN

Marmorvej 51
2100 København

YOUTH ISLAND

Meeting point by the Sparshipping
boat, in front of Nyhavn 71

2025 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
Monday August 11 9.30-21.00 Welcome to the Cph Fellowship Introductions <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Monday August 18 9.30-17.30 Indigenous Rights and Response OPEN EVENT <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Monday August 25 8.55-17.00 Regenerative Farming FIELD TRIP <i>Farendløse Mosteri</i>
Tuesday August 12 9.00-17.00 The Nexus of Climate Change, Human Rights and Democracy <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Tuesday August 19 9.00-16.30 Disproportionate Effects <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Tuesday August 26 10.00-20.00 Civil Resistance & Genocide: The Danish & the Bosnian Case <i>Globalhagen House</i>
Wednesday August 13 9.00-16.15 The Right to Science and History Palestinian -Jewish Alliance <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Wednesday August 20 9.00-17.30 Displacement, Environmental Racism & Resistance City Walk <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Wednesday August 27 9.00-18.00 Youth Call - Defending Tomorrow <i>Globalhagen House & Fælledparken</i>
Thursday August 14 9.25-16.00 Energy - A Just Transition UN-City & Amager Ressource Center (ARC)	Thursday August 21 9.15-16.00 The Rights of Future Generations <i>Ungdommens Demokratihus</i>	Thursday August 28 11.30 - Last Day of the Fellowship! <i>Globalhagen House</i>
Friday August 15 8.45-20.00 Action Project Pitch <i>Youth Island</i>	Friday August 22 10.00-16.30 Strengthening Democracy <i>Globalhagen House</i>	Friday August 29 Departure....
Saturday August 16 8.30-15.30 Action Project Workshops <i>Youth Island</i>	Saturday/Sunday August 23 & August 24 Weekend off	
Sunday August 17 Day Off		

Monday August 11

Venue
Globalhagen House

WELCOME

Let the program begin! We will start our journey together by getting more familiar with each other, share a light breakfast and our expectations and concerns for the coming weeks.

To set a good foundation for our time together, we will then work towards identifying shared values and ways to practice them in guided conversations and group work.

We will end the day with a tour through the beautiful canals of Copenhagen and have dinner together by the harbour front.

DAY 01

09.30-10.30	Arrival & Breakfast
10.30-10.50	Welcome to the 2025 Copenhagen Fellowship #1 Steven L.B. Jensen Acting Chair of Humanity in Action Denmark
10.50-11.00	Break
11.00-11.30	Icebreaker Katja Buch Madsen Program Director, Humanity in Action Denmark
11.30-12.30	Welcome to the Copenhagen Fellowship #2 Introduction to the Program & Expectations and Concerns Katja Buch Madsen Program Director, Humanity in Action Denmark Mikaela v. Freiesleben National Director, Humanity in Action Denmark
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Welcome to the Copenhagen Fellowship #3 Code of Conduct Mikaela v. Freiesleben
14.00-16.30	Welcome to the Copenhagen Fellowship #4 Sharing the Space Katja Buch Madsen & Mikaela v. Freiesleben
16.30-17.30	<i>Go to Kgs. Nytorv - Netto-bådene</i>
17.40-18.40	Tour of the Canals of Copenhagen
19.00-	Dinner at Broens Street Food

Tuesday August 12

Venue
Globalhagen House

The Nexus of Climate Change, Human Rights & Democracy

Today we will dive into the nexus of Climate Change, Human Rights and Democracy. We will, among others, ask questions like 'What are Human Rights?', 'Is Climate Change threatening the effective enjoyment of them?', 'How can we counter its disproportionate effects?', 'How can we understand the causes and consequences of Climate Change?', and 'How can we effectively respond to them?'

We will end the day by getting an introduction to Denmark and the Danish Welfare State model, and explore Europe's current situation vis-a-vis The United States.

DAY 02

09.00-09.15	Check-in
09.15-11.00	Opening Lecture: Human Rights and Democracy Morten Kjærum Adj. Professor
11.00-11.15	Break
11.15-13.00	Climate Change – Root Causes and Responses Anders Bodin PhD, Author & CEO of The Climate Academy
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-14.20	Follow-up
14.20-14.30	Break
14.30-16.30	Denmark and the Danish Welfare State - Europe & USA today David Trads Journalist & Author
16.30-16.45	Break
16.45-17.00	Check-out

Wednesday August 13

Venue
Globalhagen House

The Right to Science, History & the Insistence on Dialogue in Times of Hatred and Division

In our first lecture today we will explore how the often overlooked Human Right, *The Right to Science*, can help us tackle climate change, fake news and attacks on academia. Followed by Senior Fellow Ido Nahari, who will share his thoughts with us on how we can expand the concepts of history and representation when it legitimizes some people, and render others invisible.

Finally representatives from The Palestinian-Jewish Alliance in Cph will share their personal stories with us, and how they work to bridge the difficult gaps of division when pushed stereotypes automatically indicate opposition.

DAY 03

09.00-09.15	Check-in
09.15-10.45	The Right to Science Helle Porsdam Professor & UNESCO Chair in Cultural Rights, University of Copenhagen
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Historical Capital: How Human Rights Depend on the Imagined and Actual Past Ido Nahari Writer & Researcher, 2022 Cph Fellow
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	The Palestinian-Jewish Alliance Jenin Matahen Danish-Palestinian advocate Zelma Lewerissa Anthropologist, Actor & Podcaster, 2017 John Lewis Fellow
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-15.45	Follow-up
15.45-16.00	Break
16.00-16.15	Check-out

Thursday August 14

Venues
UN City | Copenhill

Goodbye Oil! How Do We Ensure Just Energy Transitions?

Today we will be walking a lot, so remember to put on your sturdy walking shoes!

The energy sector accounts for more than two-thirds of global emissions. It is critical that we transition to renewable energy sources while also ensuring that rights and justice are upheld. On our fourth day we will visit the UN City in Copenhagen to explore what energy transition means, and learn how we can push for just transitions through institutions.

An electricity-driven harbour bus will then take us to the Opera Park for lunch. From there we have a 30 min. walk to Amager Ressource Center (ARC)/Copenhill, a waste-to-energy power plant on top of which Copenhagen has its very own ski slope and a magnificent view of the city.

DAY 04

09.25 sharp!	Meeting time in front of UN City main entrance
09.30-09.55	<i>Security check – Remember to bring your passport/ID!</i>
10.00-10.45	Energy Transition Padmasai Lakshmi Bhamidipati Senior Advisor at UNEP
11.00-12.00	<i>Go to the Opera Park by the harbour bus</i>
12.00-12.45	Lunch
12.45-13.30	<i>Walk to the Amager Bakke</i>
13.30-15.30	Guided Tour of ARC: From Waste to Energy <i>Long trousers and practical, closed(!) shoes are mandatory!</i>
15.30-15.45	Climb Copenhill
15.45-16.00	Check-out on the top

Friday

August 15

Venue
Youth Island

Action Project Pitches & Community Building

Curious to really get to know each other? Wait no longer! Today, we will sail to the Youth Island to kick-off our Action Project workshops. You will learn how to sharpen and deliver your Action Project pitch, and discover all of each other's incredible Action Project ideas.

Sharing your passions foster connections, but you will also get to know each other beyond your projects; exploring the island, taking a swim and roasting marshmallow over the bonfire in the evening.

DAY 05

08.45 sharp! **Meeting time, Sparshipping, in front of Nyhavn 71**

09.00-09.30 *Sail to Youth Island*

10.00-11.30 **Introduction to Youth Island and Guided Tour**
Island Volunteer - Give-a-year

11.30-12.30 **Lunch**

12.30-14.30 **Action Project Workshop #1: Speak Up**
Martin Fehr Therkildsen | Talerskolen RØST

14.30-14.45 **Break**

14.45-16.45 **Action Project Workshop #2: The Pitch**
2025 Copenhagen Fellows

16.45-18.00 **Free time, relax, explore or jump in the water**

18.00-19.00 **Dinner**

19.00- **Bonfire & Socializing**

Saturday August 16

Venue
Youth Island

Continuing the Action Project workshops

Today you will continue developing your Action Projects. Katja and Mikaela will take you through two workshops where you will practice your collective thinking and explore further how you can take your particular project from idea to action!

In the afternoon we will sail back to Copenhagen and wish each other a good and restful day off, Sunday.

See you Monday!

DAY 06

08.30-09.30	Breakfast
09.30-10.00	Clean rooms and pack your things
10.00-11.30	Action Project Workshop #3: Collective Thinking Katja Buch Madsen
11.30-12.30	Lunch
12.30-14.00	Action Project Workshop #4: From Idea to Action Mikaela v. Freiesleben
14.00-14.50	Free time
14.50-15.20	Return to Copenhagen

Sunday

August 17

WEEKEND



Monday

August 18

Venue
Globalhagen House

New Imperialism & Old Colonialism in Kalaallit Nunaat

"The ice is melting at the poles" (ask any Dane why we recall this quote!) While the ice is melting and the US, Russia and China are expanding their powers in the Arctic, the independence movement in Greenland is growing stronger, forcing Denmark to grapple with its colonial past in an effort to maintain (some) control over the world's largest Island.

We will begin the second week of the Fellowship by untangling the geopolitical interests of the Arctic, also greatly spurred on by climate change, and explore the complex relationship between Greenland and Denmark. We will ask where this development leaves the Inuit, and if Trump's persistent demands on Greenland will finally make Danes listen to Greenlanders or lead to an insecure future for indigenous people in *Kalaallit Nunaat*. We will end the day by asking TV-Anchor Clement Kjersgaard where the world is heading?

DAY 07

09.30-09.45	Check-in
09.45-10.15	Greenland: A Historic Overview Mikaela v. Freiesleben
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.30	Between Denmark & Donald: A Greenlandic Perspective Nauja Bianco CEO of Isuma Consulting
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Developmentalism in Kalaallit Nunaat Regine Møller PhD Fellow and Research Assistant at Department of Sustainability and Planning, AAU
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-15.45	Follow-up
15.45-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30 OPEN EVENT	The World in Crises - Where Are We Heading? Clement Kjersgaard TV-Anchor, Editor and Public Speaker

Tuesday August 19

Venue
Globalhagen House

Disasters, Disability & Disproportionate Effects

Today is about the disproportionate effects of climate change, and how this exacerbates existing injustices. We will explore how this interferes with work and health, followed by a presentation from Sif Holst about the intersection of climate change and disability. Finally you will work with *Ability Prompt Cards* to help you reflect on the barriers of your own Action Project, and how you can design your project with empathy and accessibility.

DAY 08

09.00-09.15	Check-in
09.15-10.15	Fellow Session #1
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	Can Floods Wash Away Jobs? Resettlement Housing and Work in India Maansi Parpiani Post.doc. at University of Copenhagen
12.00-12.10	Break
12.10-12.30	Follow-up
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Leaving No One Behind - A Disability Perspective on Climate Change Sif Holst Chair of Knowledge Center about Disability
14.30-14.45	Break
14.45-16.00	Action Project Workshop #5: Universal Design Akrimar Tongkaew PhD Fellow, the Technical University of Denmark
16.00-16.15	Break
16.15-16.30	Check-out

Wednesday August 20

Venue
Globalhagen House |
City Walk

Climate-related Displacement, Environmental Racism & Resistance

We will start the day by evaluating the Fellowship so far. How are the norms and values you agreed on the first day playing out? Any need for adjustments?

Then we are honoured to be visited by Nyombi Morris. Climate Change has real effects. We see it every day all over the world. Nyombi is just one person out of too many, who have experienced the devastating effects of Climate Change. Nyombi will tell us his story of flight and fight for Human Rights and Climate Justice - even after being targeted.

Environmental degradation is entangled with structures of oppression. In a panel, we will talk about environmental racism in Denmark and abroad, and how to resist it. Lastly, a walking tour will uncover the hidden history of our neighbourhood of Nørrebro.

DAY 09

09.00-09.15	Check-in
09.15-10.45	Midway evaluation Mikaela v. Freiesleben & Katja Buch Madsen
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.30	Displacement - Targeting & Persistence Nyombi Morris Climate Activist & Human Rights Advocate
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Environmental Racism and Resistance Ibrahim El-Hassan MA Student & Community Organizer Aydin Soei Sociologist and Author Lamies Nassri Head of Communications, CEDA Sarah Zarhdani MA Student in Global Studies, 2024 Sarajevo Fellow Moderator: Jessica Derconteeé Petersen Advocate & Adviser
15.00-15.10	Break
15.10-15.30	Follow-up
15.30-17.30	City Walk of Nørrebro

Thursday August 21

Venue
Ungdommens Demokratihus

The Rights of Future Generations

Climate Change causes serious concern for those not yet born. How do we imagine their needs, and secure their rights, and can thinking on future generations motivate us to act today?

The Youth Climate Council will teach us about their methods, youth advocacy and how we can work towards intergenerational equity.

To practice participation, you will write a speech or a letter from you to future generations, asking current generations to act. Next week, you will take on the Speaker's Chair in Fælledparken!

Day 10

09.15-09.30 Check-in

09.30-10.15 Fellow Session #2

10.15-10.30 Break

10.30-12.00 **The Rights of Future Generations**
Sigrid Kromann Schiøler | Policy Advisor on Civic Space and Human Rights
Thor Svanholm | Senior Advisor at Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-13.30 **Youth Climate Council: Towards Intergenerational Equity**
Lise Coermann Mathiesen | Chair of the Danish Youth Climate Council and Junior Consultant, Democracy X
Kathrine Strange | Member of the Climate Youth Council and Educator in Havnøst

13.30-13.45 Break

13.45-15.45 **Writing Workshop: Youth Calls**
Katja Buch Madsen

15.45-16.00 Check-out

Friday August 22

Venue
Globalhagen House

Strengthening Democracy

The rise of authoritarianism is a wake-up call for us not to take democracy for granted, to realise that it is fragile, and that we must work hard to make use of, protect, strengthen and widen it.

Today, we will talk about the rise of the extreme right, their understandings of the changing climate, and discuss how to resist everyday dispositions to fascism and eco-fascism.

We will learn about the targeting and criminalization of environmental activists and the shrinking civic space, and work with your democratic rights. Finally we will end the day with a conversation with Manilla Ghafuri, recipient of the Human Rights Prize in 2022, about how to organize in the face of atrocities and genocide.

DAY 11

10.00-10.15	Check-in
10.15-11.30	Ecological Politics in Fascist Times Marie Kongsted Møller PhD, Political Science
11.30-11.45	Break
11.45-12.30	Fellow Session #3
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Shrinking Civic Space: Know Your Rights Annika Röckle Project Coordinator, NOAH
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-15.45	Follow-up
15.45-16.00	Check-out

Saturday & Sunday

August 23 & 24

WEEKEND

Monday

August 25

Venue
Field Trip: Farendløse

Regenerative Farming

Living within planetary boundaries require us to rethink the entire food system - from production to plates. Regenerative farming mitigates climate change, supports biodiversity and leads to healthy and tasty crops. We will discuss how the food sector can become sustainable, and, if time allows, we will explore playful ways to recognize the agency of soil, plants and animals and include them in our conversation. We will also visit Katja's collective and hang out and socialise in the garden. So today is about getting your hands dirty and eat simple and pleasurable food!

DAY 12

08.55 sharp!	Meeting time Valby Station (Lyshøjgårdsvej)
09.05-09.55	<i>Bus to Farendløse Mosteri</i>
10.00-10.45	Regenerative Farming Sandra Willumsen Regenerative Farmer & Teacher
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-12.00	Working in the Field & Kitchen
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30	Denmark as a Food Nation: Climate Solutions, Regeneration & Collaboration June Gibba Project Manager at Food Nation Denmark, 2019 John Lewis Fellow
14.30-15.00	<i>Walk to Eskildstrup Gods</i>
15.00-16.00	Hang out in Katja's Garden
16.00-17.00	<i>Bus to Copenhagen</i>

Tuesday August 26

Venue
Globalhagen House |
Cinemateket

Civil Resistance & Genocide: The Danish & the Bosnian Case

Humanity in Action is founded upon the legacy of the flight and rescue of the Danish Jews during WWII. Today we will take a break from Climate Change and dive into the history of civil resistance - and genocide.

As we witness the ongoing atrocities in Gaza, we will ask: What have we learned? And what does Never Again mean?

We will end the day with a public event commemorating the Srebrenica Genocide in 1995, and exploring the road to peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina with Bosnian Ambassador to Denmark, Anesa Kundurović Miljak and Danish Ambassador to BiH Åge Sandal Møller.

DAY 13

10.00-10.15	Check-in
10.15-11.00	Film Screening: "Voices in the Void" (18 min.) Animated short film Humanity in Action 2019
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	Oktober 1943: The Flight to Sweden - An Eyewitness Account Kirsten Davidsen Retired Translator
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.15	Group Session: What Does Never Again Mean? 2025 Fellows
14.15-14.30	Break
14.30-16.00	Civil Resistance & Genocide Solvej Berlau Historian, Teacher and Author
16.00-16.30	<i>Walk to Cinemateket</i>
16.45-19.00 OPEN EVENT	Film Screening & Talk "Quo Vadis, Aida" (105 min.) Srebrenica 30 Years After Anesa Kundurović Miljak Ambassador of Bosnia & Herzegovina to the Kingdom of Denmark Åge Sandal Møller Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to BiH Moderator: Steven L.B. Jensen
19.15-19.45	Follow-up & Check-out

Wednesday August 27

Venue
Globalhagen House |
Fælledparken

Youth Call - Defending Tomorrow

Youth are often overheard and underrepresented, and have little influence in the decision-making, even when it - as with Climate Change - affects younger generations disproportionately. And the unborn are left almost entirely out of the considerations while the actions and inactions of the world continues to compromise their future.

Today is all about our Fellows' perspectives. And we can't wait to listen to you, and celebrate you, as you take your place in the Speaker's Chair and speak up to the world today about defending the world of tomorrow!

DAY 14

09.00-09.15	Check-in
09.15-10.00	How To Organize in the Face of Genocide & Atrocities Manilla Ghafuri Project Manager, Amnesty International (TBC)
10.00-10.15	Break
10.15-12.30	Workshop: Speech Prep #1 Martin Fehr Therkildsen Talerskolen RØST
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Workshop: Speech Prep #2 Martin Fehr Therkildsen Talerskolen RØST
15.00-15.30	<i>Walk to Fælledparken, Speaker's Chair</i>
16.00-18.00 OPEN EVENT	Youth Call - Defending Tomorrow 2025 Copenhagen Fellows
18.00-	Celebrating the 2025 Copenhagen Cohort!

Thursday August 28

Venue
Globalhagen House

Key Take-Aways, Reflections, Farewell Dinner & Celebration

As the fellowship is coming to an end, we will evaluate and reflect upon our three weeks together.

We know we packed the program tight(!), so today you will have time to identify and share key take-aways, eye-openers, aha-moments, and take-home messages.

And of course - last but not least - we will end our Fellowship with a dinner and a party to celebrate you and the connections you've made. Feel free to initiate activities making the evening together memorable for years to come.

DAY 15

11.30-11.45	Check-in
11.45-12.30	Written Evaluations - Bring your laptops! Mikaela v. Freiesleben
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15.00	Workshop #1: What Have We Learned? Katja Buch Madsen
15.00-15.30	Break
15.30-17.30	Workshop #2: Putting It Into Action! Katja Buch Madsen
17.30-18.30	Dinner & Party Prep
18.30-	Farewell Dinner & Party Dinner from Send Flere Krydderier



2025 FELLOWS & STAFF TEAM



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**ANA FLAVIA
BRIZOTI
MARQUEZINI
(SHE/HER)**



Ana Flávia Brizoti Marquezini is a Brazilian lawyer and passionate advocate for human rights, youth empowerment, and sustainability. Currently pursuing an LL.M. in International Human Rights Law at Lund University, Sweden, she was awarded the prestigious Lund University Global Scholarship for her academic excellence and leadership. With a legal background specializing in human rights, Ana has worked with marginalized communities in Brazil through her internships at the Federal Public Defender's Office. Beyond law, she has led youth-focused environmental justice initiatives as a Liaison Officer for Youth and Environment Europe. Ana also brings expertise in project management, fundraising, and grant writing from her role as Director at the European Law Students Association, where she managed international programs and cross-cultural teams.

**ANASTASIIA
HORLIUKOVA
(SHE/HER)**



Anastasiia is a Ukrainian based in Denmark with an interest in both culture and global affairs. She holds a Bachelor's in Cultural Studies and recently finished her Master's in International Relations at Aalborg University. Her academic journey has been anything but ordinary — from exploring Star Wars mythology in her bachelor's thesis to diving into disinformation and hybrid warfare for her master's. She loves where culture and politics collide. Beyond academia, Anastasiia is passionate about youth engagement and international collaboration. She's an ambassador of the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House and a member of the non-profit youth organization Silba, where she recently stepped into the role of a project manager for the Ukrainian group, working alongside the National Youth Council of Ukraine.

**ANNA DIESING
(SHE/HER)**



Anna Diesing is an anthropologist with a passion for environmental anthropology and political ecology. Next to her degree in anthropology and minor in Frugal Innovation for Global Sustainable Development, she completed a course on filmmaking at the Royal Academy of the Arts in The Hague. Anna is a strong advocate of alternative presentation forms in academia, and has in the past used film, photography, zines and drawings as academic outlets. If there is a movie she likes, it is likely a documentary, and so she spends her free time volunteering with movies that matter on tour, a spinoff to a yearly human rights based film festival. If you wonder what a good conversation starter with Anna would be, try knitting, fermentation, foraging or traveling.

**ANNA
GUNDORPH
JANSEN
(SHE/HER)**



Anna Gundorph is a Danish student and co-founder with a passion for finding pragmatic solutions to wicked problems. Before she began studying environmental economics she co-founded the danish food-tech start-up FÆRM, which she co-ran for 3 years before stepping out to pursue her education and passion for working within the public sector. Since then Anna has worked with the University of Copenhagen to find ways to reduce the environmental impact of its canteens, collaborating with both decision-makers, students, canteen vendors and researchers. Recently Anna co-authored a research paper which draws on some of her work and was published in Social Sciences and Humanities open. Her work with UCPH's canteens has sparked her interest in using public procurement as a tool in combating both climate change and boosting global and local welfare, which led to her job in the City of Copenhagen's office for sustainable procurement.

**DISHA
GANJEGUNTE
(SHE/HER)**



Disha Ganjegunte is from El Paso, Texas, and is currently President of the Harvard Chan School of Public Health Student Body. As a first-generation student, Disha has built a remarkable career, working with the House of Representatives, the UNICEF Foresight Circle, and the Frederick Douglass Global Fellowship. She has been featured on the "Late Late Show with James Corden" and the "Jennifer Hudson Show." Disha has also been recognized as one of the top 40 Changemakers and is currently a BeVisioneers Mercedes-Benz Fellow. In addition, Disha works with the United Nations, where she actively engages in initiatives that promote global health and sustainable development. She has been involved in conflict resolution efforts in high-violence regions, including Ireland/Northern Ireland, South Africa, Israel/Palestine, Australia, and the Texas/Mexico border. Disha utilizes a creative approach to advocacy, incorporating filmmaking, directing, acting, and keynote speaking to raise awareness and inspire global change.

**HOMAN
FILIOSKOEI
(HE/HIM)**



Homan Filioskoei has from an early age developed a strong interest in political debate and social justice. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Political Administration at Roskilde University. Homan is driven by a deep curiosity about what academia can offer, paired with a clear awareness of the need for real-world impact. He is passionate about bridging the gap between theory and practice — an ambition reflected in his work with the Danish-Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP), where he collaborates with a consortium of NGOs to promote human rights and improve employment opportunities for youth in the MENA region. Across his engagements, Homan seeks to challenge and expand the Danish perspective on power by shedding light on the historical, cultural, and systemic forces behind global inequality. Whether through public debate forums, political activism, or exploring the power of film, he remains committed to questioning entrenched systems and fostering dialogue that continuously confronts dominant assumptions and structures.

**IMANI SMITH
(SHE/HER)**



Imani Smith is a Black-American woman, community organizer, and activist. Rooted in her familial communities throughout Kentucky, Imani's work has spanned across the issues of educational equity, electoral and civic engagement, and racial reckoning. Imani attained her B.A. in Politics in May 2023 from Centre College (Danville, KY). Since the 2020 uprisings in her hometown of Louisville, Imani has continued to advocate with and for youth leadership and Black liberation — establishing a scholarship for young Black Louisvillians with Russell Place of Promise and the Community Foundation of Louisville, and serving as the first Black woman President of the Student Government Association of Centre College in the institution's (then) 204-year history. Her work has been featured in mediums like the Louisville Courier Journal and NBC Nightly News. Imani is a 2023 John R Lewis Scholar of the Faith and Politics Institute (Washington D.C) and 2025 member of Emerge Kentucky.

**JAE KIM
(HE/HIM)**



Jae Kim is a Korean-American scholar, activist, and environmentalist deeply passionate about the intersection of climate science, public policy, and human health. Jae is currently researching climate/health intersections at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI). In the past, Jae has worked at the Urban Institute, Baker Institute for Public Policy, and Harris County Office of Sustainability, the third most populous county in the US. Jae is a recent graduate from Rice University, with a major in Integrative Biology and a minor in Environmental Studies. Jae is also a 2025 Rhodes Scholar, set to begin an MSc in Environmental Change and Management at the University of Oxford. Eventually, Jae hopes to pursue a career as a physician-advocate, bringing to the world's attention how human health and the health of our planet are inextricably connected.

KASPER SCHOU (HE/HIM)



Kasper Schou is a Danish student of philosophy. He is especially interested in questions of systemic structures necessary for human rights on an international scale as well as the intersection of virtue ethics and climate consciousness on an individual level. Through engagements with literature, music, art and community, he hopes to explore new ways of working with environmental issues and human rights awareness.

LAURA KLITNÆS (SHE/HER)



Laura Klitnæs completed her Master's degree in International Security and Law at SDU in the summer of 2025. Her thesis explored the ongoing transitional justice process in Syria, looking at the relationship between the interim government and civil society. During her studies, she engaged with topics related to human rights, transitional justice, and atrocity prevention - interests shaped by hands-on experience working with refugees in various contexts. She has volunteered with organizations such as Muhabet, supporting refugees with mental health challenges, worked with Ukrainian refugees through the Volunteer Center Aarhus, and most recently interned at DIGNITY – Danish Institute Against Torture.

These experiences have helped her bridge theory and practice and deepen her understanding of how conflict, repression, and forced displacement shape individual lives. She hopes to continue working in the human rights field, contributing to positive change by supporting solutions that help those affected by injustice.

LEE NAH (ANY)



Lee Nah recently graduated from Kenyon College, where she majored in Studio Art, Gender & Sexuality Studies, and Psychology. As an Obama-Chesky Voyager, she explored how arts and cultural engagement foster social cohesion in communities of color, examining feminist archives and community-based cultural spaces. She was also a fellow with Healing Arts Chicago, a pilot program that placed artists in community mental health clinics across the city. She co-authored 'Embodying Caring, Curious, Collaborative Arts Ecosystems – EN/GAGE 3/C: A Community Practice Book' for the Terra Foundation for American Art's Art Design Chicago, a citywide collaboration highlighting Chicago's artistic heritage and creative communities. The book uplifts care-based cultural practices grounded in conversations with Chicago artists, educators, and organizers. As a Beinecke Scholar, Lee Nah is committed to studying how the arts cultivate cultural connections and holistic well-being in Chicago through feminist and queer of color critique and abolition feminism.

**MANON
DESCAMPS
(SHE/HER)**



Manon Descamps is a French human rights advocate with dual Master's degrees in International Relations from Sciences Po and in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from Paris-Panthéon-Assas. She has built her professional path within international organisations and NGOs, with a strong focus on women's rights and the fight against gender-based and sexual violence. This includes two years coordinating a regional project for an NGO combating female genital mutilation, working across policy, advocacy, and community engagement. Deeply committed to justice, she refuses inaction in the face of systemic oppression and works to promote structural change through rights-based approaches. Her work is driven by both conviction and curiosity—always seeking to learn, question, and broaden her impact. Whether in legal research, grassroots mobilisation or international advocacy, she brings an intersectional lens, strong analytical skills, and a passion for human dignity to every project she takes on.

**MOHAMMED
DERIA
(HE/HIM)**



Mohammed Deria is a British-Danish-Somali community organizer, youth advocate, and founder of Skillz, a grassroots initiative based in Tingbjerg, one of Copenhagen's most underserved neighborhoods. With deep roots in the local community, Mohammed has spent the past years building platforms where young people can thrive through sport, creative expression, and social engagement. His work focuses on empowering youth to take ownership of their environment and to build bridges across institutions, cultures, and neighborhoods. He is particularly passionate about urban justice, youth-led change, and creating inclusive public spaces shaped by those who use them. Grounded in everyday organizing and local presence, Mohammed also brings a broader interest in diaspora communities, African studies, and community-based knowledge production.

**REBEKKA
ALLIMADI
(SHE/HER)**



Rebekka Allimadi is a Ugandan-Danish international development professional passionate about gender justice, youth leadership, and rights-based sustainable development. She currently works at GAME, an INGO operating across Europe, the MENA region, and sub-Saharan Africa to promote youth-led social change through street sports and culture. Rebekka has experience managing multi-stakeholder projects, building strategic partnerships, and contributing to gender-transformative approaches that support sustainable outcomes. Her work spans both field-based and policy-level engagements in East and West Africa, including with WaterAid Ghana, the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda, and civil society partnerships in Zimbabwe. With an academic background in Global Development and Political Science, she is committed to advancing equity and resilience through locally driven and inclusive solutions.

**SAEHEE
PÉREZ
(SHE/THEY)**



Saehee Pérez is a Korean-Mexican community organizer from Northern Virginia, currently pursuing a degree in Government at the University of Virginia (UVA). Her work centers on education, LGBTQ+ rights, healthcare, and civic access; she has introduced legislation in Virginia's 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 legislative sessions to protect LGBTQ+ youth in schools, expand access to healthcare for young people, and broaden opportunities for civic engagement among high school students. Her projects—ranging from policy change to protest organizing—has been featured on outlets including USA Today, AP News, NBC, and the Washington Post. She currently works on gun violence prevention with Brady United.

Saehee is a Posse Foundation Scholar and holds leadership roles in student government, international relations, and public service initiatives at UVA. Upon graduating from UVA, Saehee plans to attend law school to pursue a career in civil rights law or international human rights law.

**SAKINAH-
MICHELLE
AHMED
(SHE/HER)**



Sakinah-Michelle Ahmed is studying political science at The University of Copenhagen while working at The Danish Institute for Human Rights. Previous vice-chair of youth organization Mino Ung København, and current Sustainable Development Goals Ambassador, she's passionate about social justice, topics of (de)colonization and anti-discrimination, always with an intersectional lens. She has extensive experience around organizing, communication, doing presentations, developing and hosting workshops, moderating talks, as well as writing op-eds and speeches, the latter for which she has been nominated for "Speaker of the Year" in 2024 and a finalist for "New Voice of the Year 2025" awarded by Danske Taler. As a member of the board of The Student Union at her university, she's concerned with topics of equitability, non-discrimination and ethical investment policies and academic collaborations.

Sakinah is driven by solidarity and her hope of a better world, always ready to learn and help wherever she can contribute.

**SARA DRINO
DO AMARAL
COUTINHO
(SHE/HER)**



Sara Coutinho is a Bosnian-Portuguese human rights advocate, researcher, and migration specialist with a background in disability rights and refugee protection. She holds an MA in Human Rights Studies from Columbia University and a BA in International Relations from Leiden University. Her work spans Latin America, the Western Balkans, and Western Europe, with a focus on the intersection of migration, disability, and gender-based violence. She has interned with Human Rights Watch and the International Rescue Committee, conducted research on guardianship systems and asylum dynamics, and consulted for international organizations, including the Ministry of Justice and Security in the Netherlands. Passionate about inclusive policy and advocacy, she is committed to uplifting the rights of marginalized communities—particularly migrants and people with disabilities. Fluent in Bosnian, Portuguese, and English, she brings a multicultural lens to all her work and continues to push for equity in both local and international human rights spaces.

**SELMA
ROBBERT
LARSEN
(SHE/HER)**



Selma Robbert Larsen is a Danish sociology student at the University of Copenhagen. She is passionate about human rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, with a special interest in women's rights. Through her studies and volunteer work at The Council for International Conflict Resolution, she explores issues of social justice, inequality, and peacekeeping. Selma is particularly drawn to interdisciplinary approaches and international collaboration, and she is eager to engage with others who share a commitment to creating a more just and sustainable world.

**SHAJA
AENEHSAZY
(SHE/HER)**



Shaja Aenehsazy is a German-Iranian artist and media scholar currently based in Bochum, Germany. Her practice explores the intersections of post-feminism, platform cultures, social media, antiracism, and contemporary cultural phenomena, with a particular interest in educational policy and digital phenomena. She is currently completing her master's degree in media studies, examining political and feminist activism on social media platforms. In 2022/23, Aenehsazy co-initiated a student-led project dedicated to broadening academic perspectives and questioning normative discourses. Alongside her academic and artistic work, she stays engaged with the conditions under which knowledge and representation circulate today.

**ŞIRİN SIDAR
YÜCEBAS
(SHE/HER)**



Şirin Sidar is a Kurdish student from Germany, cultural mediator, and activist whose work invites communities to see their surroundings with new eyes. Through workshops and as a livespeaker for "OVERLOOKED/OVERSEAS: Postcolonial Investigation in Duisburg," she creates conversations about colonial footprints hidden in plain sight in street names and cultural institutions of her industrial hometown. Her IBIM qualification equips her to provide counseling on Turkish right-wing extremism, addressing the overlooked threat of Grey Wolves. With the NDC, she facilitates workshops on democracy, anti-racism, and classism that foster critical thinking. Şirin brings theory into practice through her multilingual mediation work supporting migrant rights. She believes that lasting change requires creating platforms where communities that have been marginalized can define their own narratives, guiding her work across intersecting movements for anti-racism, intersectional feminism and dismantling systems of domination.

**SOPHIE MAZUR
(SHE/HER)**



Sophie Mazur is a Dutch-American changemaker and trans-/interdisciplinary thinker working at the intersection of health, sustainability, and equity. With dual MSc degrees in Business: Change Management and Sustainable Development, and a BA in Sociology, Public Health, and Visual Arts, she brings a unique fusion of analytical rigor and creative insight to her work. Sophie currently consults for the World Health Organization, supporting international initiatives focused on vaccine implementation, health equity, and access in low-resource settings. She is also the founder of SustainHealth, a consulting company dedicated to advancing sustainable and equitable solutions. Her approach is rooted in interdisciplinary, human-centered design, and cross-cultural collaboration. Whether conducting fieldwork in Bangladesh refugee camps, co-teaching disaster management in Puerto Rico, or coordinating international conferences in India and Ghana, Sophie is driven by a deep commitment to equity, empathy, and impact.

**VALERIIA
PRYLYPKO
(SHE/HER)**



Valeriia Prylypko is a Ukrainian cultural researcher and scholar currently residing in Denmark. During her Bachelor's in Cultural Studies, she explored the cultural experiences between Ukrainians and Ukraine's biggest indigenous peoples, Crimean Tatars. Focusing on indigenous and trauma studies, she has worked on strategies of reintegration and collective reimagining of Crimea. Valeriia is currently training to become an Applied Cultural Analyst (MACA) at the University of Copenhagen. In her MA thesis, she is interested in investigating how urban migration influences people's self-identity, particularly in connection with their motherlands. She is a team member of Ukraine House in Denmark, supporting the organisation's communications efforts and amplifying Ukrainian voices across Scandinavia. Whenever she has a bit of free time, she enjoys swimming, having friends over, baking and flâneuring around Copenhagen.

**ZARA
GOUNDEN
(SHE/HER)**



Zara is deeply committed to placing humanitarians and policy makers at the center of AI innovation, ensuring technology serves equity and societal progress. Her passion for ethical AI was shaped on the French-Italian border, where she witnessed biased algorithms and facial recognition tech harm asylum-seekers—galvanizing her fight for inclusive, human-centered AI practices. A recent Davis Scholar at NYU, Zara earned her BA in Politics, Rights, and Development with a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies. Her education spanned six NYU campuses (Abu Dhabi, Tel Aviv, Berlin, Florence, New York, and London), giving her a truly global perspective on human rights, migration, and technology governance. Zara's leadership has been recognized with the prestigious Dr. Patricia M. Carey Changemaker Award for her decolonial and equity-driven initiatives. Through her advocacy, research, and cross-sector collaborations, she continues to bridge activism, policy, and tech for a more just, accountable future.

TEAM

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The 2025 Copenhagen Fellowship Program is organised and facilitated by the Humanity in Action Denmark staff consisting of National Director **Mikaela v. Freiesleben**, Program Director **Katja Buch Madsen**, and Project Assistant **Josefine Bahn Loges**. The three of us will be available to assist you with anything related to the program.

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**KATJA BUCH
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Katja Buch Madsen is the Program Director. With an MA in African Studies, she is a critical thinker and has problematised sensationalistic depictions of female genital cutting and revealed a deeply dynamic and politicised practice intersecting with structural violence. At Danida Fellowship Centre she has been lucky to meet bright minds from all over the world, create community and build bridges across cultures. Katja is passionate about how we can build just futures within planetary boundaries. As a nerd, she enjoys seeking new knowledge and is currently involved in the Rethinking Economics Network. Knowing burnout, she cares deeply about bringing compassion into activism. Katja is a Senior Fellow from the 2022 Copenhagen Fellowship.

**JOSEFINE BAHN
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Josefine Bahn Loges is the Program Assistant at Humanity in Action Denmark. She just finished her bachelor's degree in Market and Management Anthropology, a program that studies both economics and anthropology from a global perspective.

Driven by a deep interest in human rights, international development, and global justice. Josefine has conducted her own anthropological research on immigrant entrepreneurship in France. She is fascinated by the world around her, interested in learning from different cultures and understanding people's lifeworlds, something that has led her to live in Berlin, Lyon, and now Copenhagen.

2025 SPEAKERS



SPEAKERS

Copenhagen 2025

AKRIMAR TONGKAEW

PhD Fellow, Technical University of Denmark



Akrimar Tongkaew (she/her) is a learning facilitator and PhD fellow at the Technical University of Denmark, researching how to foster an inclusive mindset in engineering and innovation as part of the Technology Leaving No One Behind initiative.

Originally from Thailand, Akrimar has a background in psychology and people development. She has designed and led learning programmes in leadership, teamwork, and social responsibility for over a thousand participants of diverse backgrounds and abilities. Her work is rooted in empathy, reflective practices, and transformative learning. Akrimar also brings international leadership experience, having served as a Thai Youth Leader for the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP) and as an adult mentor for the Southeast Asian Youth Leadership Programme (SEAYLP) in the US.

She believes that learning through diversity and connecting through shared humanity are key to personal and societal transformation, guiding her advocacy for inclusive mindsets in all her work.

ANESA KUNDUROVIĆ MILJAK

Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Kingdom of Denmark



Anesa Kundurovic (she/her) is a career diplomat with the rank of an Ambassador from Bosnia and Herzegovina, with more than 20 years of experience in international affairs and diplomacy. Currently, Anesa serves as the Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Kingdom of Denmark. Throughout her career, she has been engaged in diplomatic activities in more than 50 countries all over the world, in addition to her postings in the UN in Geneva and as an Ambassador to Japan. Her areas of expertise include international affairs, disarmament, multilateral cooperation and negotiations. Having obtained her degree as Master of Arts in Political Science with a focus on international relations from prestigious Moscow State University for International Affairs- MGIMO and afterwards continuing her work in diplomacy, she is proud and happy to have been able to merge her education, professional life and personal interests into one.

ANNIKA RÖCKLE
**Project
Coordinator, NOAH**



Annika Röckle (she/her) is an organiser working with international solidarity and the right to protest in NOAH - Friends of the Earth Denmark. In 2024, Annika published the report "Under Pressure" exploring how environmental activism is being repressed in Denmark in the years 2019-2024. She is interested in how civil society can support social and environmental justice activists in knowing and using their rights to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly.

**ANDERS HOLST
BODIN**
**PhD, Author and
CEO of The Climate
Academy**



Anders Holst Bodin (he/him) is the CEO and founder of The Climate Academy (Klimaakademiet). He works with leaders and changemakers to cultivate skills, mindsets and communities for climate action. After finishing his PhD in physics and sustainable energy technologies in 2017, he has worked to develop a more holistic approach to climate action, integrating transformations in systems, cultures, subjectivities and behaviors. In 2019 he published his first book The Roots of the Climate Crisis (Klimakrisens Rødder), which connects philosophical, political and scientific perspectives in order to develop visions for a more sustainable future.

In 2020 he founded The Climate Academy, which he leads today. The Climate Academy is a non-profit organization that develops workshops, courses and public speaking in order to empower people who wish to contribute to deeper climate action. He collaborates with e.g. University of Copenhagen and several Danish municipalities.

AYDIN SOEI
**Sociologist
and Author**



Aydin Soei (he/him) has a Master's Degree in Sociology from the University of Southern Denmark, specializing in society's vulnerable youngsters, citizenship, social mobility, and risk factors in relation to criminality and youth. Having authored several books about this topic, Aydin is very prevalent in the public debates about socially deprived areas, immigration, radicalization, racialisation, and integration. Aydin's latest book "Fædre" (Fathers) from 2020, is a book with conversations with fathers with immigrant or refugee backgrounds in Denmark on becoming fathers themselves and dealing with their own fathers. Alongside with his books, Aydin has produced several studies regarding behavior, school culture and social exaggerations regarding youngsters in stigmatized areas. In 2022 he won the vote as Copenhagener of the Year for his work and contribution to the public debate.

**CLEMENT
KJERSGAARD**
**TV Anchor, Editor and
Public Speaker**



Clement Behrendt Kjersgaard (he/him) became at the age of 16 enrolled at the United World College of Hong Kong, from which he graduated in 1994; he then entered Oxford University, where he studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics. In 2002 he founded the news magazine RÆSON, which he still publishes. Since 2004 presenter for DR on a variety of TV programmes, including "Debatten" since 2010 and most recently e.g. "Clement Kalder Jorden" (2020-21), and various specials, also editor and scriptwriter. Named by the journal Journalisten as Denmark's most powerful journalist (2011), recipient of the Publicist Award (2011), winner of three TV Awards (2004, 2007 and 2011) and recipient of the Berlingskes Journalist Award of DKK 100,000 (2013). In 2012 he founded the Knowledge Festival, which he still directs and in 2021 he launched the magazine ÆRA, which received 6 out of 6 hearts in Politiken.

DAVID TRADS
**Journalist
and Author**



David Trads (he/him) is a journalist and author. He is a former Moscow and US correspondent, former editor-in-chief of the Danish daily newspaper Information and director of Metro International. Author of several best-selling books, especially about the USA.

HELLE PORS DAM
**Professor of Law and
UNESCO Chair in
Cultural Rights,
University of
Copenhagen**



Helle Porsdam (she/her) is a Professor of History and Cultural Rights and UNESCO Chair in Cultural Rights at the University of Copenhagen. She did her PhD in American Studies at Yale University, and has headed a number of research projects. She has written extensively on cultural human rights, especially the right to science. Most recently, her co-edited volume *The Right to Science: Then and Now*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2021, and her monograph, *Science as a Cultural Human Right* was published in the University of Pennsylvania Press Studies in Human Rights Studies in 2022. Helle Porsdam serves in the Humanity in Action Denmark Board of Representatives.

**IBRAHIM
EL-HASSAN**
**MA Student in Political
Science & Community
Organizer**



Ibrahim El-Hassan (he/him) is a Master's student in Political Science at University of Southern Denmark. As a student assistant at ActionAid Denmark, he organizes youth communities that promote participation. He is also a script writer and actor at 5240 Act Now – a forum theatre that ignites curiosity, fosters dialogue and leads to action. From Vollsmose, a social housing area on the Danish "Ghetto list", Ibrahim

knows how environmental racism plays out in Denmark, and has resisted discriminatory law through 'Almen Modstand' and in public. He is also a part of the Palestinian-Jewish Alliance, and fights for a free Palestine.

IDO NAHARI

**Writer and Researcher
| 2022 Cph Fellow**



Ido Nahari (he/him) is a writer, researcher and occasional art critic, just like everybody else. He is currently pursuing his doctorate in sociology. Previously the editor for the street newspaper Arts of the Working Class, his writing has been published in various newspapers and magazines, and he has taught in the United States and Europe. Ido is also a Senior Fellow from the 2022 Copenhagen Fellowship.

JENIN MATAHEN

**Member of the
Palestinian-Jewish
Alliance**



Jenin Matahen (she/her) is a Danish-Palestinian advocate whose work centers on questions of identity, belonging, and justice. Growing up at the intersection of cultures, Jenin brings a unique lens to conversations about collective history and what it means to grow up in the diaspora. As a member of the Palestinian-Jewish Alliance, Jenin is actively engaged in challenging polarization and

reclaiming space for nuanced, human-centered conversation. The Alliance aims to counter the divisive narratives often perpetuated by governments and media, offering instead a vision grounded in solidarity and justice. Storytelling is central to the group's practice. Through lived experience and reflective dialogue, they invite others to consider how personal stories reflect broader political realities- and how sharing them can challenge dominant narratives.

JESSICA

**DERCONTEÉ
PETERSEN**
**Advocate, Adviser &
Project Manager,
DEI&B & Climate Justice**



Jessica Derconteé (she/her) is a project manager, activist, speaker, and board member committed to dismantling structures of inequality and advocating for a just, sustainable world. At the core of Jessica's work lies a profound commitment to leveraging diverse and underrepresented perspectives—be it queer, feminist, ecological, or post-colonial theories—to craft solutions for a more equitable and sustainable future. With a MA in International Public Administration & Politics from Roskilde University, Jessica brings a unique blend of academic rigor and grassroots activism. She is a fervent climate and social justice advocate, currently a member of the Collective Against Environmental Racism. She has worked extensively on global solidarity, climate action, and social justice within the civil society. Her activism is deeply personal, inspired by witnessing the dire consequences of climate change and racism on her own family and community.

JUNE GIBBA

**Project Manager,
Food Nation Denmark
| 2019 John Lewis
Fellow**



June Gibba (she/her) is a Project Manager at Food Nation Denmark, where she leads initiatives that promote Denmark's sustainable food and agriculture solutions globally. Her current work centers on the EU Council Presidency, advancing themes such as regenerative agriculture, green transition, and public-private partnerships. With a Master's degree in Economic Growth, Population and Development, June has specialized in agriculture as a driver of economic growth and explored democratic and gender issues in contexts ranging from Thailand to The Gambia. Her approach blends academic insight with practical experience, rooted in a deep commitment to social equity and systemic change. June brings over six years of experience as a grassroots organizer and speaker within civil society, having worked with organizations such as ActionAid Denmark, Red Cross Youth, Humanity in Action, and the UN Youth in Oslo. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow from Atlanta 2020, and continues to explore the intersection of climate, food, and human rights. Known for her open, engaging style, June facilitates dialogue that bridges sectors and cultures. She is passionate about creating solutions that are not only climate-resilient but also socially just—placing people and partnerships at the heart of the green transition.

**KATHRINE
STRANGE**

**Member of the Climate
Youth Council and
Educator in Havnøst**



Kathrine Strange (she/her) holds a master's in Material Culture and Didactics. She works at Havnøst, where she educates and inspires young people about the ocean's role in climate solutions—especially its potential as a regenerative food source. As a member of the Danish National Youth Climate Council, Kathrine advocates for stronger youth involvement in climate policy. She is passionate about bringing the ocean into the climate agenda and believes that youth voices are essential in driving meaningful, systemic change.

**KIRSTEN
DAVIDSEN**
October 1943
**Refugee, Retired
Translator**

Kirsten Davidsen (she/her) was born in Copenhagen in 1928 to a Jewish family. In the beginning of October 1943 she fled with her family to Sweden. Upon returning to Denmark in June 1945 she resumed her studies at Ingrid Jespersens Skole in Copenhagen from where she graduated in 1948. In 1950 Kirsten graduated from Niels Brock Business School as a Translator. She worked 17 years as a Translator with Denmark's Fisheries and Marine Research Institute, followed by 25 years of employment at Copenhagen Business School and then a part time employment at Denmark's Technical University. Kirsten has a daughter, 3 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. They all live in Israel, and visit Kirsten frequently in Denmark.

LAMIES NASSRI

Head of Communications, CEDA



Lamies Nassri (she/her) is head of communications at the Centre for Muslims' Rights in Denmark (CEDA). CEDA is a Danish NGO that seeks to raise awareness and address Islamophobia in Denmark. Lamies holds a Master's in Language Psychology from the University of Copenhagen. She has worked in the field of anti-racism for several years, focusing on Islamophobia in Denmark. She has led research, advocacy, and public campaigns addressing discrimination against Muslims. She has also contributed to European initiatives on Islamophobia, including the European Islamophobia Report and the OSCE Human Dimension Conference, warning about state-led Islamophobia.

LISE COERMANN MATHIESEN

Chair of the Danish Youth Climate Council and Junior Consultant, Democracy X



Lise Coermann Mathiesen (she/her) is member of the Danish Youth Climate Council, advocating for stronger and more meaningful youth inclusion in climate policy. A former UN Youth Delegate on Climate & Environment, she works with citizen engagement in the green transition. She studies political science with a focus on climate politics and recently completed her master's thesis on youth participation in UN climate negotiations.

MAANSI PARPIANI

Post.doc. Department of Public Health, University of Copenhagen



Maansi Parpiani (she/her) studies the interface between work, health and environment. Through extensive field-work in India, her research conducted over the last decade, analyzes how socio-economic inequality impacts people's pursuit of healthy life, housing and work. In her research, she adopts ethnographic, participatory research methods with working class communities and writes for both academic and popular media.

MANILLA GHAFURI

Project Manager, Amnesty International Denmark



Manilla Ghafuri is the project manager for activism at Amnesty International Denmark, and spokesperson for Rapolitics – an NGO that support youth agency and community through rap and hip-hop. She is also the co-founder of the Afghan Network and Resources. In 2022, she won the Human Rights Prize, awarded by the Danish Council for Human Rights for her work fighting discrimination of ethnic minorities in Denmark. Since 2015 she has influenced the public debate through activism, storytelling, poetry, podcast, and events.

MARIE KONGSTED**MØLLER****PhD, University of
Copenhagen**

Marie Kongsted Møller (she/her) holds a PhD in Political Theory from the University of Copenhagen. Her research focuses on far-right ecology in France. She currently teaches undergraduate students at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen.

MARTIN FEHR**TERKILDSEN****Head of Secretariat,
Talerskolen RØST**

Martin Fehr Therkildsen (he/him) holds an MA in Rhetoric and is the Head of Secretariat at the Speech School RØST. For many years, he has taught and advised young people on public speaking and collaborates with institutions such as the Royal Danish Theatre and the Glyptotek to help young people take the stage at some of Denmark's most iconic venues. His areas of interest include democratic agency, managing nervousness, and celebratory speeches, and he is a commentator on rhetoric in several Danish media outlets. Martin is also an external lecturer in Rhetoric at the University of Copenhagen.

MORTEN KJÆRUM**Adj. Professor**

Morten Kjærum (he/him) is Adj. Prof., Aalborg University, and Affiliated Scholar with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. From 2015-24 Morten was the Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Morten was the first Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and was founding director of the Danish Institute for Human Rights. He started his career in the Danish Refugee Council. Morten has been a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. For six years he served as Chairperson of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles. Appointed by the UN Secretary General to the UN Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights He is board member of the US-based Center for Democracy and Technology. He has published extensively on a variety of human rights issues and in particular on topics related to refugee protection and inclusion. Morten has served on the Humanity in Action Denmark Board of Directors through most of Humanity in Action Denmark's history.

NAUJA BIANCO

CEO of Isuma Consulting, Board Member, Keynote Speaker



Nauja Bianco (she/her) is a native Greenlander from Nuuk, currently based in Copenhagen, Denmark. She holds degrees in political science from the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and Sciences Po Lille, France. Nauja spent the first 15 years of her career in government, diplomacy, and international relations, working for the Government of Greenland (in Nuuk and Brussels), the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Nordic Council of Ministers. Between 2006 and 2010, she lived in Brussels, Belgium, and from 2017 to 2019 in Toronto, Canada. After moving to Toronto, she founded Isuma Consulting, providing strategic advice on Arctic and Nordic affairs, alongside freelance journalism and communication. Upon returning to Denmark, she became CEO of the North Atlantic House and the Greenlandic House in Odense, cultural and business hubs promoting Greenlandic, Faroese, and Icelandic arts, culture, and community. As of September 2023, Nauja revived Isuma Consulting and works as an independent consultant. Her expertise lies in facilitating cooperation across the Arctic and Nordic countries in policy, governance, arts, and culture. She is passionate about connecting governments, businesses, initiatives, and people to create added value for the Arctic, the Nordic region, and trans-Atlantic relations.

NYOMBI MORRIS

Climate Activist & Human Rights Advocate



Nyombi Morris (he/him) is a climate activist, human rights advocate, speaker, and founder of Earth Volunteers—a nonprofit dedicated to ecosystem restoration and community climate education through volunteer efforts. Since 2019, he has advocated for environmental justice and policy changes. He previously served as a youth advisor to the Danish Embassy in Uganda before moving to Denmark for safety reasons. Nyombi is now an intern at ActionAid Denmark.

PADMASAI LAKSHMI BHAMIDIPATI

Senior Advisor, UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre



As a Senior Advisor - Energy and Climate at UNEP Copenhagen Climate Centre, I bring over 9+ years of experience in energy transition, sustainable development, technology transfer, and impact assessment. My mission is to support low-carbon and climate-resilient development in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where I have extensive in-country experience and partnerships. I have led and contributed to multiple projects on strengthening markets and supporting technology transfer for climate mitigation, with a focus on renewable energy sources. I have also conducted research and published on the socio-technical and socio-political dimensions of energy.

**REGINE-ELLEN
DORA MØLLER**

**PhD Candidate and
Research Assistant,
Aalborg University**



Regine-Ellen Dora Møller (she/her) is an Indigenous Kalaaleq PhD candidate at Aalborg University and Ilisimatusarfik with research on developmentalism in Kalaallit Nunaat based on the perspectives of a hunting community locally called Iserdor, southeast of Tasiilaq in East Kalaallit Nunaat. Møller's work illustrates the paradox at the heart of Kalaallit Nunaat's nation-building project: the tension between collective self-determination at the national level that aims for political decolonization and the everyday struggles for self-determination in small communities like Iserdor.

**SANDRA
VILLUMSEN**

**Regenerative Farmer
and Teacher**



Sandra Villumsen (she/her) is an agricultural entrepreneur and teacher from 'Farendløse Mosteri' - an old cider mill from 1912. She is the co-founder of the association 'Regenerativt Jordbrug', which works with small-scale farming and regenerative principles. They offer an alternative to the current education system for students who want to learn about the regenerative movement and how to grow and farm in sustainable ways that help mitigate climate change and support biodiversity. She is also the owner of 'Kirsebær og Kørvel', where she produces the tastiest tomatoes using next to no water.

SARAH ZARHDANI

**MA Student, Global
Studies | 2024 Sarajevo
Fellow**



Sarah Zarhdani (she/her) is a Danish-Moroccan organizer and advocate for human rights, social change, and transformative justice. Her work has revolved around raising awareness of structural racism and discrimination in Denmark through events, debates, and workshops. Currently, Sarah is pursuing a Master's degree in Global Studies at Lund University, where she explores topics related to identity, memory, and trauma within a pre/post-colonial context, specifically North-West African context. She has a deep understanding of the intricate dynamics of cultural heritage and historical narratives, particularly regarding the legacy of events such as the trans-Saharan slave trade, the Scramble for Africa, and others. Sarah is also a co-organizer in the Collective Against Environmental Racism, operating at the intersection of environmentalism, anti-racism, and climate justice to bring racial discrimination and climate injustice into the public climate debate in Denmark. Here, Sarah seeks to mobilize and amplify the voices of those most affected by environmental racism.

SIF HOLST

Chair of Knowledge Center about Disability



Sif Holst (she/her) has been a disability rights advocate for the past 20 years, serving on a large number of boards and committees including vice-chair Disabled People's Organisations Denmark, vice-chair Knowledge Center about Disability, board member Danish Institute for Human Rights. Sif has a proven track record achieving success through cooperation with States and civil society on equal health, universal design, independent living, inclusive education and labour market. Sif has extensive international experience. From being a student in Indonesia, undertaking development work in Ghana and Uganda to being a member of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Nordic Disability Council.

SIGRID KROMANN SCHIØLER

Policy Advisor on Civic Space and Human Rights, Global Focus



Sigrid Kroman Schiøler (she/her) is a policy advisor with Global Focus - a platform for more than 75 Danish organizations working globally on development, humanitarian, climate and human rights matters. With a background in UN Women and the Danish UN mission in New York, Sigrid has experience working in multilateral spaces focusing specifically on global norms and human rights. At Global

Focus, she leverages this experience on behalf of member organizations and in international alliances focusing on civic space and participation in international policy negotiations like the UN General Assembly and Climate Conferences. In addition, she is one of Global Focus' representatives in the Danish cross-sector coalition on future generations, which was initiated following the UN Summit of the Future in 2024.

Currently, Sigrid is interested in the positioning of civil society, sustainable development and human rights, in a changed geopolitical and increasingly militarized context. Having a long-term focus on the rights and well-being of future generations is, to her, a meaningful lens in order to re-shape the narratives and re-focus on crucial matters for a safe and sustainable world. Sigrid holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Copenhagen.

SOLVEJ BERLAU

Historian, Teacher and Author | 2004 Copenhagen Fellow



Solvej Berlau (she/her) is the co-author of "The road to genocide" (2023) and teaches History and Social Science at Slagelse Gymnasium. Prior to teaching she worked for ten years at the Danish Institute for International Studies specialising in Holocaust and Genocide Studies with an aim to bridge the gap between students and new research. Besides teaching Solvej undertakes lectures and teacher training, she was a Humanity in Action fellow in 2004 and has served on the Danish Board of Directors in the period 2018-2024.

STEVEN JENSEN

**Senior Researcher,
Danish Institute for
Human Rights**



Steven L. B. Jensen (he/him) is a Senior Researcher at The Danish Institute for Human Rights. Before joining the Danish Institute, he held positions with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with UNAIDS based in Geneva. He holds a PhD in History from the University of Copenhagen and is the author of the prize-winning book *The Making of International Human Rights. The 1960s, Decolonization and the Reconstruction of Global Values* (Cambridge University Press 2016). He is also the co-editor of the books *Histories of Global Inequality: New Perspectives* (Palgrave Macmillan 2019) and *Social Rights and the Politics of Obligation in History* (Cambridge University Press 2022). He has been a regular contributor to the South African newspaper *The Daily Maverick* and to *Open Global Rights* as well as a visiting researcher at The Norwegian Nobel Institute (2025) and the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2022). In 2024, he was appointed as a member of the Danish Expert Group on Global Health.

THOR SVANHOLM GUSTAVFSON

**Senior Advisor,
Copenhagen Institute
for Futures Studies**



Thor Svanholm Gustavfson (he/him) is a Senior Advisor at the Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies, working at the intersection of foresight, governance, and societal transformation. His mission is to embed long-term thinking into public decision-making by strengthening anticipatory capabilities and the use of foresight across institutions, policy design, and civil society. As the steering committee representative of the Danish Coalition for Future Generations, Thor advocates for intergenerational fairness and the ethical and legal inclusion of future generations in today's governance. His work involves supporting the implementation of the UN Declaration on Future Generations in Denmark and contributing to a growing transnational discourse on how to think and act for the long-term well-being of those yet to come. Thor is particularly committed to integrating strategic foresight, systems thinking, and cross-sector collaboration in ways that are ethically responsible, inclusive, and responsive to the pressing challenges of our time.

ZELMA LEWERISSA

**Anthropologist,
Podcaster and Actor |
2017 John Lewis Fellow**



Zelma Feldman Lewerissa (she/her) is an anthropologist, podcast host and actor. She has done fieldwork among mixed Palestinian-Israeli couples in Israel/Palestine and Berlin. Zelma was born and raised in Copenhagen and has Danish, Ukrainian-Jewish and Molluc roots. She has co-founded the group 'Jews for Just Peace' (*Jøder for Rettfærdig Fred*) and is active in the Palestinian-Jewish Alliance. Zelma received the Humanity in Action Denmark "October '43 Travel Grant" in 2024 to continue her research on Palestinian-Israeli couples together with Maya Zoe Saadon.

ÅGE SANDAL MØLLER

**Ambassador of the
Kingdom of Denmark to
Bosnia & Herzegovina**



Åge Sandal Møller is the Danish Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina since 1 November 2024 when the Danish Embassy in Sarajevo reopened. Mr Møller joined the Foreign Service in 2009 and has served at the Permanent Danish Representation to the EU, and in Ethiopia and Türkiye.

AFTER THE FELLOWSHIP



THE FELLOWSHIP JOURNEY

Being a Fellow

The Humanity in Action Fellowship may only last for three weeks, but an engagement in Humanity in Action lasts for much longer. Besides planning and execution an **Action Project**, the in-person Fellowship continue with our online **Community Hubs** in the fall/winter of 2025 and 2026, organized by YOU, the Fellows. The goal of these Community Hubs is to get to know community members better and strengthen the sense of belonging while focusing on the work of the Action Projects. We expect you to take part in at least 4 out of 5 hubs.

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The Humanity in Action Fellowship, the Community Hubs and your Action Project will be your entryway into a global network of people dedicated to promoting human rights, diversity, and active citizenship around the world, and there are many ways to engage in this network.

This fig. shows each Fellow's progression through Humanity in Action:



ACTION PROJECTS

Turning knowledge into action

As a Humanity in Action Fellow, you must plan and implement an Action Project - a hands-on initiative inspired by your Fellowship experience. Action Projects allow you to take what you have learned during program and use that knowledge to address real-life issues in your communities. Action Projects may take many different forms, from community service, public advocacy, art projects, lectures, conferences, and social entrepreneurship. Below you can find examples of previous Action Projects.



NIELS BAK |
2023 CPH
Fellow

TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP DESIGN

Business models often prioritize profit over well-being leading to unsustainable and inequitable structures. Niels Bak has developed an educational program designed to equip entrepreneurs with skills in ethics, sustainability, and emotional intelligence fostering social equity and sustainable practices.

FATHERLAND

'Fatherland' is a touching documentary about a grieving Syrian father and his three sons' and their quiet struggle not to be deported from Denmark and scattered all over the world. Director Benjamin Kodboel won Humanity in Action Denmark October '43 grant supporting projects on refugees and minoritized people.



NOUR MOAZZEN |
2021 Sarajevo Fellow



SARAH HUUSFELT |
2023 US Fellow

CULTIVATING JUSTICE: EXPLORING THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

To educate herself and shed light on the profound impacts of climate change on indigenous communities, Sarah crafted a research paper collaborating with a professor of Law. Sarah found it challenging to find enough relevant literature for this paper, showing the need for more knowledge on this topic.

COMMUNITY HUBS

For Fellows by Fellows

After the Fellowship program, Humanity in Action invites the 2025 Fellows to continue growing as an engaged, international community. Community Hubs are an opportunity to stay connected across cohorts, deepen relationships, and support one another in the post-program phase—including the implementation of Action Projects.

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This initiative builds on the belief that leadership is a continuous, shared process—and that strong communities don't just happen, but are intentionally nurtured.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Between September 2025 and March 2026, each cohort (Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, and Sarajevo) will organize one 90-minute online meeting. These sessions will be designed **by Fellows for Fellows**, offering space to explore themes that feel timely, relevant, or personally meaningful. Each Community Hub meeting should include two key elements:

- 1) Input – such as a short presentation, personal story, or moderated conversation. Speakers are welcome and may come from within the cohort.**
- 2) Exchange – dedicated time for peer-to-peer dialogue, ideally in breakout rooms, to foster reflection, learning, and connection.**

In May 2026, HIA will host a final online gathering for all 2025 Fellows to share learnings, insights, and the outcomes of their Action Projects

GOALS OF THE COMMUNITY HUBS

- To offer a platform where Fellows can continue practicing their leadership by shaping content, guiding dialogue, and co-creating meaningful experiences.
- To encourage Fellows to define the topics and formats that matter most to them—within the spirit and values of Humanity in Action.
- To sustain community engagement beyond the Fellowship through collective reflection, mutual support, and peer learning.
- To promote cross-cohort exchange and international collaboration. To support public speaking, facilitation, and communication skills in a low-pressure, peer-led environment.

IMPLEMENTATION & COMMUNICATION

Each cohort will be responsible for organizing their Community Hub meeting—deciding on the theme, speakers, format, and facilitation. This process is intended as a practical exercise in collaborative leadership. Fellows are also expected to take the lead in engaging their peers—using inclusive and clear communication to promote the event, encourage participation, and build a sense of shared ownership. HIA staff will provide guidance and technical support as needed, while trusting Fellows to lead the way.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark your calendars!

1

AUGUST 28, 2025

Submit Written Evaluation

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Submit Letter to the Board

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Submit Action Project Plan

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 | 12:00 1:30pm EDT / 18:00-19:30 CEST

Community Hub #1 | Responsible: 2025 Berlin Fellows

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NOVEMBER 18, 2025 | 12:00 1:30pm EDT / 18:00-19:30 CEST

Community Hub #2 | Responsible: 2025 Amsterdam Fellows

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JANUARY 22, 2026 | 12:00 1:30pm EDT / 18:00-19:30 CEST

Community Hub #3 | Responsible: 2025 Copenhagen Fellows

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MARCH 25, 2026 | 12:00 1:30pm EDT / 18:00-19:30 CEST

Community Hub #4 | Responsible: 2025 Sarajevo Fellows

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MARCH 31, 2026 | ACTION PROJECT DEADLINE HIA DENMARK

Deadlines for the other offices: HIA Germany December: 31, 2025 | HIA Netherlands: December 31, 2025 | HIA US: March 31, 2026 | HIA BiH: June 30, 2026 | HIA Poland: June 30, 2026

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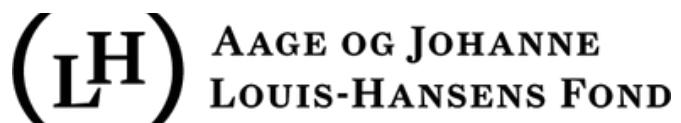
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ABOUT

Humanity in Action

Humanity in Action is a transatlantic non-profit organization that informs, connects, and inspires young people to engage in dialogue and take action for human rights, democracy, and inclusivity.

The organization's goal is to inspire responsible leadership that meets the local and global challenges of social division. Disinformation, polarization, antisemitism, racism, Islamophobia, trans- and homophobia, and misogyny, are phenomena that are testing democratic societies. Humanity in Action's programs address these issues head-on from a historical perspective.

Humanity in Action has offices in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Its international headquarters is based in New York City.

HUMANITY IN ACTION DENMARK

Humanity in Action Denmark was founded in 1997 and has since then been an active partner in the international Humanity in Action network.

We develop educational programs - our Fellowships - for students, recent graduates, and young professionals. We also support integral (Senior) Fellow civic engagement activities,

organize public events, seminar for teachers and offer workshops on prejudice and anti-Semitism for high schools students.

Together with experts from academia, activism, the arts, journalism, politics, and the business world, our Fellows and Senior Fellows discuss critical social justice issues in Denmark and abroad. The topics that keep us busy are identity, human rights, social justice, immigration, and diversity.



For years we have created and nourished a community culture that is collaborative, intensive, caring, open to vulnerability, interdisciplinary, opinionated, eclectic, international, and fun.

Humanity in Action Denmark boasts a network of 300 Senior Fellows - entrepreneurs, government officials, artists, academics, lawyers, journalists, politicians, and activists. In many ways, these Senior Fellows continue to contribute to the values of Humanity in Action. They do this in their personal and professional lives, as well as by playing an active role in our programs.

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