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Speakers

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Pinar Aksu is a Development Officer and a Theatre Maker. Pinar studied BA in Community Development and Master’s in Human Rights and International Politics at the University of Glasgow. With years of experience, Pinar works with an integration network in Glasgow, coordinating projects for welcoming asylum seekers and refugees in the community. Pinar uses Theatre of the Oppressed methods to create plays to raise awareness of migration and problems people face in the system. Pinar has been campaigning to end detention centres and is involved with anti-racism movements. Pinar has been included and invited in platforms during the drafting for the Global Compacts for ending detention, drawing comments from personal experience and campaigning.

Kristiann Allen, 
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Kristiann Allen is a senior policy practitioner with specialisation in evidence-to-policy processes and with experience in multiple policy contexts internationally, including provincial, federal and multi-lateral systems. Most recently, she has served as Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor, NZ. Prior to this, Kristiann worked within the science policy system in her native Canada. During 2018-19 Kristiann returns to the Canadian science advisory system through professional interchange with the Chief Science Advisors’ office and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. Kristiann is a founding member of INGSA, serving as executive secretary and providing strategic direction, developing training material and undertaking mentorship.

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Almahfali is a researcher at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, LU on a fellowship from International Institute for Education, Scholar Rescue Fund (IIE-SRF). He received his Ph.D. in Arabic literature form Cairo University in 2014, and worked at Hadhramout university, Yemen as a lecturer (2006-2010) then as an assistant professor in Arabic literature (2014-2016.) His main research interests are at the intersection of culture, literature, and society in the Arab world. He is currently working on two research projects, the first titled “Research and Public Policy Making in the Arab World RAPP” aims to write an annotated bibliography about Human Rights in Arab world. The second project, “Political and Social Transformations in Egyptian Woman Short Story 2011-2017" exam-
ines the political and social transformations in Egyptian short stories written after 2011. Almahfali has published three books (in Arabic) *Narrative Employment in Modern Arab Poetry, Textual Transformation in Modern Arab Novels* and collection of poems titled *Six Seasons in Pastures of Wind*. He has also published 7 peer-reviewed articles, 20 unrefereed articles, and more than 500 newspaper essays and editorials.

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Marlene Alvarez Alvarez, is a scientific officer at the European Commission - Joint Research Centre, where she works for the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography (KCMD). She is currently leading the technical work to develop the tools on migration and demography data and knowledge, like the KCMD knowledge platform, Migration Data Catalogue and the Dynamic Data Hub. Her areas of expertise include machine learning; remote sensing; data fusion; data and time series analysis. Marlene’s background is in Mathematics (University of Barcelona) and in Computer Science (Polytechnic University of Catalonia).

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Badre is a social scientist, with a strong research interest in policy development in the fields of Higher Education and Professional Leadership of three social groups (Migrants; youth; and women), especially within Africa and the EU-Southern Mediterranean cooperation. Badre is professor at Mohammed V University of Rabat. Prior to that, he was a visiting professor at various international universities in America, Europe, and Africa, spoke in over 400 international conferences and trainings. He is a GYA member since 2014. Among his published books are, *International Negotiations for Economic Diplomacy* and *La Participation Citoyenne*.

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Gloria Benedikt trained at the Vienna State Opera Ballet School and English National Ballet School (London). Since 2002 she has worked as a dancer and choreographer across Europe and the USA. A graduate of Harvard University (2013), she is particularly interested in connecting art and science, thus defining her dance pieces as choreographed papers and in creating artistically innovative, impact-driven arts projects that link the humanities and sciences to solve global challenges. In 2015 she became IIASA’s first Research Associate for Science and Arts, since 2018 she leads the Science and Art Project. She explores how artistic and scientific processes can be connected to tackle global challenges more effectively and support transformations to sustainability. Most recent performance and speaking engagements include the Concert for a Sustainable Planet, Carnegie Hall, NY, the European Forum, Alpbach; the Stockholm Act and the EuroScience Open Forum.
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Christian Boehler works as a health economist at the UN-affiliated European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna, Austria. He has years of experience in the economic evaluation of innovative health and care technologies, and his main research interests relate to the economics of eHealth as well as active and healthy ageing. Between 2013 and 2016, he was the principal investigator of the MAFEIP project at the European Commissions’ Joint Research Centre (DG-JRC-IPTS) in Seville (Spain), where he developed a Monitoring and Assessment Framework for the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. Christian completed his PhD in health economics at Brunel Universities’ Health Economics Research Group (HERG) in London. His thesis addressed the geographic transferability of health economics studies for evidence-based decision making in other contexts. He also worked on the economic evaluation of physical activity interventions and the prioritisation of clinical preventive services. Christian further obtained a MSc in Health Economics from the University of York and he graduated in Health Economics from the University of Applied Sciences in Ludwigshafen, Germany. Christian is a honorary lecturer at the University of Sheffield, School of Health & Related Research/Health Economics and Decision Sciences, and he worked as an external consultant towards the NICE Single Technology Appraisal Programme. He also acquired previous industry experience whilst working for consultancies based in London and Budapest, focusing on health economics and public health issues in the context of middle income European economies.
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After a 3 year stint ensuring the environmental safety of household products at Procter & Gamble in Brussels, Laurent joined the European Commission in 1993. There, he spent most of his efforts dealing with research and science to inform policy making, especially regarding health and environmental risk assessment on topics as diverse as nanotechnologies, antimicrobial resistance and the potential health effects of electromagnetic fields. This led him to gain hands on experience in stakeholder engagement.

Laurent is now heavily involved in bringing future oriented systemic thinking into EU policy making using classic foresight methods, developing innovative approaches such serious gaming and making ample use of participatory leadership techniques.

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Emily has ten years’ experience in the research and higher education sector in Africa, working with policymakers, researchers, civil society organisations. She holds a Masters in African Studies from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), focusing on African politics and political economy of development.

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Karly Kehoe,  
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Particularly focused on educational policy in multicultural societies so that each young person has equal chances for participation and success in high quality education. Similarly, she is active in international pedagogical bodies and organizations what derives from her interest in international and comparative pedagogical research. Her scientific interest is also focused on the family, early upbringing and encouraging child development, to build up a successful young person by strengthening the parenting role.

Member of several domestic and international associations and professional bodies. Among its most significant are the membership and the function of the chairman of the MESCE (Mediterranean Society of Comparative Education), a member of the European Commission ECRI (against Racism and Intolerance), and chairman of the XCIii World Congress WC-ACES (World Congress of Comparative Education Societies) in Sarajevo (2007).

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Simon MORDUE is the Deputy Director-General for Migration at DG Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME). Prior to this, he held various posts at the European Commission (EC) including the post of Director for Strategy and Turkey at DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations; Head of Cabinet of Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy and Deputy Head of Cabinet of Vice-President Günter Verheugen. Simon has played a key role in Europe’s response to the recent migration crisis on the Eastern Mediterranean and Central Mediterranean routes.

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Chief Scientific Adviser to the President of the European Commission Professor Dame Anne Glover, supporting her throughout her tenure and shaping the activities of the office. Following a 5-month fellowship with US science policy expert Roger Pielke jr. at the University of Colorado, he helped between January 2016 and March 2017 to set up the European Commission’s new Scientific Advice Mechanism. Since April 2017 he is the Head of the Directorate Office of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) near Vienna, serving also as Coordinator for Science to Policy and Science Diplomacy of this prestigious institution.

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Warren Sanderson, Professor, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

Warren Sanderson rejoined IIASA in June 2008 as an Institute Scholar. He is also a Professor of Economics and Professor of History at Stony Brook University in New York State, USA. In addition, he is co-chair of the Department of Economics there. He holds a PhD in economics from Stanford University. Professor Sanderson first came to IIASA in 1980 and worked in the World Population Program. Since that time he has been a recurrent visitor to that Program. His research interests are in population-economic interactions. He has published in a variety of journals, including Nature, Science, Population and Development Review, Demography, Population Studies, and Population Index. His recent research includes probabilistic population forecasting, measuring aging in ways that take life expectancy change into account, and the effects of education and other demographic changes on economic growth.
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His main current research interests are in population projections, new measures of aging, and analysis of aging that takes into consideration changing characteristics of people. Scherbov is author, co-author, or co-editor of several books and more than 200 articles published in professional journals, including six articles in “Science” and “Nature”. In 2012, he received a prestigious Advanced Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) to study new measures of aging.

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Vladimir Šucha, Director-General, Directorate-General for Education and Culture of the European Commission. Before joining the European Commission, he held various positions in the area of European and international affairs. Between 2005 and 2006, he was director of the Slovak Research and Development Agency, national body responsible for funding research. He was principal advisor for European affairs to the minister of education of the Slovak Republic (2004-2005). He worked at the Slovak Representation to the EU in Brussels as research, education and culture counselor (2000-2004). In parallel, he has followed a long-term academic and research career, being a full professor in Slovakia and visiting professor/scientist at different academic institutions in many countries. He published more than 100 scientific papers in peer reviewed journals.

Alice Szczepanikova, Policy Analyst, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Alice Szczepanikova is a policy analyst in the EU Policy Lab of the European Commission’s science and knowledge service, the Joint Research Centre. She works on projects related to the future of migration and integration in Europe. She is particularly interested in experimenting with new ways of stimulating debates about the future and engaging with diverse stakeholders. In her latest work, she has been devising innovative tools that help make migration research relevant for policy-making. Alice holds a PhD in Sociology (University of Warwick, UK) and an MPhil in Gender Studies (Central European University, Hungary). Prior to joining the JRC, her academic research focused on forced and family migration and immigrant integration in Europe. Besides carrying out extensive fieldwork with migrants, policy makers and civil society representatives in a number of European countries, she collaborated with NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe in areas of gender equality and migrant rights.
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Toni Verbeiren, Data Scientist

Toni was trained as a scientist, obtaining a PhD in Theoretical Physics at KU Leuven in 2003. During his research, studying models for neural networks, he learned to apply data driven analysis methods. Soon after obtaining his PhD, he went into the private sector honing both his communication and technical skills. As a trainer and consultant, first rather technical but gradually evolving towards consulting in business decisions, Toni learned that data alone, especially when applied naively could be detrimental to effective decision making. Toni founded Data Intuitive in 2011 to explore the boundary between data driven and ‘intuitive’ methods of measuring and decision-making. In 2014 and 2015, he took on a post-doctoral assignment at the bioinformatics group at ESAT, KU Leuven focusing on data visualization for conveying information. Toni currently consults at Johnson and Johnson in the computational biology department (Beerse, Belgium) on a conceptual level as well as very technical (distributed big-data processing). Apart from that, Toni is involved pro deo with a local school to come up with a computer-aided system for optimizing student-class assignments.

Koen Vermier, Research Professor, Global Young Academy

Koen Vermier, a Research Professor (CR1) at the CNRS (France) affiliated with University Paris 7 and ICUB (Romania), studies science in its cultural and social settings. A physicist turned historian and philosopher of science, he is interested in the nexus between science and public policy. He has written and presented on a broad range of topics, for academic as well as general audiences. He is Editor-in-Chief of the academic journal Centaurus and is on the on the Executive Council of the European Society for the History of Science. Some of his recent work has focused on science advice, art-science interactions, circulation of knowledge, science/policy interfaces, the power of imagination, modernity and enlightenment. He is a member of the Global Young Academy (GYA), where he drives societal and policy changes related to the sciences and evidence-informed policy. He has led several working groups, including the one on Science Advice, and is currently on the GYA Executive Committee. He works with the JRC on one of the European Commission’s flagship projects and recently gave plenary speeches for the European Parliament and EuroScience Open Forum.
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Wessam Abass is currently working as a Technical Officer in the Minister’s office at the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population. She has more than ten years of experience in Health and Insurance Sectors. Over her career path, she has developed a special interest and experience in the fields of research methodologies, health policy and health economics. Ms. Abass holds a Master’s degree in Sustainable Development with specialization in “Health Policies” at the American University in Cairo, Diploma in Health Economics at the Arab Academy for Science and Technology, Health Care Management Fellowship at the Egyptian Board, and a graduate certificate in Health Informatics at Oregon for Health and Science University. Ms. Abass’s professional experience coupled with her academic qualifications gives her a sound expertise in health policies and economics that enables her to participate in developing the health and population sector in the Sustainable Development Strategy for Egypt 2030. She believes in the quote “It is not enough to do your best; you must know what to do, and then do your best” By W. Edwards Deming. That’s why she is motivated to learn how to achieve impact on policy through integrating scientific evidence into policy-making in addition to matching ideas and projects with policy needs.

Aleksandr Aidarov
Policy Adviser, Ministry of Culture, Estonia

Aleksandr Aidarov (Ph.D.) is a policy adviser from the Ministry of Culture (Estonia). In the total, I have more than 15 years of working experience in academia and policy-making in central government. Regarding the former, I worked as a lecturer in public policy at Ragnar Nurkse Department of Innovation and Governance (Tallinn University of Technology). I studied policy design and instruments the Estonian Government uses to preserve national minorities’ cultures. Regarding policy making, I have been coordinating the implementation of Estonian integration policy for 2014-2020 since 2015. And, I have been working as a science adviser since 2017 as well to strengthen the ministerial capacity to implement science-based cultural policy.

Ramia Al Bakain
Associate Professor, University of Jordan, School of Science, Department of Chemistry, Jordan

Dr. Ramia AL Bakain, Associate professor of Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry at Department of Chemistry- The University of Jordan. She received her Ph.D. from Université Pierre et Marie - Curie (UPMC), Paris- France in 2011 with honor degree. She was the recipient of L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science, Lev- vant and Egypt Fellowships in 2015. Al Bakain has been awarded the fellowship for her research on the development of new methods in chemical separation of environmental and
drug residues contaminants from soil and water. She has been recognized with many international award, grants and fellowships including: 1) TWAS Young Affiliates (2016-2020); 2) Chaire Joliot Award-France 2017; 3) Fulbright Award-USA 2017; 4) Academy of Medical Sciences Award- UK 2017; 5) Scientific Research award -Jordan (2015/2016); 6) Oral presentation award: 1st place in senior division at 22nd International scientific Conference of LAAS – Lebanon-2016; 7) Young Scientist award, 65th Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting- Germany 2015; 8) and DFG Fellowship- Germany 2014, and many others. She is motivated to attend the Evidence and Policy Summer School 2018 in order to learn how to have more impact to use evidence for policy solutions.

Tamara Al-Yakoub,  
Assistant Professor,  
Yarmouk University, Jordan

Dr. Tamara currently is an Assistant Professor at Public Administration Department, she has a previous experience working with international aid agencies, and she worked for the public sector in Jordan, her experience focused on Public Sector Development and Excellence, Human Resource Management and Project Management.

Dr. Tamara Al-Yakoub has obtained her PhD in Public Policy in 2018; her thesis focused on key issues including the challenges that are facing the public policy formulations in Jordan, with particular focus on health policy. Among several challenge; Evidence-Based-Policy was one of the crucial issues, EBP was seen by most of interviewed policy elites and key stakeholders as a major challenge, not only due to the lack of evidences in some instances, but due to neglect the use of evidences even when it’s existed. Moreover, the study results reveals that the massive influx of Syrian refugees has a negative impact on Jordan’s national plans and policies, thus; I think EBP should be vital for Jordan on the national and international level and I’m planning to conduct further research on this issue. Accordingly, I think this summer school event and sessions will broaden our knowledge and will contribute to enhance myself and other participants skills in this regards.

Emad Alaswad,  
Researcher, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt

Emad Alaswad is a researcher at the national statistical agency of Egypt (CAPMAS) and a member of the United Nations Inter-Agency and Expert Group on monitoring the progress towards the implementation of the SDG indicators (IAEG-SDGs). He received his M.Sc. from TU University in Maryland, United States.

Mr. Alaswad initiated his career at the statistics office as a data analyst on poverty and social statistics. With a diploma in Spatial Data Analysis from the EPHE Paris, he is focusing on improving and promoting the use of statistics to inform the policymaking process through reliable evidence. Since 2015, he has been actively involved, as a national expert and coordinator, with the UN Statistics Division in developing and implementing the global framework of the 2030 Agenda. He is currently working on analyzing the results of Egypt’s 2017 public census with a special emphasis on SDGs-related data in addition to participating in designing the first National Strategy for the Development of Statistics.

Anneke Alidarso,  
Anneke Alidarso, Senior Policy Officer, ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands

Anne Alidarso has worked since 1999 as a Policy Officer for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
in various jobs of which some were related to migration. She is currently working as a Senior Policy Officer at the Migration Policy Bureau where she is mainly the point of contact for knowledge and research, policy development in the field of migration. In addition, she coordinates the debate on topics such as shelter in the region, resettlement, humanitarian aid, root causes of migration, human smuggling, human trafficking, migration and security, human rights. After her participation in an international seminar last May in Rome entitled ‘Demography, Harvesting the African Dividend’, she would like to know more about how demographic developments can influence future migration policy. It is also important for her that ideas for new migration policy should be based on hard facts.

Mariam Anastasyan,
Chief Specialist, State Migration Service of the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development, Armenia

Mariam Anastasyan is a young professional working at the Migration Service of the Republic of Armenia in the capacity of the International Relations Officer. Also, I am a Graduate of International Relations and Diplomacy Faculty from Yerevan State University.

Since 2012, I am an appointed Coordinator of the Readmission Agreement between European Union and the Republic of Armenia, with an authorization to represent Armenia’s Migration Policy both locally and internationally.

Participation in the “Evidence and policy summer school on science, policy and demography” is of great interest to me. Because, it gives the opportunity to meet the policymakers in the field and, gain first-hand information on current migration processes both in the EU and in the Neighborhood.

Juan Luis Ballesteros Peláez studied Law in Granada University in 2000. He completed his studies with a Master Degree in Legal Practice and a second University degree in Translation and Interpreting. Parallel to his studies he managed to become golf professional and was also involved in Sports Management. In 2007 he moved to Brussels, where he completed a Master in Project Management and passed an EU competition in the field of Law. He started his career as an EU official monitoring subsidiarity at the Committee of the Regions. In 2013 he joined the European Commission and worked in DG HOME in the field of migration policy. Since September 2016 he works as political reporter at the EC Representation in Madrid where he specializes among others in communicating EU’s Migration Policy.

Nour Barakeh,
Programme Manager, European Forum Alpbach, Austria

Ms Barakeh has a background in art and science. She studied dance at the Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts in Damascus and graduated from The Faculty of Pharmacy at Damascus University. The combination of scientific academic study and artistic work enables her to understand society from different viewpoints. With experience ranging from dance and theater to social work and journalism, she hopes to support the establishment of sustainable educational projects focused on empowering people, especially young people.

Most recently she is part of a select group of scientists and artists chosen to create the
art-science performance ‘Migraspectives’ at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), which introduces a solution finding process, based on cultural theory.

Olivier Baudelet, Programme Manager, DG Regional Development, European Commission

Olivier Baudelet works in the Commission for 20 years (3 Directorates General and 7 units). Before that he worked 5 years in an audit firm (London and Paris). In the Commission, Olivier started as an auditor first in DG Agriculture and Rural Development and in DG Regional and Urban Policy. He then became programme manager dealing with regional programmes for innovative actions and Interreg programmes. Following this, he coordinated two macro-regional strategies: the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the one for the Danube Region. He continued in the policy unit of DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries working on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. Back in DG Regional and Urban policy, he was in charge of urban policy, especially the Urban Agenda for the EU and the Urban Innovative Actions. He is now in the unit dealing with cross-border cooperation (Interreg programmes and cross-border policy). Olivier is French and German and has a background in Political Sciences (Sciences-Po in Paris) and International Economics (Institut für Weltwirtschaft in Kiel).

Irina Bichan, Consultant, National Statistical Committee, Belarus

Since 2006, Irina has working in the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus as a consultant of demographic Statistics and Population Census Department. Irina is responsible for the population census methodology, develops calendar plan of the population census for Belarus, population census programme, drafts normative legal acts, census questionnaires, instructions for the enumerators. Irina took part in the pilot census in 2017 as enumerator.

Hana Bukhari, Head of Demographic Department, Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Palestine Authority

I have finished my university education in 1998, from AL-Najah University in the West Bank Field of specialization Sociology (Social Work), before that I finished Diploma degree in Education 1993, from AL-Najah College. I work at Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics at Demographic Department (Head of Demographic Department) since January/1999 until now. I prepare statistical reports for the Population Department (Migration, Marriage and Divorce, Youth, Elderly, etc.) as well as population-related analytical reports, participate in surveys of the department (Migration, Youth, Elderly, MICS), beside this preparing projection for Palestinian population.

Šárka Cabadová Waisová, National University of Public Service, Hungary; West Bohemian University, Czech Republic

Šárka is Associate Professor in Political Science and International Relations. Her main field of interest is international security, conflict resolution and foreign policy analysis. She has been working at the West Bohemian University, Pilsen (CZ) since 2002. Since September 2016 she holds the International Chair position at the National University of Public Service, Budapest.
Olesea Cazacu is a Programme Analyst within United Nations Development Programme in Moldova. She has a master in sociology. She is a former teacher at the Department of Sociology, Moldova State University and scientific researcher at the Center for Socio-Demographic Research of the Moldovan Academy of Sciences. She is writing her PhD thesis in the field of interethnic marriages and changes in family patterns in context of migration and demographic trends. Olesea has worked for several non-governmental and international organizations. Since 2008 she has been Director of the Competitive Society Department of IDIS Viitorul, Moldovan think tank. Since 2011 Olesea has been working for the United Nations Development Programme in Moldova, leading local development, migration and anticorruption initiatives, working with over 200 communities from Moldova. Olesea speaks fluently Romanian, English and Russian.

Lila Chabane currently serves as senior researcher at Research Center Applied for Development in Algiers (CREAD/Algeria). She served for eight years as permanent researcher; she has experience in transport research and mobility. Before that she served for seven years as the chief of organization and coordination office at Algerian transport ministry. She has experience in the analysis of mobility and accessibility, management of database transport, manufacturing and conducting field investigation and exploitation of results. She holds a PhD and a Master research in geography at Paris 7 university (France), Transport Certificate from ENTPE (National School of State Civil Engineering) at Lyon (France) and Statistical Engineer from ENSSEA (National School of Statistics and Applied Economics) at Algiers (Algeria). Currently, she is responsible of a research team on urban dynamics, we are interested in our research in the problems of the city in particular the problems of mobility of people, urban systems, urbanism and housing. Also, she is Head of research project on governance and financing of urban public transport in the city of Algiers.

I am freelance researcher and my research interests focus on: public policy, governance, institution-building in Eastern Europe, European integration, minorities, migration. In February 2014, I was awarded the PhD Diploma after the successful defence of my PhD dissertation on the Management of public policy in European administrative systems. In it, I explore the mechanisms that influence public policy management in the context of institutional changes. During my previous job as teaching and research assistant at the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (Bucharest) I have gained experience in conducting research and working with students. Results of my work are published in peer-reviewed publications from Romania and abroad.
Diana Cucos, Senior Researcher, Institute of Legal and Political Research of the Academy of Sciences, Moldova

Diana Cucos, educated at Moldova State University (Ph.D in International Law), is a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Legal and Political Research of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova and an Associate Professor at Moldova University of European Studies. She teaches and researchers in the field of International Law, Human Rights, and Migration, with a focus on issues of human rights protection of migrant workers, human trafficking, gender equality. In recent years, she has held visiting positions in the Czech Republic (Charles University in Prague, Masaryk University), Sweden (Malmo Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare) and in the U.S. (University of Michigan). In 2014-2015, she was a British Academy Visiting Scholar at the University of Essex. She has published widely in the field of diplomatic and consular protection of nationals abroad, human rights and migration law.

Olga Dabiza, Senior Desk Officer, Ministry of the Interior, Latvia

Have graduated from the Aalborg University, with MA degree in Culture, Communication and Globalization with in specialization in International Migration and Ethnic Relations. After graduation moved back to Riga and started working in the field. Worked for the International Organization for Migration in Latvia between 2011 and 2013. Since the beginning of work experienced collaborating in multi-agency framework, work in various projects at national and international level: “Migrants in the Spotlight: Training and Capacity Building for Media Representatives and Students”; “The Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse". From 2013, I have been working in The Society Integration Foundation. In 2015 continued career in Ministry of the Welfare of Latvia on drafting policy documents and legal acts on human trafficking prevention and implementing preventive measures in the field. Since 2016, I work at the Latvian Ministry of the Interior as Senior Desk Officer of Sectoral Policy Department. Current duties are to evaluate migration issues, including policy initiatives and projects done by public institutions (policy of the legal person status, naturalization and public accounting matters and others); to organize proposals for national policy and its implementation of the development department of home affairs policies covered by the competence of sub-domains.

Maddalena Dali, Policy Officer, DG Climate Action, European Commission

Maddalena Dali is currently a Policy officer in the Climate Adaptation unit of the Directorate General for Climate Action of the European Commission. She works mainly on the international aspects of climate change adaptation and is responsible for mainstreaming climate change adaptation in policy areas such as disaster risks reduction and migration. Before joining the European Commission in 2015, Maddalena has worked mostly on development cooperation policy and projects in a number of different organizations including the Kosovo offices of the Italian Development Agency, and of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Commission Directorate for Development and Cooperation. She has also worked as a private consultant on monitoring EU projects in the Balkan region. She holds a Master degree in European and International Studies and a bachelor degree in Political Economics both awarded at the University of Trento, Italy. She is fluent in English, French, has a good knowledge of German and a basic knowledge of Modern Greek.
I am a PhD Candidate at the Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa and a Visiting Researcher at the European Law Centre of the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB). My research project tries to explain gaps and cross-national differences in the transposition and application of the Asylum Procedures Directive, by examining the vertical delegation of discretion and the implementation processes in Italy, France, Germany, and Sweden. My research interests include also the reform of the Common European Asylum System, the EU Return and Readmission policy, and the Europeanization of Migration and Asylum Policy. I have a strong background in international relations, EU law, and international law. Much of my previous academic work focused on peacekeeping and peacebuilding. Previous working experiences include traineeships at the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) in Malta and at the Italian Mission to the United Nations, first in Geneva and then in New York.

I graduated from both geography and international relations departments. Now, I’m research assistant in Department of Geography, Ankara University, Turkey. I have completed my PhD thesis about ‘Russia-Turkey Migration: Mixed Marriage and Transnational Practices in Istanbul’. I’m interested in transnational female migration and marriage migration. I’m doing my second PhD thesis at Gender and Women Studies Department.

Aleksandra Djurovic works as a Researcher in Belgrade Open School, an educational civil society organization from Belgrade. She is engaged within the programme area Improvement of Employability where she is in charge of developing research project proposals and conducting research studies in the field of employment and employability (life-long guidance, employability skills and work-based learning). She has authored more than ten research studies and policy papers in the above-mentioned fields. At the moment, she is involved in the coordination of the analyses in the Western Balkan countries regarding youth employment. Aleksandra gained Bachelor and Master’s degree in Psychology of Education at the University in Belgrade. Apart from her formal education, she has participated in various non-formal education programmes and gained valuable knowledge and skills in the field of public policy analysis. In the next period, she is interested in conducting research studies relevant for education and employment policies closely connected to the migration and demographic changes in Serbia and the Western Balkan countries.

Sibel Eker is a Postdoctoral Researcher at International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Dr. Eker’s primary expertise lies in model-based policy analysis, especially in system dynamics modeling and decision making under deep uncertainty. She is experienced with the use and development of various mod-
Yamina El Kirat, Vice Dean for Research and Cooperation and Director of Research Laboratory “Culture, Language, Education, Migration and Society”, Mohammed v University of Rabat, Morocco

Yamina El Kirat El Allame earned her Doctorat d’Etat in Minority Languages, Cultures, and Identities from Mohammed V University. She was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Greenville Tech in 2010 with a program focus entitled “Direct Access to the Muslim World”. She is currently the Vice Dean for Research and Cooperation at the Faculty of Letters and Human Sciences-Mohammed V University in Rabat and the Director of the Doctoral Center “Man and Space in The Mediterranean World”. She is also an international adviser and consultant in the field of higher education. She has been an adviser and consultant for many study abroad institutions in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, the US and Australia. Dr. El Kirat expertise span the fields of Educational Curriculum Development and Design, Higher education policies, Multi-Cultural Education, Accreditation, Leadership and Management of Higher Education Institutions and Special Education and many other fields of higher education.

Her research interests include Cultural Anthropology, Cultural Linguistics, Language Endangerment, Language Policy/Planning, Educational Policy, Gender Issues, Migration, Social Movements, Citizenship Education, Minority Languages, Cultures and Identities, and Political Discourse.

Ola El Zein, Lecturer, American University of Beirut and American University of Science and Technology, Lebanon

Ola El Zein is a lecturer at the American University of Beirut (AUB) and the American University of Science and Technology (AUST). She holds a PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology. Growing up in a modest family in Lebanon and receiving full scholarships for her studies, El Zein strongly believes that she can make a difference in the world by integrating science with diplomacy. This belief was lately enforced when chosen as the youngest woman scientist to participate in a plenary session in World Science Forum, driving her to apply to participate in this unique opportunity with the aim of learning the necessary skills needed to actively contribute to the development of her country by tackling some of the global goals for sustainable development. Although El Zein is a PhD holder, educator, scientist and researcher, she is, more recently, pursuing a degree in media studies; this is because she believes media provides a platform that delivers the necessary scientific information that will advise policy makers when taking important decisions at the national and regional level. Ola is also an active board member of Arab World Association of Young Scientists (ArabWAYS). Dr El Zein hopes that in the near future, she will be able to link science and society, to be actively involved in the policymaking strata, and to engage socially by defending the rights of people to live in a decent way.

Mervat El-Hoz, Chairperson of Environmental Engineering Program, University of Balamand, Lebanon

I hold a PhD from The University of Sydney, Civil Engineering Department, Australia; a
Bachelor and a Master degree (with honor) in Environmental Engineering from the Middle East Technical University, Turkey. I hold also different certificates in Strategic Planning, Management Development and Industrial Relations. I have over 15 years of experience as instructor at the University of Balamand; founder and chairperson of the Environmental Engineering Program; and founder and director of its laboratories. On international level, I have multiple awards in conferences; I am a member of many editorial boards and scientific committees in journals and conferences; and also an environmental expert for many strategies, and projects funded by the World Bank, United States Agency for International Development, European Union, and United Nations Development Programs. At the regional and local level, I am a trainer in workshops on water, wastewater, solid waste and air quality issues; a member of different NGOs, was a member of the Municipal Council of Tripoli, Lebanon (2004-2010) and recently (May 2018), I was a candidate for the parliament but not succeeded. I speak 4 languages: English, French, Turkish, and Arabic.

Sergii Geraskov,
Head of Center for Social and Humanitarian Researches, National Academy for public Administration under the President of Ukraine

Worked in the Department of Sociology and Political Science at Donetsk National Technical University in positions of Assistant, Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor, Acting Head of Department of Sociology and Humanities. Professional interests have been intertwined with the themes of migration since 2010 transforming from the class on Sociology of Migration to the integral part of the research area. In 2014 faced to migration as not only a subject of theoretical consideration, but also a kind of practical experience after the crisis in Donetsk Region forced the internal migration and getting the IDP (internally displaced person) status.

Current work in the position as Head of Center of Social and Humanitarian Researches at the National Academy for public Administration under the President of Ukraine deals with the research, expert and project activities concerning to the public policy in social and humanitarian fields, including information component. Strongly interested in exploring the role of social media in (dis)informing, big data operating and discussing the migration challenges and risks.
Boban Gledović, Advisor, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Montenegro

Boban Gledović was born in Pljevlja, Montenegro in 1988. In 2011, he graduated from Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, with degree Spec.Si - Specialist in International Relations. Currently, he is enrolled at the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Economics, earning his masters degree in Economic Analysis and Policy. Boban works as an adviser at the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare of Montenegro, within the Directorate for Labour Market and Employment. His work mainly focuses on labour market trends analysis, creating evidence based policies and drafting relevant strategic documents in the area of employment and labour market. Field of interest include labour economics, analysis of labour market trends, labour market policies and evidence-based employment policies, labour migration, wages and its distribution, pension systems and benefits.

Boban is fluent in English and has good knowledge of French.

Oksana Grechko, PhD Candidate, Taras Shevchenko National University (Kyiv), Ukraine

As a political scientist, I have been interested in migration management issues for more than 10 years. In two months I will have a public defense of my PhD research focused on peculiarities of the national migration policy of Ukraine. The study reveals a system of external and internal factors shaping the key points of the country’s migration profile and enhancing further development of the national migration policy. I am looking for diversified scientific concepts and best international practices in migration management, especially concerning social integration and repatriation programs. Recently I’ve taken part in two international assessments initiated by the USAID and the World Bank. Both projects were focused on monitoring of the state of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Ukraine and drafting recommendations for a relevant public policy. Taking to account the annexation of the state territory of Ukraine, rapid and massive internal displacement and emigration flows turn in an additional challenge for the government. Beyond working for a local think tank and international organizations I am also interested in training activities (non-formal education platforms).

Pinar Burcu Güner, Researcher, Bielefeld University, Germany

I have been a Marie Curie fellow at “Education as Welfare: Enhancing Opportunities for Socially Vulnerable Youth in Europe” co-operation research project at Bielefeld University Faculty of Education and Bertelsmann Foundation (2010-2013). I also worked as an advisor at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (German Development Agency) office of Ankara (2017-2018) in a project QUDRA. I supported establishing community centers for women and children to enhance social cohesion among Turkish host community members and Syrian community members under temporary protection, particularly at the border city to Syria in Kilis.

On July 9th 2018, I defended my doctoral thesis “My Good German Life as a foreigner: Voice of Turkish Origin Girls” at Faculty of Educational Science in Bielefeld University, Germany. My doctoral thesis has investigated inequalities and opportunities for a good school education and a good life in Germany for girls who are 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation Turks living in Germany. Since July 1st, I am a postdoc researcher at Bielefeld University School of Public Health. My postdoc research
“Capabilities for Immigrant Women in Germany” will investigate how to enhance the capacity of health and education systems to support women from immigrant origin to become strong women in Germany. The research will focus women aged 18 to 35 years, who migrated to Germany minimum 2 to maximum 12 years ago. I am a Turkish national; was born and grew-up in Istanbul.

Zlatan Hadžić was born on 22 August 1976, in Sarajevo. He received his BA degree in Arabic Language and Literature in 2002, and Master of Science in Management in 2015. Since 2017 he is PhD(c) at the Faculty of Political Sciences – University of Sarajevo. Both MS thesis and upcoming PhD research and thesis are within the field of Behavioral Theory. He worked as a language consultant for the Bosnian Embassy in Saudi Arabia, market development manager in DNC Spinnaker d.o.o., CEO for Recro-Net Dubai FZ LLC, and investor representative for ITCCG d.o.o. Since 2014 he has been expert advisor in Agency for Statistics in B&H for the Census of Population, Households, Buildings, and Apartments, concerned with demographics and social statistics, including migrations. His interests include relations between demography, migrations, policy, and Behavioral Theory. Since early 2017 he is a member of the International Expert Group on Refugee and IDP Statistics (EGRIS) which produced a Technical Report on IDP Statistics. Research and work completed by EGRIS aimed at providing a list of standardized indicators from which national authorities can choose when collecting data on refugees and asylum seekers.

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Nedaa Elsayed Hassan, Coordinator, International Cooperation Department, Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS), Egypt

Nedaa El-Sayed is a researcher in the International Cooperation Department at the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) where she is responsible for managing and coordinating UN, African and Asian files. She is mainly the CAPMAS focal point in dealing with UNSD, JICA, COMESA, ECA, AFDB, AU, KOICA) for 18 months. One of her main tasks is to organize and coordinate high level workshops meetings with above mentioned organizations and CAPMAS managerial level, and training courses and workshops for CAPMAS young statisticians. She is also a contact person with many regional and international organizations in different fields of statistics such as: energy, migration, transport, population, economy, environment, labor)

In 2015, she graduated from Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University with major specialization of Political Science and minor of Economics with grade Very Good with Honor degree. She obtained Diploma in Political Science at Institute for African Research and studies with accumulative grade: very good with honor. She is preparing her
master’s in political science at Institute for African Research and studies. She also works as Freelance political researcher in different think tanks such as Egypt’s personality for strategic studies Center. She has many published researches such as “Mohamed Salah as Soft power for Egypt abroad”

Tetyana Hnatyuk

Tetyana Hnatyuk graduated from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine (Master of Arts in Political Science) in 2003. She obtained her PhD degree in Political Science at the Institute of Political and Ethnic Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in 2013 (Thesis topic: “Ukraine’s Migration Policy According to the European Union Practice”). She interned in the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Kyiv, Ukraine, 2011) and in the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (Kyiv, Ukraine, 2003). Tetyana started her professional activity as a leading specialist at the State Committee for Nationalities and Migration of Ukraine (Ukrainian Diaspora and Foreign Relations Department). For the last 5 years she has been working as a researcher at the Migration Studies Departments of the Ptoukha Institute for Demography and Social Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv (since 2017 as a senior researcher).

She has authored 37 scientific publications in migration sphere and participated in several international research projects, among them a project “Temporary Versus Permanent Migration” (TEMPER) carried out within the Seventh Framework Program of the European Union (in 2014-2018), a feasibility study on the relevance and possible integration of migration as a crosscutting theme into the next Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Ukraine 2015-2018 (in 2013).

Tetyana’s main topics of interest are Ukrainian migration policy, migration and development, integration of immigrants.

Frauke Hoss

Frauke Hoss currently works in the European Commission’s unit for impact assessments. In order to provide the political decision-makers the best possible evidence, all legislative proposals by the Commission are accompanied by an impact assessment. Such an assessment analyses the problem to be addressed, presents policy options, and describes at a minimum the economic, social and environmental impact of these options.

Before joining the European Commission in 2015, Dr. Hoss studied Civil Engineering and Political Science in the Netherlands. Afterwards, she combined these two academic fields by pursing a PhD in Engineering & Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University in the USA. Before returning to Europe, she was a postdoc at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in the Science, Technology and Public Policy Programme.

Piotr Juchno

I am working in the Population and Migration unit of Eurostat for nearly thirteen years and I am leading a team responsible for statistics on asylum and managed migration. My first responsibility in this job was to implement a new regulation on migration statistics. In the recent years, the increasing pressure from policy makers and other users of our statistics led
us to continuous efforts to improve the availability and quality of our statistics. Seeing how these data are being used gives me, personally, a very good incentive to undertake new developments like my active involvement in producing global standards on refugee statistics, which in March this year were adopted by the UN Statistical Commission. My latest responsibility is to work on the amendment of the current legal framework for collection of statistics on asylum and managed migration. Entering into the world where statisticians, politicians, law makers and practitioners cross is a totally new challenge to me and I very much look forward into this!

Anastasiya Jurkevits is a second-year student at the Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Lithuania. She majored in Philology at the Grodno State University named by Y.Kupala, Belarus, then studied history and cultural anthropology in European Humanities University, Lithuania. She received MA in Heritage Studies in EHU, Lithuania, and MA in Social Sciences in Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania. Throughout master program “Comparative Social Policies and Welfare” Mrs. Jurkevits attended Linz University, Austria, and Tampere University, Finland. She was honored by Leadership Award in 2016 (MRU, Lithuania), Diploma for the Best Defended MA in Lithuania in 2016 (Lithuanian Society of Young Researchers) as well as awarded the Most Outstanding Student of the Class 2010 and 2012 (EHU, Lithuania). Jurkevits Anastasiya’s research interests include language and social interactions, sociology of age and ageing, social networks, social policies and political sociology.

Gilles Kittel
Programme Manager,
European Commission,
DG Regional Development

I have more than 10 years of experience gained in various positions in audit, accountancy, internal control, consultancy, financial management, external aid political process, structural funds and economic support. I feel I have much to bring to this workshop.

In my current employment within DG REGIO (Regional Policy and Urban Policy) and in my previous assignments in DG NEAR (Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations) and DG AGRI (Agriculture and Rural Development), I have provided technical assistance to Eastern and Southern European Neighbourhood countries, including Western Balkans, and EU Member States in the fields of expertise mentioned above, covering inter alia global challenges like migration and developing close cooperation with the national authorities, helping them to adjust their national legislation, and to design and establish their management, control and supervision systems, in order to benefit in the most effective manner from the EU programmes.

Judith Kohlenberger
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Judith Kohlenberger is a post-doctoral researcher at the Institute for Social Policy, Department for Socioeconomics, at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU). She holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Vienna and has a multi-disciplinary background in cultural studies, with a focus on politics of representation. Her research has been awarded a DOC scholarship from the
Austrian Academy of Sciences and a Recognition Award by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science.

Since fall 2015, Judith has been contributing to the interdisciplinary study “Displaced Persons in Austria Survey” (DiPAS), the first social survey in Europe on the human capital, educational attainment and values of forced migrants from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. She has worked on the “Damascus Social Survey” (DamS) in Syria and currently leads the “Refugee Health and Integration Survey” (ReHIS), which investigates refugees’ health access and barriers in Austria. Her research focuses on the demography of displaced populations, forced migration, education and integration policy, as well as narratives of crisis.

In addition to her academic position at WU, Judith remains affiliated with the Wittgenstein Centre for Demography and Global Human Capital (IIASA, VID/ÖAW, WU) and teaches in the European Studies Program at the University of Vienna. She serves as academic counsel to the Regional Academy on the United Nations (RAUN) and as Young Science Ambassador at the Austrian Academic Exchange Service (OeAD).

Luca Lixi is a Doctoral Researcher at the University of Sheffield. His research is part of the Prospects for International Migration Governance project (MIGPROSP), based at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute, directed by Prof. Andrew Geddes. Luca’s work focuses on European external migration governance with north African countries, analysing the case of Tunisia. Luca has previously worked for two years in the European Commission on external relations of migration governance. He has also worked as a consultant for the European Commission, the European Migration Forum and the Transatlantic Council on Migration organized by the Migration Policy Institute (MPI). He was also visiting researcher at MPI Europe and holds an MSc from the LSE in International Migration and Public Policy. Throughout his career, Luca has been trying to bridge the gap between research and policy, bringing into either his research and policy work his experience in the other. He developed a strong awareness of the need to improve the contacts between the two worlds, in order to reach evidence-based policies as well as policy relevant research. At the summer school, Luca hopes to explore ways on how to do this.

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Bresena Kopliku is an Albanian lecturer at the Department of Geography, Shkodra University “Luigj Gurakuqi”. She holds a PhD in Human Geography obtained from University of Tiranë since 2014. Her PhD thesis was focused on “Migration and Population changes in Shkodra Region”. Her current research interests include migration and its typologies; migration and development; diaspora and transnationalism. Her regional specialization is mainly focused on northern Albania. The recent publications include the study of migration features during transition focused on return, transnational migration, diaspora and transnationalism, migration and entrepreneurship in Albania. Some of her main publications focused on these issues are: “Return Migration in Shkodra Region-What’s the next step?” “Between the two worlds. Mobilizing Diaspora and Transnational Relations in a Rural Communit” etc. She is now working on the role that migration can play in the development of the sending countries. Seeing return migrants and diaspora as agents of development, but at the same time still not considered by the government, she is trying to find the way to fill the gap between science and policy in the area of migration-development nexus.

Bresena Kopliku,  
Lecturer/Researcher, University of Shkodra “L. Gurakuqi”, Albania
Born in Moldova, part of the USSR at that time, followed school in native village Lozova, from childhood became passionate about knowing the ethnic and cultural diversity of the planet we live in. I attended and graduated from the faculties of Geography and Law at the A.I. Cuza University of Iasi, Romania. PhD in Population Geography from the same university, with the theme about Romanian-speaking communities in SE Europe. Back to Moldova and involved as researcher in more scientific and educational institutions, such as National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History of Moldova, Institute of Ecology and Geography of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, University of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova. Visiting researcher and invited lecturer in universities and institutions from Romania, Serbia, Armenia, Russian Federation, Germany, Austria, Czechia, Italy, Estonia, Canada, New Zealand and Tonga. Founder and president of the Association of Geography and Ethnology of Moldova. Main scientific interests are connected to Population Geography, Ethnography and Ethnodemography, Political and Historical Geography. Field researches concerned population studies in Moldova, Balkan region, Ukraine, Russian Federation, Caucasus, Oceania. Publication of papers, articles and maps about Ethnic and Migration issues, participation at many scientific conferences, organizer of several national and international exhibitions. Expert at the population census of Moldova in 2014, member of different commissions. Currently doing research about the Ethnic diversity, Migration and Diasporas, especially connected to Moldova, trying to understand and explain the actual ethnic and migration processes.

Oleksii Lyska holds a PhD in Public Administration. He is a Project Coordinator in Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. As a researcher, Dr. Lyska is also affiliated with the Association of Ukrainian Cities within the framework of the Ukrainian-Norwegian project “Evidence-Based Local Government Policy Development in Ukraine”. Previously, he worked as a Business Analyst for USAID / Chemonics International Inc. within Ukraine Confidence Building Initiative. Prior to this, he worked as a Head of Analytics and Presentation Division in Department for Improvement of Regional Competitiveness of Kharkiv Regional State Administration and as an Associate Professor in Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics.

His research interests are focused on public participation in government, involvement of local communities in decision-making, administrative services and decentralization in Ukraine.

Now he is working to improve services in Ukrainian municipalities and to meet the challenges arising from the decentralization reform, migration processes and the influx of internally displaced persons.
has been involved in several EU and international projects and conducted a number of studies about inter and intra EU labour mobility, the free movement of workers, transitional arrangements and potential mobility, e.g. from Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia to Austria and other EU Member States. She studied the effects of emigration on economic growth from the perspective of sending countries in Central and Eastern Europe, migration patterns of Serbian immigrants in Austria, Romanian migrants in Italy. More recently, she contributed on the project ‘South East Europe Jobs Gateway’ supported by the World Bank that produces a series of annual labour market reports including special topics on migration issues. Currently she is working on projects about social and economic integration of recent refugees in Austria. She holds a Ph.D. in European Economic Studies awarded by the Turin University, Italy.

Nadia Matarazzo,
Post-doc, University of Naples “Federico II”, Italy

I’m a Geographer, my main research interests lie in the field of Human Geography, in particular I use to study the urban and rural settlements of migrants and the territorial transformations they produce.

My first research experience was the PhD thesis, focusing on Istanbul as a border city in the Mediterranean (Geopolitics of International Migrations: Istanbul Gateway). That work had a geopolitical approach, so it considered the variable of the relationships between Turkey and EU as one of the main factors outlining the Turkish geography of migratory flows. It was 2010: now the scenario is totally different. After that, I worked on the settlement of Kurdish and Armenian diasporas and on the geography of their historical territories.

Since 2016, I’ve been working on housing and the processes of spatial segregation of migrants in the peripheries of the metropolitan area of Naples (Campania, Italy).

Now, I’m a post-doc at University of Naples “Federico II” (Italy) and adjunct professor of Economic Geography at University of Basilicata (Potenza, Italy).

Katja Meinke,
Assistant to the Director, European Research Council Executive Agency

Katja Meinke works as the Assistant to the Director for the European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) in Brussels, Belgium. In this role she provides advice to the Director on the overall strategic direction of the agency including developing ways to deliver feedback from thematic project portfolios to the policy stakeholders. Before her move to the Directorate, Ms Meinke was a Scientific Officer in the ERCEA’s Social Science and Humanities unit where she worked with several evaluation panels and monitored research projects in the social environmental sciences and geography including the topics of demography and migration. Ms Meinke’s academic background is in landscape architecture and regional planning; she studied at the University of Hanover in Germany as well as the University of Arizona and the University of Massachusetts Amherst in the US.

Jola Mekollari,
Specialist of Planning Projects, Municipality of Tirana, Albania

I’ve built my (so far) short career in a variety of roles, positions and engagements, varying from the non-profit sector, political party affiliations, and up to the central and local government. I’m not only used to wearing many caps,
I particularly and sincerely enjoy it; I consider myself a person that thrives in an environment where no two work days are exactly the same, where constant challenges are faced, where time is of the essence and where creativity and persistence must accompany diligence and trust, in order for the joint goals and objectives to be met and exceeded. In addition to being flexible and responsive, I’m also a fanatic for details – particularly when it comes to following up tasks and duties, performing research, providing feedback, and achieving targets within requested timelines. I apply the same level of attention to my very important day-to-day academic agenda, my commitment to climbing the next summit (I am an alpinism enthusiast), as to the daily routine of ensuring the copier has paper or paperwork is protocolled. Nonetheless, I need to learn more. I need to grow academically in order to grow professionally. For this reason, I believe the composition of the Evidence and Policy Summer School provides the perfect platform for my academic and professional advancement.

**Eduard Mihalas,\(^1\)
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**Programme Analyst on Population and Development, UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund, Moldova\(^2\)**

Eduard Mihalaș, Programme Analyst on Population and Development at UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund. Before joining United Nations, Eduard had an extensive experience in civil society organizations. As President of the National Youth Council, he launched several transformative initiatives related to youth sector, including monitoring of local public budgets on youth, establishing a network of 9 National Youth Councils from Black Sea region for a stronger youth voice at European level and setting up a mechanism for the institutional development of youth NGOs. As a Steering Committee Member of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in 2012, he has set a platform for youth participation in the EaP CSF and advocated for bold cooperation between CSOs and Governments in implementation of the youth recommendations. He has also collaborated with Open Government Partnership on the issues related to open government and open data. In his current capacity at UNFPA, Eduard is dealing with demographic issues in the context of low fertility and ageing, providing policy advice to decision makers on how to address low fertility, ageing, migration and low life expectancy in Moldova and other Eastern European countries for shifting demographic approaches that are rights-based and people-centred.

**Milos Milovanovic,\(^1\)**
**Researcher, NIPLEX Research Unit at Slobomir University, Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina\(^2\)**

His research presents a constant quest for causal links between demography and other scientific disciplines, with a special focus on interdisciplinary cooperation and collaboration. At the same time, he also seeks to overcome binary distinctions and to challenge the demarcation-line between disciplines. His present researches are dealing with influence of aging, migrations and depopulation on CCE countries’ politics, economy, and security or so-called “political demography”. He graduated Demography on Faculty of Geography, at Department of Demography of the University of Belgrade as a state funded student. He currently works as a researcher at NIPLEX research unit at Slobomir P University, Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He, also, participated in the last census of the population of the Republic of Serbia conducted in 2011. Milos presented his researches at several international conferences, both in Serbia and abroad. In his latest study (it will be presented at the “Remittances as Social Practice” conference, the University of Innsbruck, 26-28 September 2018), he seeks indications of predictability in the voter turnout of highly emigrated municipalities in rural parts of Serbia, using different demographic characteristics of the population.
Waleed Mohammed, Statistician, Central Agency for Public and Mobilization (CAPMAS), Egypt

I have PhD in sociology (social statistics), I’m Working at the National Statistical Office (NSO) – Egypt which called Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) as statistician in Demographic and social statistics department also I gives lectures at national center for statistical training about (Documentation Metadata for statistical survey – Descriptive statistics – SPSS – writing Report – How to make presentation). I worked in several projects the most Important of it (census 2006, and census 2017(First E-census in Egypt), also Participated in the project of documentation metadata for statistical surveys 2009 by using Toolkit, which developed by World Bank and the International Household Survey Network (IHSN), also I’m working at sustainable development unit (New unit at NSO in Egypt) as a Coordinator for SDG in Egypt and participated in the establishment SDG data base and determine the structure of the SDG observatory & Mobile application (this project between CAPMAS and UNICEF) which published in May 2018, also I participated in the meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs) as a representative of Egypt in this international group.

Adrian Peres, Head of Sector, European Commission, DG SANTE

Adrian Peres joined SANTE’s Policy-making support team in November, 2017 to work amongst other, on the post-2020 MFF impact assessment and on data, information and knowledge management. Together with his team he sits at the interface between experts and policy makers ensuring that the advice received meets highest scientific standards and in the same time the “better regulation” requirements. He graduated agriculture in Romania and obtained a PhD in biology in Hungary followed by a master in Political Sciences in Brussels. Adrian worked for almost fifteen years as a researcher in plant biotechnology, in the academia and a start-up biotech company. He first joined the European Commission in 2005 as a researcher on molecular aspects of organic agriculture at JRC, and after three years, he re-joined the private sector to work on food safety and environmental risk assess-
ment of GMOs. Returning to the Commission in 2011 in DG RTD, he worked on biodiversity-related science-policy interfaces at EU level and at the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). He has supported the EU delegation to avoid a ban on synthetic biology by providing available relevant knowledge and information, which fuelled the debate in the international forum and paved the way to a political agreement by CBD. In his free time, he paints to raise funds for ASPIS, a non-governmental organisation that he founded together with his wife in 2010 to help people with special needs in Romania.


Violeta Periklieva,
Assistant professor,
Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

I am an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. I defended my doctoral thesis in 2014 at the same institution. During the years of academic work, I conducted numerous fieldwork expeditions in various parts of the Balkans (Croatia, Macedonia, Bulgaria) and among various communities (ethnic/national, local, religious). I have worked on many projects related to migration, adaptation of migrant communities, demographic crisis, cross-border relations. My studies are mainly focused on the strategies and mechanisms for identity construction in the Balkans, the place of the state/political border in the social, economic and cultural life of the border regions; the relation between state and local policies and everyday life in the border regions; the cross-border exchange (of people, goods, practices, ideas etc.); the cultural and historic heritage under the conditions of borderness, its role in the construction of cultural memory and in the interrelations of the regions on both sides of the border; labour mobility and its impact on the demographic crisis; student migration and adaptation strategies. Unfortunately, in Bulgaria the relation science – policy-making is still underdeveloped. In this sense, I believe that my participation in the summer school as a young scholar who makes her first steps in the search for means to bring together science and policy-making will contribute to my future work.

Gintarė Pociūtė-Sereikienė,
Post-doctoral Researcher,
Lithuanian Social Research Centre

I am geographer working as researcher at Lithuanian Social Research Centre (LSRC) Institute of Human Geography and Demography. My academic research interests encompass regional and urban geography. Especially I am interested in the cities’ transformation, socio-spatial segregation, depopulation and socioeconomic decline, peripheralisation and territorial polarisation, shrinkage and urban governance topics. Four years ago I received doctor degree and defended PhD thesis under the title “Spatial structure of peripherality in Lithuania”. Currently I am working as postdoc researcher at LSRC and dealing with urban shrinkage topic. I am the author and co-author of more than 15 articles. I have attended 7 national and international projects, participated in 20 conferences, strengthened my research skills in Hungarian and German research institutions. I have experience not only in scientific field as for a while I have been working in Brussels in EU institution Committee of the Regions. Also, I am responsible for administrative affairs of Lithuanian scientific journal ‘Geographical Yearbook’.

For me the attendance in this Summer School will be a great possibility to learn from policy makers lectures, meet people with the similar interests, to look for further project partners.
Aysel Rahimli,
Scientific Researcher, 
National Academy of Sciences / Institute of Law and Human Rights, Azerbaijan

I am PhD student at ANAS, Institute of Law and Human Rights and my area of research: The participation of southern migrants in socio-political life of Azerbaijan. I would like to express my interest in researching at the 2018 Evidence and Policy Summer School in Laxenburg, Austria is organised by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC). I have decided to apply for this programme because I am sure it would strongly enrich my future studies and help me in my prospective career and I am confident that my background and skills in research techniques will prove to be an effective match for your qualifications requirements. Moreover I consider this programme as a great opportunity to get in touch with science system.

Erle Rikmann,
Research Advisor, Ministry of Social Affairs, Estonia

I received my PhD degree in Political and Social Sciences from the University of Helsinki, Finland. I have worked at Tallinn University, Estonia, as a lecturer and researcher. In 2013-2015 I worked as an advisor in the Legal and Analysis Department of the Estonian Parliament. Since 2015, I worked at Jyväskylä University, Finland, where I led a research project financed by the 7th framework programme of the European Commission „Transnational Youth in Civic Action: Young Russian-speakers as Agents of Domestication in Finnish and Estonian Civil Societies“. Currently I am working as research advisor at the Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs and my task is to develop research strategies in the field of the ministry’s responsibilities and to initiate studies necessary for policy-making.

Michal Sabah,
Director, Demography Department, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

I am a Ph.D. candidate at the Hebrew university of Jerusalem (the dissertation was submitted to the University senate). The dissertation topic is: Demographic and Socio-Economic Aspects of Emigration from a Gender Perspective: Families, Couples and Individuals in Israel. Previously to my doctoral studies I have graduated B.A, Cum Laude, in Criminology and Sociology. Bar Ilan University, Israel and M.A in Organizational Sociology. Bar Ilan University, Israel. Thesis Title: Occupational Status among Arab Women: Comparison to Spouse. I am also a director at the demography department of the Israeli Central Bureau of statistics. I have participated in the planning the methodology of the first integrated 2008 census, mainly on the migrants’ population. During my work at the ICBS I’ve developed an emigrants stock based on administrative files. I’m interested in migration issues, fertility and gender perspective on demographic processes. I am looking forward to the summer school and the opportunity to expand my applied demography knowledge.

Nastya Sankevich,
Chief Specialist, National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus

Since 2013, Nastya has working in the National Statistical Committee of the Republic of Belarus as Chief Specialist of Demographic Statistics and Population Census Department.
Nastya is responsible for processing and analysing data on the population and its gender and age structure, analysing and studying of migration and natural population movement.

Mohammad Sadegh Saremi, Deputy Director General of planning and organising, Vice Presidency of science and technology, Iran

Mohammad Sadegh Saremi is working as a Deputy Director of planning, and coordination in the Vice-presidency of Science and Technology in the Islamic Republic of Iran since 2013. As an experienced STI Policy Analyst, He is mainly working on local content and public procurement policies to foster innovation inside Iran. Before joining the vice presidency, he was in in the management consulting industry. He has a master in marketing and ecommerce from Lulea University of technology, an MPHIL in management in BOCCONI University (Milan Italy), and a PhD in Business Policy from University of Tehran.

Majda Savicevic, Coordinator of Department for European integration and international cooperation, Statistical Office of Montenegro

Finished Faculty for international economy, finance and business at University of Donja Gorica in Podgorica, and after that master studies for international economy and finances.

Working experience started in Statistical Office of Montenegro and current position is Coordinator of Department for international Department and European integrations in Statistical Office of Montenegro. Main task is coordination of the most important requests of European Commission and Government of Montenegro when it comes to the European integrations, which includes different reporting. Beside the requests from process of European integration, also establishing and following cooperation with different international organizations. Great experience is gathered also through different EU ( IPA) and UN (UNICEF, UNDP etc.) projects covering all aspects of management of projects having coordination role. Organizing significant international conferences which are gathering renowned experts from different countries on a wide range of topics, also gave an impact on professional career. Beside the experience gathered in Montenegro, working experience has been acquired also in EUROSTAT, being on a traineeship in Unit for international cooperation and working on management of IPA beneficiary projects.

Gustavo Schifris, Senior Coordinator, Demography and census department, Central Bureau of Statistics, Israel

I have first degree (BA) in sociology and political science and a Second degree (MA) in sociology from the Tel Aviv University. I’m working in the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics as a Senior Coordinator, in the Demography and census department. Among my main responsibilities are: producing population estimates of Israel, calculating all sources of population growth including emigration and immigration, Estimation of special populations (for example: former USSR immigrants, ultra-orthodox Jew). Recently I joined a project that aims to establish and manage a foreign register in the Israel Central Bureau of Statistics.
Deniz Selmani has graduated Public Administration at the South East European University in Tetovo. After his BA, he continues to MA studies in the South East European University in Tetovo in the Diplomacy program. Meanwhile, Deniz worked at the Initiative for Social Change “InSoC” - Skopje as a project assistant in the project “Project Generation Fund” where he gains experience in project management. From March 2016 to March 2018 Selmani is associated with Institute for Research and Policy Studies – Romalitico as an Executive Director. Currently, Selmani is a Program Manager of Political Empowerment of Roma program in the Romalitico. Last year, Selmani was a panellist in the conference “Political Participation of Roma and Sinti” organized by OSCE and European Parliament. This year, Selmani participated to the round table “Transparency and Accountability Criteria for Roma Grassroots NGOs” organized by European Roma Grassroots Organizations Network and DG NEAR.

Tamta Shkubuliani, 
International Relations and Fundraising Specialist, LEPL-Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia

I have graduated MA degree in “Diplomacy and International Politics” from Tbilisi State University where I have also studied BA in Social and Political Sciences. Since my student period, I have been actively participating in various extra-curriculum activities, such as short courses, trainings etc., as I find such experience of high significance for personal and professional development. As for my professional activities, currently I work at the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSFG), which is a Legal Entity of Public Law under the aegis of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia. I work at the Office of the International Relations and Fundraising, where my duties include administering bilateral and multilateral programmes and organizing/participating in various international activities related to Science, Technology and Innovation system development in my country and in the world in general. Thus, my major motivation to participate in the JRC summer school in Austria this year is absolutely in line with my career, and I am 100 % positive I will gain valuable knowledge and experience regarding the science-policy intersection, which is one of the leading challenges in the modern scientific society.

Zane Šime, 
Communication & Research Coordinator, Council of the Baltic Sea States (Secretariat), Latvia

Zane works at the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat with the CBSS Science, Research and Innovation Agenda launched after the 1st CBSS Science Ministerial. She is involved in the implementation of two Interreg Vb Baltic Sea Region Programme funded projects Baltic TRAM (https://www.baltic-tram.eu/) and Baltic Science Network (http://www.baltic-science.org/). Participation in the Summer School tallies well with the CBSS Secretariat’s co-chairmanship of the Baltic Science Network expert group dedicated the welfare state. Likewise, the main take-aways of the Summer School will feed into the overall debates of the Baltic Sea Region revolving around the ageing society, silver economy and labour force migration. Earlier publications dedicated to the Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on science domain are the Baltic TRAM report “Multi-Level Governance of Innovation and Smart Specialisation” and the article “Research and Higher Education Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region” published in Latvia’s Interests in the EU 2018/1 (Latvijas intereses Eiropas Savienībā – in Latvian).
Simona Sobotovicova,
Researcher, University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), Spain

Researcher on European Asylum and Migration Law and policy at the University of Basque Country, Spain and at the Documentation et de Recherches Européennes of the Université de Pau et des pays de l’Adour. Member of research group “Fundamental Rights and EU”. Member of “The judicial protection of the fundamental rights in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (AFSJ)” Jean Monnet Chair. My current research interests include the ageing population, the impending demographic crisis, the global competitiveness, the challenges and role of EU labour immigration law and its implementation in the Member States as a way to fulfil the future EU labour market needs, among others. The participation in the Evidence for Policy Summer School 2018 is a unique chance to be in the right place at the right time to discuss the ongoing issues related to the current “hot” topics on migration.

Albina Spahiu,
Senior Officer for European Integration, Ministry of European Integration, Kosovo

Albina Spahiu is about to be a master of cultural anthropology in university of Prishtina. Finished a BA in ethnology in University of Prishtina. In Ministry for European integration works in department for Coordination of Process Stabilization and association which is policy making department that ensures cross-departmental co-operation, covering Rule of law, justice, freedom and security also a political criteria. As an ethnologist and cultural anthropologist worked in different fieldworks, group exhibitions and is part of Kosovar explores. Working in Ministry, field of migration and cross-border cooperation is one of main priorities which is monitored by her and her department as request for liberalization visa process and National Plan for implementation of Stabilization Association Agreement. Regarding fundamental rights Albina is part of the group for gender equality composed of specific NGOs and ministries which is the main group for filtering the documents of Ministry for European integration to be in line with human rights and gender equality.

Pamela Marie Spiteri,
Education Officer (Early School Leaving), Ministry for Education and Employment, Malta

Pamela Marie Spiteri is the Education Officer for the Prevention of Early School Leaving at the Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability. Pamela is currently responsible for policy monitoring, development and implementation related to ‘The Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Early School Leaving in Malta’. Within the continuous globally changing demographics, research demonstrates that early leavers from education and training (ELET) might be at a high risk of social exclusion. It also suggests a strong correlation between students’ well-being at school, their socio-economic and multicultural background. Consequently, effective research and scientific exploration of the main risks of early school leaving within this context, would support the development of a social justice framework in relation to the current policy’s evaluation. Pamela is reading for a PhD programme in Education and Social Justice at Lancaster University and has previously obtained a Masters in Education: Teaching, Learning and Research from University of Sheffield. Pamela is also a visiting lecturer at the Institute for Education in the areas of pedagogy, assessment and social justice. Initially graduating as a teacher, she worked in a number of schools in Malta and abroad, including teaching for several years in Tripoli, Libya.
Jan Stadler is a Policy Officer in the Union citizenship and free movement unit of the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers. He is involved in preparing legislative and non-legislative policy initiatives related to free movement of EU citizens within the EU, an area closely connected to the issues of demography and migration. At the moment, Jan is in charge of the Commission’s legislative proposals on the security of identity cards and residence documents and on the EU Emergency Travel Document. Before joining the Commission, Jan worked as a Legal Officer for the European Ombudsman, where he focused on issues related to the transparency of EU decision-making. He was, among other things, responsible for the Ombudsman’s strategic inquiry into the transparency of trilateral negotiations between the European Parliament, Council and Commission during legislative procedures (so-called “trilogues”). Prior to coming to Brussels, Jan worked for the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs. Jan studied law at the University of Graz and did a post-graduate programme at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. With a keen interest in elections, Jan was also part of the OSCE’s election observation mission to the 2017 parliamentary elections in Armenia.

Žarko Šunderić works as a director of the Center for Social Policy, think-tank organization. Mr. Šunderić is expert in the area of social inclusion and poverty reduction, with over 10 years’ experience in reform processes, including last 8 years as team leader in the Government of Serbia’s The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit. Recently, Žarko Šunderić has initiated and established the regional Western Balkans Network: The Future of the Welfare State, which gathers leading think-tank organizations and researchers in the Western Balkan countries dealing with welfare state issues. Mr. Šunderić has extensive skills in governance and coordination of the comprehensive Government strategies in the area of social inclusion and poverty reduction. Žarko has been promoting evidence based policy making within the Government institutions and undertaking ex-ante and ex-post analyses. He has sound experience with the statistical system and data, focusing on the area of socio-economic indicators. As for the governance issue, he has an extensive knowledge and experience in central policy coordination and planning, including participation in development of the functions of the centre of the government related to strategic planning, policy coordination and analysis.

Dr. Hélène Syed Zwick is Lecturer in the Faculty of Business Administration, Economics and Political Science (BAEPS) at the British University in Egypt (BUE). She is also Teaching Fellow at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan since 2016 giving classes on Research Methods, International Development, and Migration and Human Trafficking. She got her PhD from the University of Sciences and Technology of Lille (USTL, France) in December 2013. She focused her thesis research on the interdependency between the establishment of a European single labor market and a European migration policy. Her PhD was funded by a French Brussels-based think tank, Confrontations Europe, where she spent six years as a migration, education and employment
policy advisor. Since 2014 she has been living in Cairo, in Egypt where she collaborated with the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) as a consultant on migration issues through the Mediterranean before joining the BUE in September 2017. She has published multiple academic and policy articles in labor economics, economics of migration and European economics. Participating in this professional training in Austria will provide her additional knowledge on the challenges and opportunities in linking the science – policy interface, and practical skills to increase the impact of her scientific research output in the policy-making process.

Mare Ushkovska
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Mare Ushkovska is a PhD candidate in International Law at the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje. She holds an MA in Diplomacy and International Relations from the same university, as well as an MSc in Public Policy from University College London. She speaks eight foreign languages and has received multiple scholarships throughout her academic life. Ushkovska most recently worked as a consultant on a UNDP project in Macedonia, prior to which she served as a commercial diplomat in the United Kingdom for over two years. She’s been an invited speaker to several international forums and a contributor to policy documents. Ushkovska is a member of Mensa and Chatham House-The Royal Institute of International Affairs, as well as an alumni of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Mercator Foundation.

Dorja Vočanec,
Research Assistant, Andrija Stampar School of Public Health, School of Medicine, University of Zagreb, Croatia

After graduating from the University of Zagreb, School of Medicine in 2016, I started working as a teaching assistant/young researcher at the Andrija Stampar School of Public Health. At the same time, I enrolled in postgraduate studies in Public Health and in October 2018 I will start a Ph.D., both at the University of Zagreb, School of Medicine. For the last two years, I have been a part of a team, working under the Public Health Hub Croatia project, aimed at nourishing the culture of evidence-based policy-making in Croatia and developing and testing tools for it. Besides that, I have been doing a community-based research on early childhood development within the Croatian Healthy Cities Network.

As a first-year resident in public health, I am a member of the European Network of Medical Residents in Public Health. In addition, I am involved in the work of the EUPHA’s Public Health Policy and Practice Section.

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