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Kenza Chabane

Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in French at Hollins University

Kenza Chabane is currently working as a tour guide and an office worker at the Castle of Bouillon as well as an English, French and Dutch tutor. She graduated in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in translation and interpretation in English, French and Arabic from Saint-Louis University and is currently graduating with a Master's in Performing Arts from the Free University of Brussels. Over the course of her studies, she completed two Erasmus programs in Amman, Jordan and in Paris, France. She plans to pursue a teaching career hence her participation in the Fulbright FLTA program. Aside from her interest in languages, she enjoys music, theatre and traveling.



Malik Baba

Master's in Law at Columbia University

Malik Baba obtained a master degree in Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 2016 and an advanced master degree in Company Law from the KU Leuven in 2019. He has been working as a dispute resolution lawyer at the law firm Stibbe since 2018 and is also a teaching assistant in the Law of obligations at the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Malik will be attending the LL.M. program at Columbia Law School, where he intends to strengthen his skills pertaining to cross-border disputes and further develop his knowledge of international arbitration.



Maxine De Wulf Helskens

Student Researcher in Journalism at the University of Southern California

Maxine De Wulf Helskens is a passionate journalist and journalism scholar. She obtained an MS in Communication and an MA in Journalism and is currently working as a PhD fellow at the Department of Communication Sciences at Ghent University (Belgium). Her project focuses on uncovering how fictional representations of journalism influence public opinion. As part of that project, Maxine will conduct a research stay in Los Angeles at the University of Southern California. In 2020, she participated in an internship program at The Washington Center in Washington D.C. In her spare time, she loves boxing and musical theater.



Paulien Decorte

Student Researcher in Communications at Washington State University

Paulien Decorte is pursuing a PhD in Communication Sciences, studying the impact of food media on food-related choices and habits of young adults, aged 18-25. She co-initiated the #CoronaCookingSurvey, an international research project led by UAntwerp. The study received a large following domestically and internationally, with over 6000 participants in Belgium and more than 35 countries joining the ranks. It also received global attention and was covered by Reuters and The New York Times. In 2021, Paulien rejoined YUFE, a prominent European University Alliance, as student-co-creator, becoming President of its Student Forum and coordinating the student-centeredness of its new funding proposal.



Kwinten Dewaele

Master's in Law at Harvard University (Boas)

Kwinten Dewaele studied law at KU Leuven (2014-2019) specializing in economic and private law. After graduating, he joined the Institute for Contract Law at KU Leuven as a junior researcher and teaching assistant. He writes a dissertation on private compliance with export controls in research agreements, for which he was awarded a fellowship by the Flemish Research Foundation in 2020. In addition to his doctoral research, Kwinten also regularly publishes on Belgian corporate law and contract law in general. With the support of the Fulbright Commission, Kwinten will be studying at Harvard Law School.



Emile Germonpré

Master's in Engineering at MIT

Emile jumped into his Chemical Engineering studies at Ghent University with a strong determination to help in the fight against climate change, and fueled by his mission, he completed the Bachelor's program as top of the class. After becoming interested in the energy dilemma and discovering the potential of advanced nuclear technology, Emile hopes to facilitate the development of next-generation nuclear technology in his career. He will kickstart this journey with an MS in Nuclear Science and Engineering at MIT.



Liselotte Kasse B'nicco

Master's in Law at NYU

Liselotte Kasse B'nicco holds a Master of Laws degree from Ghent University (2021). She dedicated her studies to international and human rights law, participating in projects such as the Human Rights Law Clinic and the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. After graduating, Liselotte held a position as Academic Assistant at Ghent University and is currently doing an internship at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. By pursuing an LL.M. in International Legal Studies at NYU Law, Liselotte wants to further specialize in international law to gain the necessary expertise for a career in this field.



Sophie Leemans

Student Researcher in Architecture at Columbia University

Sophie obtained a Master's in Architecture summa cum laude at KU Leuven in Brussels as laureate of the program. Her thesis emphasized the positive impact of water infrastructure on daily life and received several awards. After working in urban planning in Berlin, she started a PhD research-by-design at the Department of Architecture of KU Leuven. Her major area of research is the transformation of dispersed territories and more specifically how this relates to the design of infrastructure networks and nodes. With the support of Fulbright, she will do a research stay at GSAPP Columbia University, focusing on the relation between urbanization and the landscape.



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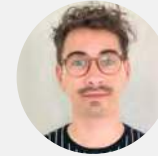
Florence Muller
Student Researcher in Biomedical Engineering
at the University of Pennsylvania

Florence Muller obtained her Master's in Mechanical and Materials Engineering from the University of Birmingham in 2020. On graduation, she was awarded the Ray Smallman prize for best academic performance. During her studies, she received the Rolls-Royce Academic prize (funded jointly with the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers) and her thesis was supported by Rolls-Royce. In 2020-2022, she pursued a Master's in Biomedical Engineering at Ghent University, where she has been working with the MEDISIP group during her internship and thesis. Her research projects have resulted in one A1 publication and three conference contributions. Starting July 2022, she will continue as a PhD in (Bio)Medical Imaging at Ghent.



Liesbet Van Acker
Master's in Law at Harvard University

Liesbet Van Acker is a Ph.D. candidate at KU Leuven's Consumer Competition Market and Research Foundation Flanders (FWO). During her Ph.D., Liesbet represented KU Leuven's 6000+ assistants in the Academic Council, founded the CCM Blog, and mentored first-generation students. Liesbet obtained her Master of Laws at KU Leuven (magna cum laude) including an exchange at Queen Mary University London and several internships, e.g. with the European Commission. Passionate about public discourse, Liesbet participated in the J. H. Jackson WTO Moot Court, was president of the KUL Model United Nations Association and founded Debat Squad, teaching debate to high-school students.



Sven Van den Bossche
Student Researcher in Literature at
California State University, Long Beach

Sven Van den Bossche is a PhD researcher working on the intersections of literary studies and (trans)gender studies. His project at the University of Antwerp and Ghent University investigates how various transgender identities, trajectories and experiences can be rendered visible through literary techniques, such as metaphors, temporal ordering and narrative voice. Next to his academic work, he loves nature, obscure literature and archives, and strives to make the world a more welcoming place for trans people. As a queer and trans activist, he believes in a radical politics of care.



Sofie Verschraegen
Student Researcher in Materials Science at
Stanford University

Sofie Verschraegen is a PhD researcher in Sustainable Materials Engineering at Ghent University. She completed her MSc studies summa cum laude (910/1000) in 2020 and was awarded the Jozef Plateau prize for her Master's thesis on silica nanofibers. Sofie has a broad range of interests and is internationally-minded, especially after spending a semester and performing an internship at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology. She will conduct part of her doctoral research at Stanford University's Dauskardt group and is driven to make this collaboration a success for all parties involved.



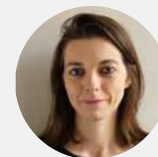
Dr. Céline Delmotte
Research Scholar in Development Studies
at the University of California, Santa Barbara

Céline Delmotte, PhD, is a postdoctoral fellow and guest lecturer at the Centre for Development Studies, Catholic University of Louvain. She holds a master in Population and Development Studies and a PhD in Political and Social Sciences. She conducts research on human-environment dynamics, with a particular focus on rural areas in the Global South. Her academic path has involved extensive research on gold mining territories, labor migration and human rights in the Andean and Amazonian regions of Latin America. Passionate about interculturality, Céline cares about global inequalities, poverty and anti-racist work, loves traveling, opening up to other cultures, hiking and reading.



Dr. Jolien Gijbels
Research Scholar in History at
Johns Hopkins University

Jolien Gijbels obtained a Ph.D. degree in history at Leuven University. In her doctoral dissertation, she examined the historical relationship between medicine and religion through a focus on obstetrics. In recent years, she developed a particular interest in the history of patient agency. Her postdoctoral project studies the role of patients and their families in consent discussions preceding surgical procedures in the twentieth century. She is very excited to carry out her postdoctoral research as a Fulbright fellow at the Johns Hopkins University in collaboration with scholars with shared research interests. Her hobbies include theatre, reading and swimming.



Dr. Gaëtanelle Gilquin
Visiting Lecturer (Scholar-in-Residence) at
Northern Arizona University

Gaëtanelle Gilquin is Professor of English Language and Linguistics and co-director of the Centre for English Corpus Linguistics at UCLouvain, Belgium. Her research focuses on the uses of English as an additional language, which she studies on the basis of large electronic corpora of authentic language production, both spoken and written. She is interested in acquisitional and pedagogical aspects, which she mainly approaches from a cognitive perspective. She is the coordinator of several international corpus projects.



Dr. Kristof Lookx
Research Scholar in History at
Northeastern University

Kristof Lookx is a social historian. He obtained his master's degree at the University of Gent where he subsequently worked as a scientific researcher. In 2020, he received his PhD from the University of Antwerp and Vrije Universiteit Brussel with the dissertation entitled 'From sail to steam: Two generations of seafarers and the maritime labour market in Antwerp, 1850-1900'. Currently, Kristof is a FWO postdoctoral fellow at the Centre for Urban History at Antwerp. His research interests relate to the nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century urban-maritime world, with a particular focus on harbor districts or so-called sailortowns in the Atlantic region.



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Dr. Sam Mattheus
Research Scholar in Mathematics at
the University of California, San Diego

Sam recently finished his PhD in fundamental mathematics at Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Before that, he obtained a MSc at Universiteit Gent, including a year abroad at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya. Now, he will be heading to University of California San Diego to join a world-leading research group in discrete mathematics where he will investigate pseudorandom graphs. This continues his PhD research on the study of networks and their interplay with combinatorics and computer science. When he's not at work, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two kids, and playing soccer or padel.



Dr. Julie Mennes
Research Scholar in Philosophy at
Michigan State University

Julie Mennes is a postdoctoral researcher at the Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science at Ghent University. She obtained an interdisciplinary PhD in Philosophy and Linguistics based on research on communication-related challenges for interdisciplinarity. Her work is best characterized as applied philosophy of science. Currently, she is working on a pragmatic theory of inter- and transdisciplinary integration. In the past, she worked on issues in biology (e.g. different uses of the notion 'function') and computational linguistics (e.g. the possibilities and limitations of word sense induction). She also contributed to a project on the automatic detection of cyberbullying.



Dr. Hazem Sallouha
Research Scholar in Engineering at
the University of California, Los Angeles

The main goal of his Fulbright research visit to UCLA is to address a fundamental problem in a very promising technology in wireless communications, namely, the over-the-air synchronization of crowdsourced wireless networks. Successful execution of the project will facilitate realizing distributed cooperative processing, which will have a significant scientific impact on the future of 6G technology as well as environmental benefits. By conducting the proposed work at CORES Lab, UCLA, Dr. Sallouha will not only benefit from the prominent and relevant expertise there, but he will also be able to exploit the CORES lab's state-of-the-art distributed communication and sensing testbeds for experimental validation.



Dr. Tom Smits
Research Scholar in Linguistics at
the University of California, Davis

Tom Smits obtained his Ph.D. in 2007 on sub-standard language variation in German and Dutch at the Department of Linguistics at the University of Antwerp, where he teaches German grammar and variational linguistics. In 2013, he was the first foreign scientist to be awarded the German Agathe Lasch Prize for research into Low German. Since 2008, as an English, German and CLIL teacher educator at the Antwerp School of Education, he has developed expertise in urban education, awarded with the 2019 UAntwerp Teaching Award. In 2021, he was appointed as Senior Research Associate at Rhodes University (SA) in recognition of his standing in the field of multilingualism and education.



Dr. Lodewijk Van Dycke
Research Scholar in Law at Yale University

Lodewijk Van Dycke is an academic legal researcher. He has expertise in intellectual property and innovation law. His PhD focused on patents; agrobiotechnology in West Africa. His future research will be about innovation by armament industries, especially in relation to climate change. Lodewijk studied law, philosophy and international development in Leuven, Tilburg, Fribourg and Oxford. He wrote his PhD at the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition in Munich and worked briefly for the Belgian embassy in Kampala, for the International Centre for Maize and Wheat Improvement (CIMMYT) in Nairobi and as an advisor to the Belgian Finance Minister.

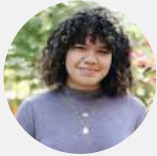


Dr. Tamaya Van Criekinge
Research Scholar in Medical Sciences at
the University of Illinois at Chicago

Tamaya Van Criekinge is a postdoctoral researcher in the department Rehabilitation Sciences at KU Leuven, Campus Bruges. She holds a Master in Rehabilitation Sciences and Physiotherapy (KU Leuven). In 2020, she obtained her PhD at the University in Antwerp concerning the neuromechanical control during walking in aging adults and stroke survivors, with a specific emphasis on trunk control. She was a visiting research fellow at the University of Liverpool (UK). Tamaya will carry out her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Illinois Chicago, where she will examine reactive balance strategies during falls in older adults.



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Isabella Castro
English Teaching Assistant at
Université Saint-Louis

Isabella Castro is a senior at the University of Central Florida who will earn a bachelor's degree in International and Global Studies with minors in French and Diplomacy. Isabella is a 2022 Charles B. Rangel Fellow and aspires to a career as a Foreign Service Officer. She speaks Spanish, French, and Quechua. In addition to her work inside the classroom as an ETA, she is eager to increase her proficiency in French and Dutch and hopes to engage with the community through a volunteer position with refugee and immigrant students.



Duru Erkan
English Teaching Assistant at
Institut de la Vierge Fidèle and Athénée Adolphe Max

Duru will be graduating from the University of Arkansas in May with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Psychology as well as a Bachelor of Arts in French. In addition to teaching, Duru is excited to learn more about Belgian culture, engage in community organizations such as écoles de devoirs, and practice French while learning Dutch. She is excited to bring her English language learning experience as an immigrant and her perspective on the American South to Belgian classrooms.



Arambi Eyong
English Teaching Assistant at Howest

Arambi is an alumna of Harvard College, class of 2020. Arambi was active in various public service organizations on campus. Upon graduation, she spent a year working with a healthcare non-profit in Hollywood, CA. Arambi looks forward to engaging with the students of Howest University in Bruges and Kortrijk. She hopes to gain a rich understanding of the social and cultural issues important to her students by connecting with public service and advocacy clubs.



Giuliana Ferrara
English Teaching Assistant at Ghent University

Completing her final semester as a member of Bucknell University's Class of 2022, Giuliana is earning a bachelor's degree in both International Relations and Italian Studies. She is excited for the opportunity to explore Belgium. In addition to her work inside the classroom as an ETA to Ghent University, Giuliana looks forward to learning Dutch and engaging with the community by working with the local refugee population.



Jim Moster
English Teaching Assistant at
the University of Hasselt

Jim recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in the Program of Liberal Studies and Political Science. After spending the summer as a teaching assistant at the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, he is excited to work as an ETA to Hasselt University and plans to start a book club.



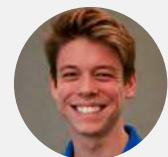
Alexandra Prendergast
English Teaching Assistant at
Athenée Marguerite Yourcenar and
GO! Technisch Atheneum Zavelenberg

After graduating with honors from Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in the College of Social Studies and Government, Alexandra spent two years living and working in Boston as a Project Analyst at law firm Mintz Levin. In addition to her work inside the classroom as an ETA, Alexandra looks forward to engaging with the community through a volunteer position with Serve the City.



Cydney Puckett
English Teaching Assistant at
the University of Antwerp

Cydney Puckett is a 2019 graduate of Missouri Western State University in her hometown, St. Joseph, Missouri. Since finishing her degree in French, she has taught in a variety of environments—an adult ESL class, a high school, and even a prison. In 2020, she worked as an ETA in Mulhouse, France through TAPIF and is currently working as an ETA in Linz, Austria through USTA. She is looking forward to using this experience as an ETA in Belgium in 2022-2023. In addition to French, Cydney also speaks German and is eager to learn Dutch.



Jacob Wentz
English Teaching Assistant at
Thomas More Mechelen

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in International Studies from New College of Florida, Jacob worked as a public radio reporter covering COVID-19 and how it affected his community. In addition to his work inside the classroom as ETA to Thomas More University, Jacob looks forward to taking courses in Dutch, learning about Belgian media, and engaging with jazz performance groups in Mechelen.



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Samira Radwan
English Teaching Assistant at OIRD,
Athénée Royal du Sippelberg

After completing her bachelor's degree in Global Affairs at George Mason University, Samira spent a year teaching English in Cahors, France through the Teaching Assistant Program in France. Samira most recently returned home to Prince George's County, Maryland where she taught at Maya Angelou French Immersion School. Samira looks forward to working with secondary school students in Brussels, and exploring the French, Dutch, and German influences of Belgium.



Izzah Zaheer
English Teaching Assistant at UC Louvain

Izzah Zaheer just graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with an undergraduate degree in political science and business management. In addition to her work inside the classroom as ETA to UC Louvain, Izzah is excited to engage with the Muslim community, meet new people, and volunteer with local organizations.



Hannah Blakeley
Student Researcher in Art History at Ghent University

Hannah Rose (H.R.) Blakeley is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Art & Archaeology at Princeton University. As a 2022-23 Fulbright scholar, she will conduct primary research at Ghent University and at museums and archives throughout Belgium. Her dissertation, "The Carnavalesque and Belgian Modernism," investigates how turn-of-the-twentieth-century Belgian artists invoke the carnivalesque to engage Northern European visual traditions while grappling with themes of political upheaval, social transgression, and modern identity. H.R. is a graduate of Emory University (BA, 2016) and the University of St Andrews (MLitt, 2017).



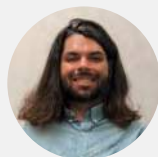
Lynn Pickering
Student Researcher in Aerospace at
Ghent University

Lynn Pickering will spend the year conducting research on Explainable AI at Ghent University. Her research works toward an AI that explains clearly how it makes decisions, allowing for a user to determine the fairness and usability of the AI. Her overall research focus is on making AI work for humans, and making sure AI is used responsibly. Lynn is in her second year as a PhD candidate at the University of Cincinnati.



Michael Portal
Student Researcher in Philosophy at
the University of Antwerp

Michael Portal will spend the 2022-2023 academic year conducting interdisciplinary research at the Universiteit Antwerpen. His research concerns the Flemish emphasis on *samenleven* ("living together") and its significance for Antwerp's Jewish communities. His research project asks, "What is it that unites these distinct Jewish communities?". This work extends scholarship on community formation and maintenance. Portal will be a research fellow at UAntwerpen's Institute for Jewish Studies, the Centre for Research on Environmental and Social Change, and the Urban Studies Institute. Portal is a Ph.D. candidate in Texas A&M University's Department of Philosophy.



Rickey Larkin
Student Researcher in Linguistics at
the University of Antwerp

Rickey Larkin will spend the 2022-23 academic year conducting research in sociolinguistics at the Universiteit Antwerpen. His research will examine the Linguistic Landscapes of Hawaii poke restaurants throughout Belgium. Rickey is a current PhD student at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, and has previously taught English in the United States, Taiwan, and the Philippines. As a returned Peace Corps volunteer, Rickey is excited to integrate himself into the city of Antwerp through volunteering and learning Dutch.



Megan Engle
Student Researcher in Political Science at
Université Libre de Bruxelles

Megan Engle will research electoral policy and gender equality in Belgium through the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Her research seeks to explore the intersection of policy, gender, and culture. She hopes to demonstrate how formal policy intervention can promote gender equality and multiculturalism and illustrate the impacts of such politics on individual's lived experience. A member of the University of Tennessee class of 2022, she triple majored in English rhetoric, political science, and French.



Audrey Garcia
Student Researcher in Literature at
Ghent University and ULB

Audrey Alexis Garcia's research focuses on political and ideological influence on classic Belgian comics. Audrey is an alumna from the University of California Irvine, Class of 2021. Currently, she is working as a Language Arts Tutor and substitute teacher. Audrey looks forward to continuing her work in education as a volunteer for Save the City: Brussels and engaging with her affiliates at the Université Libre de Bruxelles and at Ghent University.

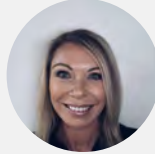


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Valerie Pascetta
Student Researcher in Biology at
the University of Antwerp

Valerie Pascetta will spend nine months researching zoonotic viruses at the University of Antwerp. Her research will focus on using archived human and wildlife tissues collected from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to trace changes in viral genomes. Valerie also looks forward to taking courses at the University of Antwerp and volunteering at the Antwerp Zoo during her grant period.



Kate Zumsteg
Student Researcher in Education at KU Leuven

Kate Zumsteg will spend the 2022-2023 academic year conducting research in restorative justice at KU Leuven. Her research will focus on restorative practices as they relate to education and the juvenile justice system. After graduating from Washington State University in 2007, she has spent the last 15 years working in various educational environments, including at non-profit high school with a high rate of juvenile adjudication.



Dr. Beth Aduabato
Research Scholar in Criminology at UC Louvain

Beth Aduabato will be teaching and conducting research at the Université catholique de Louvain. A former TV reporter, Beth's research includes sports and crime, gender and crime, and media and crime. She received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice in 2011 and is presently an associate professor at Saint Peter's University in Jersey City. She is the founder and director of The LINDA Org. (wearelinda.org), a nonprofit organization that assists women adversely affected by the criminal justice system. She hopes to start a chapter of LINDA in Brussels.



Dr. Luiz Jacobsohn
Research Scholar in Materials Science at
Ghent University

Luiz Jacobsohn will conduct research on persistent phosphors at Gent University focusing on how the manipulation of defects and the microstructure can tune the properties of interest towards new applications of these materials. Luiz is associate professor with the Department of Materials Science and Engineering of Clemson University.



Dr. Michael Murdoch
Research Scholar in Computer Science
at KU Leuven

Michael is an Associate Professor of Color Science at Rochester Institute of Technology, and his research focuses on color perception and visual adaptation in augmented reality (AR). As a visiting researcher at the Ghent Technology Campus of KU Leuven, he plans to collaborate with Professor Kevin Smet on computer graphics tools and visual experiment methodologies for AR and VR. With experience as an expat in Eindhoven, NL, Michael is excited to explore Belgian culture and practice his Dutch.



Dr. Justin Young
Research Scholar in Education at
the University of Antwerp

Justin Young will be conducting research on writing education at the University of Antwerp during the 2022-2023 academic year. His research will focus on the development of new strategies and software tools for understanding the writing process and improving student writing. Justin is a Professor of English at Eastern Washington University.



Dr. Andrea Cameron
Research Scholar in Political Science at
the College of Europe

Commander Andrea H. Cameron, U.S. Navy, is a 2022-2023 Fulbright Scholar in NATO Security Studies in Belgium. She will be teaching 'Climate Security in Europe' at the College of Europe and conducting research on climate security policy development in NATO and NATO member states. Andrea is a Permanent Military Professor at the U.S. Naval War College and the founding director of the Climate and Human Security Group. Her academic interests explore climate change, security, and civil-military coordination during humanitarian assistance. Andrea holds an Ed.D. from Pepperdine University and a Ph.D. in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School.



Dr. David Rowe
Research Scholar in International Relations
at the German Marshall Fund

David M. Rowe is the 2022-2023 NATO Security Studies Scholar. He will be affiliated with the German Marshall Fund in Brussels while conducting research on the future of the Atlantic Alliance. He is a professor of political science at Kenyon College. His research explores the economic causes of World War I and why European order collapsed in 1914, as well as the use and consequences of economic sanctions. Professor Rowe most recently directed Kenyon's Center for the Study of American Democracy. In 2009, he was the Fulbright Distinguished Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Innsbruck.



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Sophie Craig
Visiting Student Researcher in Medical Sciences
at Stanford University

Sophie Craig is a PhD student at the Eco-Immunology and Microbiome group led by Ass. Prof. Mahesh Desai at the Luxembourg Institute of Health. Her ongoing project focuses on the gut microbiota's influence on the efficacy of a certain cancer immunotherapy. She holds a Master of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). It is under Prof. Abel Garcia-Pino's supervision that she wrote her master's thesis at the Cellular and Molecular Microbiology laboratory of the ULB.



Christophe Hennico
Master's in Law at Duke University

Christophe Hennico is currently enrolled in the master's program in business law at the University Paris II Panthéon-Assas. Christophe holds a maîtrise in business law and a double bachelor's degree in law and economics from Sorbonne Law School. He completed internships in international law firms such as Allen & Overy and Loyens & Loeff. Christophe is secretary of the National Society of Luxembourg Students in Law, treasurer of the business law master's program society at Paris II, and former president of the Luxembourg Student Society in Paris.



Marie Sadler
Visiting Student Researcher in Medical Sciences
at Stanford University

Marie obtained her Msc in Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology with a specialisation in Biocomputing from EPFL, Lausanne (Switzerland) in 2019. Currently, she is completing a PhD in statistical genetics at the University of Lausanne. Her work focuses on computational methodologies to construct and exploit causal molecular networks to understand drug mechanisms and the underlying genetic causes of cardiometabolic diseases. Originally from Luxembourg, Marie enjoyed a multi-lingual education and is fluent in Luxembourgish, German, French and English. During her free time, she likes doing endurance sport and going on alpine hiking trips.



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Shera Bhala
English Teaching Assistant at
Lycée des Arts et Métiers (LAM) and
University of Luxembourg

Shera Bhala graduated from Dartmouth College in 2022, double majoring in French and Government. She was Arts Editor for The Dartmouth. From Kansas City, Missouri, Shera is cosmopolitan: she is Malaysian Chinese, Indian, Scottish, and Irish; traveled in 34 countries; and speaks French. She taught in Montessori and Pre-K classrooms and interned for Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II, the World Bank, Dartmouth's Hood Museum, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, and New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. Shera is enthusiastic to connect with the Luxembourg community, engage in the arts, and champion U.S.-Luxembourg relations.



Nicole Duby
English Teaching Assistant at
Lycée Hubert Clément Esch-sur-Alzette (LHCE)
and University of Luxembourg

Nicole is a University of Arizona alumni who graduated with two bachelor's degrees in French and Psychological Sciences in 2021. After graduation, she worked as an English language assistant in Clermont-Ferrand, France through the Teaching Assistants Program in France. In addition to her work as an ETA, Nicole is looking forward to taking courses in Luxembourgish and Psychology. She plans to engage with the community through a culture and literature exchange club and by volunteering with refugee aid organizations.



Naomi Kalombo
English Teaching Assistant at Lycée Edward Steichen
Clervaux (LESC) and Ecole Internationale
Edward Steichen (EIES)

Naomi Kalombo will spend the 2022-2023 academic year teaching English. In addition to being in the classroom, she is hoping to create a community storytelling club that encourages people to share life experiences and lessons with a wide audience. Naomi will be graduating with a bachelor's degree in Linguistics from Haverford College this coming spring.



Summer Bushman
Student Researcher in Biology at the
Luxembourg Institute of Health

Summer Bushman will spend the 2022-2023 academic year conducting research in biology at the Luxembourg Institute of Health. Her research looks at how dietary fiber can impact gut health and susceptibility to irritable bowel diseases, and she is interested in the ways that biological research can influence public health policies. Summer is a graduate of Emory University, Class of 2022.



Saki Nakai
Student Researcher in Psychology at the
University of Luxembourg

Saki Nakai graduated from Oregon State University in 2022 with degrees in psychology and mathematics. At the University of Luxembourg, she will be conducting qualitative interviews on the American and Japanese population living in multicultural Luxembourg to understand their cultural identity and acculturation processes. During her Fulbright year, she also hopes to engage with the local psychology community, play the violin in the University Orchestra, and continue studying French and Luxembourgish to connect with locals within Luxembourg's unique multicultural and multilingual setting.



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Pawel Brusilo (Poland)
Visiting Student Researcher in Economics at the University of California, San Diego

Pawel Brusilo - research assistant and a doctoral student in Economics at the Wroclaw University of Economics and Business and a graduate student of Data Science at the University of Warsaw. An alumnus of the European Academy of Diplomacy in Warsaw. Youth policy activist, an academic teacher who introduces Virtual Reality solutions in his workshops, and research project manager in the field of energy economics. His research interests are focused on evaluating public policies and strategies for the energy transition in the United States, the European Union, and Japan, especially in the context of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies.



Marta Chmielewska (Poland)
Visiting Student Researcher in History at Columbia University

Marta Chmielewska is a second-year Ph.D. researcher at the Department of History at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. They are interested in labour and gender history, queer theory, and global socialism. Her thesis "Bra Production in Socialist and Postsocialist Small-Town Central Poland: from Cooperation to Competition? explores how the introduction of capitalism influenced transitions in labour organization, gender order and family lives at the local level. Before EUI, Marta graduated from Central European University and Warsaw University.



Anna Clemente (Italy)
Visiting Student Researcher in Political Science at Stanford University

Anna is a Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science at the European University Institute in Florence (Italy). She obtained a master's degree in European Politics and Society at the University of Oxford in 2020. Her current work explores the relation between meritocratic beliefs and support for redistribution through experimental methods and other causal identification techniques. At Stanford, she plans to explore how meritocracy captured the political discourse at a time of rising inequalities. She is also a fellow at the Italian think tank Tortuga Econ, where she works on policies related to political institutions, migration and education.



Jona de Jong (Netherlands)
Visiting Student Researcher in Sociology at NYU

Jona de Jong is a PhD researcher in sociology and political science at the European University Institute in Florence. After having studied history, law and public policy, he interned and worked for three years in the public, private and NGO sector. In 2020, he started his PhD, provisionally titled 'crossing contemporary divides', in which he studies the development of current socio-political divides and the extent to which interaction between citizens from across these divides can reduce differences and increase mutual understanding. With the Fulbright Schuman program, he will spend the 2022-2023 academic year at NYU's department of sociology. There, he will further develop his dissertation, with a special focus on reducing political polarization.



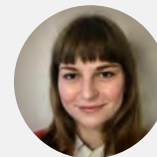
Laura Jenniina Kotajoki (Finland)
Visiting Student Researcher in Political Science at Columbia University

Jenniina Kotajoki is a doctoral candidate at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University, Sweden. Her dissertation project examines international interventions and civil war dynamics, focusing especially on relations between non-state armed groups and multilateral organisations within peace operations. She has previously conducted research and policy work on violent extremism, state repression and rule-of-law with a focus on prisons.



Davor Ljubenkov (Croatia)
Pre-Doctoral Researcher in Law at Harvard University

Davor Ljubenkov is an AI researcher with a formal education rooted in interdisciplinary computer science. He obtained a double MSc. in Data Science, Innovation and Entrepreneurship at TU Eindhoven, KTH Stockholm and MIT Senseable City Lab, with a special focus on machine learning, neural networks and data visualization in the context of smart cities. His additional joint MSc. in Digital Technology Management was successfully achieved at Salzburg University, AAU Copenhagen, VUB and UCLA by investigating ethical AI governance, policy innovation and regulation of digital technologies.



Hélène Maghin (Poland)
Visiting Student Researcher in Economics at the University of Chicago

Helene is a PhD candidate in economics at the University of Leuven, Belgium. She conducts research in the fields of industrial organization, organizational economics, and labour economics. She is interested in the consequences for firm decisions of a higher representation of women in corporate jobs as well as the determinants of worker resilience to negative shocks. Helene is a graduate of the master's in economics from Sciences Po Paris and of the Bachelor of Arts in European studies from King's College London. She will be visiting the University of Chicago's department of economics next fall.



Siga Maguiraga (France)
Visiting Student Researcher in History at Columbia University

Siga undertook undergraduate and graduate studies in history at La Sorbonne and EHESS (Paris) to satisfy her appetite for languages and history. During this period, she participated in two exchange programs in Abu-Dhabi and Istanbul and has developed a growing interest in topics concerning the links between West Africa and the Middle East. Siga is currently a PhD candidate at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, where she focuses on the study of West African scholars in places of higher education in the 19th-20th centuries. Besides history, she cares about sports, travelings, social justice and anti-racist causes.



EUROPEANS TO THE UNITED STATES



Lorenzo Revello (Italy)
Master's in Public Policy at
The Fletcher School at Tufts University

Lorenzo Revello is pursuing a joint Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and at the College of Europe. He also holds a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Strategic Sciences from the University of Turin. During his academic career, he took part in five Erasmus projects studying and working in Belgium, France, Germany and the UK. Driven by his interest in the EU-US relations, he firstly interned at the US Mission to the EU and then started working at NATO HQ in several positions concerning energy and climate change.



Alberto Stefanelli (Italy)
Visiting Student Researcher in Political Science
at Yale University and NYU

Alberto Stefanelli is an FWO PhD Fellow at the Institute for Social and Political Opinion Research at KU Leuven, Belgium. His PhD focuses on the nature, the causes, and the consequences of political radicalism. He teaches graduate and PhD courses in applied statistics and is one of the founding members of MethodsNET. During his research visit in the US (Yale and NYU), he will study, conceptually and empirically, whether and for what reasons radical voters tend to endorse civil liberties in the abstract (e.g. freedom of speech) but, at the same time, deny the rights of individuals with opposite opinions.



Joséphine Sylvestre (France)
Master's in Political Science at
Georgetown University

Graduate from the interdisciplinary bachelors programme PPLE with a specialisation in international and comparative law. Current trainee at the European Parliament's liaison office in the UK. Director of Partnerships on the Executive board of the student-led think tank on transatlantic relations; European Horizons. Future postgraduate student at Georgetown's Walsh School of Foreign Service (class of 2024).



Dr. Thomas Ackermann (Germany)
Research Scholar in Energy at the
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Thomas Ackermann is the founder and CEO of the consulting company Energynautics. He has over 25 years of world-wide academic and consulting experience in the area of power system operation with focus on grid integration of renewables generation as well as electric vehicles. He is actively involved as lecturer at Universities and within capacity building courses in the dissemination of knowledge about the integration of renewable energies into existing power systems around the world. He holds a combined Degree in Mechanical Engineering & MBA from the TU Berlin, Germany, as well as a M.Sc. in Physics from University of Otago, New Zealand and a Ph.D. from the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden.



Dr. Lígia Fonseca Coelho (Portugal)
Research Scholar in Astronomy at
Cornell University

Lígia F. Coelho obtained her BSc degree in Biology from Instituto Superior de Agronomia in 2015. In 2017, Lígia obtained an MSc degree in Microbiology from Instituto Superior Técnico. In 2018, she became a PhD candidate in Astrobiology and an MIT Portugal Program (MPP) Bioengineering fellow. Her PhD work focused on the study of ice and water samples from the Arctic as a proxy to extra-terrestrial life on icy worlds. In 2019, Lígia was the co-author of a space biology payload project that flown on the same year on-board of the New Shepard (Blue Origin). Lígia's post-doctoral research focuses on the study and creation of databases of biosignatures that serve as a tool for space missions searching for extra-terrestrial life.



Dr. Gordon Friedrichs (Germany)
Research Scholar in International Relations at
the University of Notre Dame

Gordon M. Friedrichs is a postdoctoral researcher and lecturer at the Department of Political Science at the University of Freiburg. Previously, he was a German Research Foundation postdoctoral researcher at Heidelberg University. In the fall of 2022, he will be a Fulbright-Schuman visiting research fellow at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He specializes in International Relations, comparative Foreign Policy Analysis, and Global Governance. His research focuses on (1) the impact of polarization and populism on democracies' foreign policymaking; (2) resilience and transformation of international organizations; and (3) international relations of East Asia and the Asia-Pacific.



Dr. José Luis Gómez Barroso (Spain)
Research Scholar/Lecturer in Economics at
the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

José Luis Gómez-Barroso is a professor in the department of Applied Economics and Economic History at UNED (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia - Spanish National Distance Education University). His educational background includes degrees in Economics, Law and Telecommunication Engineering. His research has focused on the foundations of the digital economy and, in particular, on the role that the public sector should play in this area. Building on this, he extended his work to Public Economics in general. He is now interested in framing the activity of the European Union institutions and bodies within the context of Public Economics.



Dr. Alberto Martilli (Italy)
Research Scholar in Environmental Science
at Arizona State University

Alberto Martilli is a scientist at the Research Center on Energy, Environment, and Technology (CIEMAT, Spain). The focus of his research is the urban atmosphere and in particular its interaction with urban structures and citizens' activities. He carries on his studies by developing numerical models and applying them to solve a wide range of problems connected with the urban atmosphere, among others to evaluate the efficiency of different strategies to adapt cities to present and future climates. He is the author of more than 100 papers on this topic and recipient of the Howard and Landsberg awards.



EUROPEANS TO THE UNITED STATES



Dr. Francesca Meneghello (Italy)
Research Scholar in Telecommunications at
Northeastern University

Francesca Meneghello received the Ph.D. degree in Information Engineering in 2022 from the University of Padova (Italy). She is currently a Postdoctoral Researcher with the Department of Information Engineering and an Adjunct Professor at the same university. Her research interests include deep-learning architectures and signal processing with application to remote radio frequency sensing and future wireless networks. She was a recipient of the Best Student Paper Award at WUWNet 2016, the Best Student Presentation Award at the IEEE Italy Section SSIE 2019 and received an honorary mention in the 2019 IEEE ComSoc Student Competition.



Dr. Axel Molle (Germany)
Research Scholar in Engineering at the
Colorado School of Mines

Dr. Axel Molle is currently serving as independent postdoctoral fellow to the Research Foundation Flanders, researching macroscopic many-body quantum phenomena and energy transfer processes. Their research spans from superconductors to hybrid trapped atom-ion systems, from experiment to electronic structure and atomic-molecular many-body physics. A trained physicist with Bachelor and Master of Science degree from Leipzig University with a graduate year at Lancaster University, UK, Axel Molle received their doctoral degree from the Free University Berlin, Germany before postdoctoral stays in Paris, France and Leuven, Belgium.



Dr. Andreea Nastase (Romania)
Research Scholar in Political Science at
James Madison University

Dr. Andreea Nastase is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University, where she teaches various subjects in European Union politics and governance in BA and MA programmes. In her research, Andreea explores public ethics, integrity and democratic legitimacy in EU governance, while her most current work focuses on EU lobbying and lobbyists. For her Fulbright-Schuman Post-Doctoral Research project, Andreea will be based at James Madison University, in Harrisonburg VA, studying the professionalization of lobbying in a comparative EU-US perspective. In her free time, Andreea reads Sci-Fi and Fantasy literature and likes to garden.



Dr. Bonaventura Tagliafierro (Italy)
Research Scholar in Engineering at the
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bonaventura Tagliafierro is a civil engineer and architect now completing his doctoral program at the University of Salerno in Italy. Has been collaborating with EPhysLab (University of Vigo, Spain) since 2019 as a fellow researcher and has joined the DualSPHysics code project. Research interests include finite element analysis, computational fluid dynamics, dynamics of multibody systems, and coupling between fluid and solid mechanics. Computational methodologies include the Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics (SPH) technique: a meshless method for developing Lagrangian frameworks. Many numerical applications involve wave energy converters, floating offshore wind turbine platforms, and steel structures, aiming at investigating performance under extreme events.



Dr. Sofia Tipaldou (Greece)
Research Scholar in Political Science at
the University of California, Berkeley

Sofia has an international interdisciplinary background with a B.A. in Economics from Piraeus University, an M.A. in European Studies from European University Viadrina, and a PhD in International Relations from Autonomous University of Barcelona. She researches nationalism, populism and far-right mobilization using ethnographic and mixed methods and has received prestigious post-doctoral grants (Marie- Skłodowska Curie, Wellcome Trust). Sofia's research spans across the fields of IR, comparative politics and social movement studies and has been published in Europe-Asia Studies, European Societies, Demokratizatsiya and Revista CIDOB/Afers Internacionals.



Shivum Bharill

Student Researcher in Economics at the Paris School of Economics (France), Hamburg Center for Health Economics (Germany) and the European Institute for Innovation through Health Data (Estonia)

Shivum Bharill has spent the past several years working in early stage healthcare technology, and will be researching healthcare antitrust in the European Union. His research will focus on the drivers of consolidation in the hospital sector, with a focus on France and Germany, and the role of data assets in mergers and acquisitions. Shivum is a 2017 graduate of Georgetown University.



Will Edmonds

Student Researcher in Political Science at the Central European University (Hungary) and Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University (Poland)

William Edmonds will spend the 2022-2023 academic year conducting research in political science as part of a multi-university, interdisciplinary study of threats to liberal democracy in Europe. His research seeks to understand and explain the nature of various manifestations of illiberalism, looking at their diverse narratives, appeals, processes, programs, and policies. After graduating with honors from Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in economics and political science, William will commission as an officer in the United States Army in May.



Mara Heneghan

Student Researcher in Public Policy at NUI Galway (Ireland) and ICS-ULisboa (Portugal)

Mara Heneghan is excited to conduct comparative qualitative research on how social mobilization and activism around eviction prevention and housing stability influence local, national, and European policymaking, especially in the face of increased climate migration. Her work will explore these dynamics through case studies on Ireland, Portugal, and other locations. A devoted Chicagoan, Mara is a graduate of the University of Chicago (AB '16; MA '22) and most recently worked as a Senior Strategist for Economic Security Project and Director of Policy in the Office of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.



Zeena Nisar

Student Researcher in Public Policy at the Centre for European Policy Studies (Belgium) and the Institute for the Encouragement of Scientific Research and Innovation of Brussels (Belgium)

Zeena Nisar graduated from CU Boulder in 2019 with a degree in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. Since graduating, Zeena has pursued her interests at the nexus of science and policy as a Fulbright Scholar in Kyrgyzstan and Schwarzman Scholar in China. Zeena is currently a Schwarzman Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC where she is pursuing policy research on emerging biotechnology, China, and biosecurity. Zeena has been offered an opportunity to learn more about EU policy making by examining the EU's potential role in regulating cross-border genomic data sharing.



Kaitlyn Rentala

Student Researcher in Philosophy at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), and the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands), Utrecht University (the Netherlands)

Kaitlyn Rentala will spend the 2022-2023 academic year in Utrecht, Netherlands; Tilburg, Netherlands; and Amsterdam, Netherlands. Her research looks at how EU tech policy intersects with political philosophy. In particular, she is interested in devising a philosophical framework to compare the role of technology in liberal democracies versus authoritarian-leaning states. Kaitlyn graduated with her bachelor's degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.



Alec Walker

Student Researcher in History at Freie University (Germany), European University Institute (Italy), and International Institute for Social History (the Netherlands)

Alec Walker is a Fulbright Schuman fellow and a PhD candidate at Yale University. His dissertation project, tentatively titled "Other Europes: German Social Democracy, the Nation-State, and the Project of Integration" investigates the political-economic policy of the German social democrats from 1966 to the present. It investigates the relationship between national democracy, European integration, and globalizing capitalism.



Kaylin Bolt

Research Scholar in Public Health at the University of Alicante (Spain) and Institute for Scientific Interchange (Italy)

Kaylin Bolt will spend 2023 in Alicante, Spain and Turin, Italy at the Institute for Humanity-centric Artificial Intelligence (University of Alicante) and ISI Foundation conducting research on innovative uses of data in the EU throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Her research will examine how mobile device data informed public health decisions, as well as the implications for public privacy and equitable health outcomes. Kaylin is a Social Research Scientist at Public Health Seattle King County. She holds a Masters degree in Public Health and Social Work from the University of Washington-St. Louis.



Will Cross

Research Scholar in Intellectual Property Law at the University of Amsterdam, The Institute for Information Law (iVIR) (the Netherlands)

William Cross will be based in Amsterdam and work with scholars across the EU to develop shared copyright literacy for scholarly communication and knowledge production. As Director of the Open Knowledge Center and Head of Information Policy at North Carolina State University, Will works to build the legal and intellectual infrastructure for more open, impactful, and equitable systems of knowledge.



AMERICANS TO EUROPE



Dr. Sandy Dall'erba
Research Scholar in Agricultural Economics at the University of Saragossa (Spain), in collaboration with Toulouse 1 (France)

Prof. Sandy Dall'erba will spend the 2022-2023 academic year conducting research in Economics at the University of Zaragoza, Spain, and the University of Toulouse, France. His work focuses on the global food supply chain, the amount of water it consumes and the impact of climate change. Sandy is a Full Professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and the co-founder of the Center for Climate, Regional, Environmental And Trade Economics (CREATE).



Laura Prather
Research Scholar in Human Rights Law at Reporters Without Borders (RSF) (France)

Laura Prather will spend Fall, 2022 working with Reporters sans frontières in Paris researching the impact of Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP) suits in the EU on core human rights and potential uniform solutions to this form of judicial harassment. While evaluating trends, cultural influences and legal systems that contribute to this phenomenon, Laura will compare proposed EU solutions to those in the U.S. She seeks to increase awareness of SLAPPs and encourage cross-border collaboration to protect against them. For 30 years, Laura has been a human rights attorney advocating for freedom of expression rights.



Dr. Melanie Ram
Research Scholar in International Relations at the University of Bucharest (Romania), Central European Initiative (Italy), University of Zagreb (Croatia), and RACVIAC Centre for Security Cooperation (Croatia)

Melanie H. Ram will be studying sub-regional organizations and regional cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe. She will be hosted by the Central European Initiative in Italy, RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in Croatia, the University of Zagreb, and the University of Bucharest and will be conducting archival research and elite interviews while engaging with local scholars and students. Dr. Ram earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from George Washington University in Washington, DC and is currently a professor of International Relations at California State University, Fresno.



Dr. Steven Skiena
Research Scholar in Data Science at the European University Institute (Italy)

Steven Skiena is a scholar working in Computational Social Science at the European University Institute in Florence Italy. He serves as a Distinguished Teaching Professor of Computer Science and Director of the Institute for AI-Driven Discovery and Innovation at Stony Brook University. His research interests include data science, bioinformatics, and algorithms. He looks forward to a year of teaching and research in Europe.



Dr. Andrew Woods
Research Scholar in Information Technology Law at the University of Copenhagen, Center for Information and Innovation Law (Denmark)

Andrew Keane Woods is the 2022-2023 Fulbright Schuman Innovation Award winner, which he will spend at the University of Copenhagen's Centre for Information and Innovation Law. Woods is a professor of law and co-director of the TechLaw program at the University of Arizona College of Law, where his teaching and research interests include the regulation of technology and international law. Professor Woods is writing a book about global perspectives on digital sovereignty.