

# POLICY LEADER FELLOWS 2019-2020





## **Ashraf Abumousa**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Ashraf Abumousa is Director General at the State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau in Palestine, supporting the professional development of local governments. He has 14 years of experience in the public sector, educational institutions, and NGOs. He has a master of Development Policy - International Development- from KDI School of Public Policy and Management – South Korea.

He has a Master and Bachelor of Finance from the Islamic University of Gaza. His research interests are humanitarian diplomacy, governance, international trade, business innovation, and GVC. In 2017, He was selected for the KDI-global ambassador scholarship in South Korea. During his study in Korea, he participated in various workshops, seminars, and activities about the latest issues in international development and diplomacy.



## David Adler

Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 31 May 2020

David Adler is a political economist from Los Angeles, USA. He is currently the policy director of the Democracy in Europe Movement (DiEM25) and the coordinator of its Green New Deal for Europe campaign. He was previously a policy fellow at the Institute for Global Change in London, and a Rhodes Scholar at New College, University of Oxford, where he examined the comparative political economy of property markets.

David's prior research focused on housing provision in the Global South. At the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi, he investigated the Delhi Development Authority and the role of bureaucracy in slum redevelopment. As a Fulbright Scholar at the Colegio de México in Mexico City, he developed an inclusive housing strategy for the Housing Commission of the Mexican Senate. David's research and writing have appeared in the New York Times, the Guardian, and the Washington Post, among others.



## **Mohamad Al-Ashmar**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Mohamad Al-Ashmar is a development scholar and economics professional with almost ten years of experience in the international development sectors, with a focus on intersections of economic governance, development, and humanitarian issues in Syria and hosted countries. He has gained this professional experience working with development cooperation agencies and UN organizations in Syria and Lebanon, academic institutions, and civil society organisations across the MENA and EU region.

He holds an MSc in Economics Policy from the University of Reading (UK), an MBA in Corporate Management, and a BSc in Economics (Syria). Mohamad was awarded the Chevening Leadership Award by the UK Government in 2016. In the last few years, he has worked as a Programme Development Consultant, Advisor and Researcher, including his current capacity as a Programme Development Consultant and M&E/Research Specialist for several donors, Humanitarian and International agencies. He has led several research projects on Economic Development and Youth Inclusion, the NGO sector, Syria's War Economy and prospects of Reconstruction.



## **Emadeddin Badi**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Emadeddin Badi is a researcher and political analyst whose research focuses on governance, conflict and the political economy of Libya and the Sahel. Emad has worked with multiple organizations in Libya as a consultant researcher. He focused in particular on mainstreaming conflict sensitivity within the programming of post-conflict stabilization initiatives Libya, and more broadly, producing research on local conflict dynamics and non-state actors. Emad often provides commentary and publishes papers, blog posts and analytical pieces regarding Libya's political, economic and security developments, with the aim of informing foreign policy towards the country.

He is a non-resident fellow with the Middle East Institute's Countering Terrorism and Extremism Program. Emad holds a BA from the University of Essex, a BSc from the University of Tripoli and is currently completing an MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development at SOAS, University of London. He is fluent in Arabic, French and English



## **Christian Bluth**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Christian Bluth works as a researcher with the Global Economic Dynamics team of the Bertelsmann Stiftung, one of Germany's largest non-partisan think tanks. He specialises in international trade governance, in particular, the WTO and in digital trade. An economist by training, Bluth holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy from the University of Cambridge. He also works as a guest lecturer at Sciences Po Paris.



## **Edoardo Borgomeo**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Edoardo Borgomeo is a water sector specialist whose expertise focuses upon the engineering and policy dimensions of freshwater resources management, with an emphasis on climate change and infrastructure planning. Edoardo worked for the World Bank, the International Water Management Institute and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, offering consulting and advisory services on water policy issues across Latin America, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia. He has also assisted water utilities and regulators in England in their efforts to include climate change in their long-range plans.

Edoardo holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford where he is now an honorary research associate. In 2018 he was awarded the Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water (8th award) with Professor Jim Hall for their work on water resources planning in times of climate change.



## **Jasmine Burnley**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Jasmine Burnley is a development professional with over 15 years of experience in the policy and management of development and humanitarian programmes. She has held positions in Ghana, India, Brussels, Nepal and Myanmar and led the engagement of European NGOs with the OECD on aid effectiveness, and Oxfam's work with the G8 and G20. For five years, Jasmine was Director of Policy for Oxfam in Myanmar, where she led work to strengthen civic engagement and contribute to a burgeoning policy landscape. In 2015, Jasmine led Oxfam's work with the Government of Nepal following the 2015 earthquake.

Most recently, Jasmine has worked for UNDP, where she has been the Head of the Secretariat for the Cooperation Partners Group, representing bilaterals, IFIs and UN agencies in Myanmar. Jasmine's research interests include the political economy of reform, transnational governance of the development and humanitarian interventions, and mechanisms for deepening transnational actor engagement in conflict-affected countries.





## **Martin Curley**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Martin Curley has 15 years of experience working with and in the garment industry. Currently a consultant on human rights in supply chains, he previously served as Senior Policy and Research Officer at Fair Wear Foundation, and has worked on policy development and communications in government, university and NGO settings.

His work has included living wage implementation, supply chain transparency, social dialogue systems, access to remedy and evaluation of human rights due diligence. He holds an MSc in International Management from Royal Holloway, University of London, where his dissertation focused on human rights due diligence to prevent excessive overtime. At the EUI, Martin plans to focus on helping stakeholders in the global garment industry create more effective governance tools, based on shared, evidence-based models of the industry's scope, power dynamics, and underlying beliefs.



## **Sally Deffor**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Sally Deffor holds a Ph.D. in Digital Media from the University of Central Lancashire (UK), and an MA in Communication for Development from Malmo University (Sweden). She is currently the Program Director at Internews Network, while continuing to undertake independent research into the topic: media and internet policies and governance: lessons from the EU. Her recent publication, a book chapter titled “Ebola, and the Reimagining of Health Communication in Liberia” is due out in the summer 2019.

Dr. Deffor was previously Head of Communications at Contra Nocendi International, Strategic Communications Advisor with The World Bank’s Capacity Building for Results program, Project Coordinator at Open Knowledge International, and Google Policy Fellow 2013, among others. She’s an accomplished editor who has edited for the likes of UNV, UN SGAC, L’Osservatorio, and Plan International. At the EUI, she will research media and internet policies and governance, with a focus on the lessons from the EU.



## **MaryAnne Iwara**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

MaryAnne Iwara is a practitioner in peacebuilding with many years of professional experience in developing resilience in societies prone to violent conflict, through capacity building and policy advice. MaryAnne currently works with the Nigerian Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, where she leads research, policy engagement and training initiatives on conflict management, conflict prevention, peacebuilding, as well as conflict-sensitive governance.

She contributed to the establishment of the National Peace Academy (NPA), the foremost civilian home-grown Peacebuilding Training Institute in Nigeria. MaryAnne holds an MA in African Peace and Conflict Studies, a Ph.D. in Strategic Management, and a BA in History and International Studies.



## **Asha Jomis**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 31 March 2020**

Asha Jomis is the founder of the Governance Innovation Labs, where she leads various public policy initiatives aimed at improving policy outcomes and designing new policy solutions to encourage the government to deliver better public service. Using an innovative governance framework, the Governance Innovation labs engage citizens in the design, development, implementation and evaluation of public policy. Asha also runs the award-winning Women's Business Incubation Programme for improving the outcome of the entrepreneurship policy initiatives aimed at promoting women entrepreneurs.

Asha has over ten years of experience in media, technology management, entrepreneurship and public policy. She is a recipient of the Devi Award for Innovation and Dynamism by the New Indian Express and is also a TEDx speaker. Asha holds a Masters's in Technology Policy from the University of Cambridge and a Certificate of advanced studies in Public Governance and administration from ETH, Zurich.



## **Sebnem Kenis**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Sebnem Kenis works as Senior Policy Advisor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and provides gender- and human rights-related expertise and guidance to RWI's programs and partners (municipalities, universities, courts, and government institutions) around the world.

Her areas of interest include gender and its intersections with the environment, climate change, local governance, and new technologies. Prior to her current role, she worked as Programme Officer responsible for gender mainstreaming and results-based management in RWI's Turkey Programme. In 2016, she was appointed as the Gender Equality Rapporteur of the Council of Europe's Joint Council on Youth. She holds a Master of Arts in International Relations from Koc University, Istanbul. At the EUI, she will explore the gender implications of artificial intelligence policies and governance responses from a human rights perspective.



## **Dmytro Khutkyy**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Dmytro Khutkyy conducts research for the Open Government Partnership initiative and volunteers for the Coalition for the Advance of e-Democracy, the Reanimation Package of Reforms, and the Professional Government Association.

He obtained his Ph.D. in Sociology at the Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and taught at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. After that he accomplished international programs in Austria, Estonia, Germany, Finland, and the United States.

In Ukraine, he participated in grassroots civic activism within Transparency International and the Center for Innovations Development. Besides, he performed expert consultancy for UNDP, OECD, eGA, EGAP, DRI, and IRI. Dmytro Khutkyy conducts research, training, and communication to promote civic participation, good governance, and institutional change.



## **Akhilesh Magal**

**Fellowship period: : 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Akhilesh Magal heads the Renewable Advisory team at Gujarat Energy Research and Management Institute (GERMI) in Gandhinagar, India where he leads the advisory and consulting group. The group's main task is to act as a think tank and a technical back-stopper to the Government of Gujarat, Energy and Petrochemicals Department.

He has been instrumental in drafting the solar policy, solar-wind hybrid policy, and electric vehicle policy for the state of Gujarat. He holds a Master's degree in environmental engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA and a Bachelor's degree in electronics engineering from Bangalore Institute of Technology, Bangalore.



## Nicholas Noe

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 31 March 2020**

Nicholas Noe is currently a Political Advisor at the Geneva-based Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. He is also the co-founder of the MENA political research conference The Exchange in 2008 as well as the news translation service Mideastwire.com in 2005. In 2016, he served as Regional Organizing Director for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in Michigan where he managed the Get Out The Vote (GOTV) operation for the crucial areas of Wayne County and Dearborn City.

Since 2005, he has regularly provided analysis and commentary for Al-Jazeera International, BBC, and several US and European publications. He is the author of a 2009 White Paper for the New America and Century Foundations entitled: "Re-Imagining the Lebanon Track: Towards a New US Policy," the editor of the 2007 book "Voice of Hezbollah: The Statements of Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah," co-editor of the Heinrich Boell Foundation's journal on the Middle East (Perspectives) from 2012-2015 and was a Visiting Fellow with the European Council on Foreign Relations in 2014.

Mr. Noe's Op-Eds on the region have appeared in The New York Times, Newsweek, Foreign Affairs, The Guardian, Huffington Post, Foreign Policy Magazine, Asia Times, The National and The National Interest among other publications. From 1999-2000, he worked for First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton as an opposition researcher during her successful United States Senate campaign and then went on to serve in the local New York City government as a speechwriter for the President of the New York City Council and as a policy advisor on technology.





## **Khaled Saleh**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Khaled Saleh is a policymaker from Egypt. He is a Ph.D. researcher in economics, focusing on development issues. He has been a board member at Egypt Expo and Convention Authority (EECA), Ministry of Trade and Industry; the Secretary General of the Central Committee for Egyptian missions abroad; the Chairman of the Technical Secretariat of the Central Committee for appointment of the senior Egyptian Civilians leaders; the G.M of the Chairman`s Oice of EECA; a Board Member of the Central Committee for Appointment of the Senior Egyptian Civilians Leaders.

He has more than 20 years of practical work and professional experience in academia and the public sector. He works in economic relations development, promoting the exhibitions industry, trade, investment, and tourism. He has been a visiting economic researcher in Slovakia and Estonia. He holds an MSc in economics; a 2-years diploma in politics and economics; a one-year diploma in development and planning; a certificate of an intensive training course on "management of exhibitions and conferences", South Korea; a fellowship`s degree in national strategy; a 4-years B.Sc. in business administration; a 4-year B.A in mass communication. He published a book titled "study of foreign markets and ways to enter it". At the EUI, Khaled will analyse trade relations between Italy and North African countries.



## **Annick-Laure Tchuendem**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 November 2019**

Annick-Laure Tchuendem is a Policy officer at the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Since she joined over a year ago, her main focus is to build and reinforce the economic self-reliance of forcibly displaced across the East and Horn of Africa and Zambia. Prior to joining UNHCR, she worked with the World Bank for almost 3 years as a Program Analyst supporting various teams to work on strategy, delivery and analytics for some of the WBG's and President's top priorities; to improve governance effectiveness in Africa and the Middle East as well as policy dialogue with Civil Society.

Before this role, she was a Program Officer for four years with the African Union Commission where she oversaw the coordination of youth health interventions at a continental level.

She started her career with the Ministry of Economy of Cameroon where she worked for two years as a Policy Officer supporting the development and implementation of the human resources national strategy and national employment and vocational training policies. She holds a Masters' in Management Science and Human Resources Management. She is fluent in French and English and has a working knowledge of Spanish. She has worked and travelled in many regions of the world.



## **Nima Tshering**

**Fellowship period: 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020**

Nima Tshering is Strategic Advisor to Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa, currently the ruling party in Bhutan. He played a central role in the formation of Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa, a Bhutanese political party founded on the social democratic principles of freedom, justice and solidarity. In the 2018 parliamentary democratic elections, he played a strategic role in Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa's convincing win to form the government in Bhutan.

He also worked as a Deputy Royal Chamberlain to His Majesty the King of Bhutan, worked as a public policy consultant for the World Bank, was named a young global leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013 and was selected as a Global Scholar at Center for Universal Education at the Brookings Institution in Washington DC. Tshering holds an M.P.A./I.D. from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, a M.E.M. from the University of Canterbury, and a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kansas, which he attended as a Fulbright scholar.



## **Federica Vinci**

**Fellowship period: 2 September 2019 - 31 May 2020**

Federica Vinci is the President of Volt Italia, part of Volt Europa, a grassroots pan-European party that today counts more than 20.000 members in 30 European countries.

Graduated cum laude in International Public Management at Sciences Po, Paris, she focused on transnational security and European politics at the German Marshall Fund and the NATO Defense College. She also studied and practiced community organizing at the Harvard Kennedy School of Governance, and used this knowledge to create a community of more than 3000 activists around Italy. She is among the "Future Makers" as one of the 100 most promising Italian students, according to the Boston Consulting Group. She wishes to focus her career on transnational parties.

At the EUI, she will build a method to help political activists create transnational parties by combining digital technologies, community organizing, and project management to spur European political participation and transform it into an effective local engagement.



## **Haneen Zoabi**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 31 May 2020**

Haneen Zoabi is a Palestinian with Israeli citizenship. She has been a member of the Israeli Knesset since 2009, the first Palestinian woman representing an Arab party, NDA, the National Democratic Assembly, which struggles for the rights of my people for dignity, justice and equality.

The international dimension of the Palestinian cause has motivated her as a politician and as a Knesset member. From 2000 to 2009, she was the joint founder and CEO of I'lam – the Arab Center for Media Freedom, Development, and Research, founded in 2000 by a group of Palestinian intellectuals and journalists active in the fields of civil society, media and research. Prior to 2000, she worked in education, teaching and developing educational materials in the field of media studies at the high school and college levels. She holds an MA in Media Studies from HUJI and a BA in Psychology and Philosophy from Haifa University.



## **Linde Zuidema**

**Fellowship period: 1 September 2019 - 30 April 2020**

Linde Zuidema coordinates the climate and energy work of Fern, a non-governmental organisation that influences EU policies that impact forests and forest peoples globally. At Fern, she has been instrumental in designing and implementing an advocacy strategy to ensure bioenergy policies lead to greenhouse gas savings and do not damage forests. During her time as Policy Leader Fellow at the EUI, Linde conducted research on EU state aid rules in the field of bioenergy. Following the fellowship, Linde received a grant award from the European Climate Foundation to extend her time at the STG for an additional two months until 30 April 2020.

Before joining Fern in 2013, Linde worked as a programme leader at the European Policy Centre and as a policy advisor and researcher for ClientEarth, the European Parliament, and the Council of Europe. Linde started her career as a consultant in the private sector. She has an academic background in law and political sciences.



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