THE DIPLOMACY AND DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

The Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is a new transatlantic Humanity in Action program. The Fellowship is an educational program for 24 American and European graduate students about the changing international dynamics of diplomacy and diversity. In Washington and Paris, the Fellows will explore how American and European governments and societies are responding to a wide range of transnational and national diversity issues. The program’s guiding mission is to increase awareness of the importance of diversity in diplomacy and other international fields and to encourage and sustain the careers of professionals from minority backgrounds in foreign affairs. The 4-week program will take place in May and June 2014.

General dates: May 17 – June 14, 2014
Paris Program: May 31 – June 14, 2014

Transnational Diversity Issues Facing American and European Societies

In the United States and France, the Fellows will engage in an intense and demanding series of high-level discussions and site visits to examine how diversity issues intersect with a broad range of international fields such as national security, business and finance, immigration, development, technology, human rights, public health and climate policy.

Discussion and research topics for the 2014 Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship will include humanitarian intervention, the impact of the ongoing economic crisis on minorities (starting in 2008), US and EU migration and border policies, Roma issues in Europe, new media and “digital diplomacy,” women’s issues, human trafficking, global LBGTQ rights, health disparities within American and European societies in relation to minorities and the effect of climate change on vulnerable communities. In addition, the Fellows will meet with diplomats and experts to analyze diplomatic case studies relating to ethnic, religious, and identity-based conflict.

A diverse and unique mix of American and European perspectives will enable the Fellows to explore these challenges using a transatlantic lens. The participants will be active in the program by leading discussions, sharing their research and, ultimately, producing an academic article on a subject relating to transnational diversity issues. To be published in a Humanity in Action volume and on the Web, these articles will contribute to the expanding body of scholarly literature about the intersection of diplomacy and diversity.

Responding to New Dynamics in Foreign Affairs

As the Fellows analyze transnational diversity issues, they will also explore other types of diversity relating to issues and actors of influence in foreign affairs. Diplomacy is no longer the sole domain of national governments and heads of state. CEOs, local governments, journalists, think tanks, NGOs, lobbyists and online activists increasingly play influential roles in international negotiations and initiatives.
The widening range of diplomatic issues addressed in Berlin, Brussels, Paris, Washington and beyond reflects the influence of expanding individual and group perspectives as well as the increasing ethnic, national, religious and political diversity and mobility of European and American societies. Advanced by these groups and individuals, newer international concerns, such as climate change, global health, and privacy and technology, are appearing with greater frequency at the top of diplomatic, advocacy and business agendas.

Humanity in Action believes that this diversification of players in international relations and the interests they pursue create the need for leaders from diverse backgrounds who are able to approach global challenges in innovative ways. Through this new transatlantic program, Humanity in Action will identify and support emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds who have the knowledge, creativity and ability to collaborate across borders and sectors in changing international communities. In this program, Humanity in Action seeks to increase workforce diversity in the field of international affairs, sustain the commitment to international work on the part of minority groups and expand research and public discussion on the importance of diversity for diplomacy and other international fields.

ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is an international educational organization that educates, inspires and connects a network of emerging leaders committed to promoting human rights, diversity and active citizenship in their communities and around the world.

Humanity in Action has educated over 1,300 young leaders in their 20s and 30s who now form a unique international community. The annual Humanity in Action Fellowship brings together more than 100 European and American university students each June in Denmark, France, Germany, Poland and the Netherlands to examine the national history and contemporary politics of diversity in each society.

The Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship is a new Humanity in Action program for graduate students. Taking place in the United States and France, the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship builds upon the foundation of other Humanity in Action programs to explore how American and European governments and societies are responding to transnational and national diversity issues.

Humanity in Action also provides professional development opportunities through seminars, workshops, study trips and fellowship positions at leading civic and political institutions such as the European Parliament, the United States Congress and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

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

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