

POLICY LEADER FELLOWS

2021-2022





Stephanie Acker Housman

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Stephanie Acker is a local and federal leader specialising in improving outcomes for some of America's most vulnerable populations. Stephanie was one of the principals in the City of Boston's efforts to end homelessness. Prior to that, she served in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, focusing on solutions and programme assessments for the American refugee crisis. She has conceived and built more than a dozen programmes, built citywide partnerships to innovate service delivery, and co-founded 'Soccer Nights', a national programme that unites communities across lines of difference.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor's in Social Work from Gordon College and a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University Kennedy School of Government and was a United States Presidential Management Fellow. At the EUI School of Transnational Governance, she is developing policy and practice solutions to close the refugee resettlement gap.



Faycal Ait Abdellouhab

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Faycal Ait Abdellouhab is an experienced professional in public finance, in the area of taxation. He has several years of work experience at the Ministry of Finance of Algeria as a Senior Tax Inspector and Tax and Accounting Auditor. Faycal holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics, a Master degree in Public Finance, and a university diploma in European Integration. In 2015, he graduated from the College of Europe, Natolin Campus where he completed his Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies.

At the international level, he took part in the reform project of the indirect tax regime in Algeria led by an international work group in the framework of the EU-Algeria Association Agreement. Faycal accounts for many participations in seminars, training, and workshops within International and Regional Organisations, relating to fiscal sustainability, tax policy, and European and international affairs. As a Policy Leader Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, EUI, his field of research is focused on the international tax system and the issues relating to the taxation of cross-border profits in a highly globalised and digitalised world economy.



Samuel Anuga

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Samuel Anuga has over five years of working experience in international climate policy. His main areas of interest include cross-national governance, political economy, international negotiations, and low-carbon development.

Samuel has worked with the Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (IUW-Germany), International Centre for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT-Colombia), and the German Development Cooperation (GIZ) on climate policy. Samuel contributes as a technical expert for the UNFCCC and a member of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on the Livestock Environmental Impact Assessment Programme (LEAP) for the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO). Currently, Samuel is exploring cross-national political and climate change mitigation policies that can enhance the transition of low-carbon development strategies in Africa. He aspires to be a low-carbon development expert to help drive change in the continent of Africa.



Ucha Avsajanishvili

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Ucha Avsajanishvili works as an Associate at the leading Georgian law firm - BGI Legal. His primary practice areas include legal research, human rights, anti-corruption, and anti-money laundering law. From 2014-2021, Ucha worked as a Senior Legal Advisor (Research and Analysis) at the Analytical department of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. His areas of expertise covered legal research and drafting, cybersecurity, anti-corruption, and anti-money laundering policy. In 2017 Ucha served as a Legal Consultant for the Council of Europe's European Committee on Legal Cooperation (CDCJ), advising the General Prosecutor's Office of Kazakhstan on the development of anti-corruption and criminal justice policy.

His professional experience also includes working as a Legal researcher at the Free University of Tbilisi (Georgia), where he taught legal research methods to LL.B. students and supervised legal research. Ucha holds a Master's degree (LL.M.) in European Economic Law from Stockholm University (Sweden) and a Bachelor's degree (LL.B.) in Law from Free University of Tbilisi (Georgia).



Florencia Caro Sachetti

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Florencia is a researcher and practitioner with broad experience in policy issues related to gender equality, social protection and labour markets. Her work focuses on promoting social inclusion and human rights in her country and beyond through the implementation of evidence-based policies that are people-centered. She currently serves as coordinator of the Social Protection Programme at the Centre for the Implementation of Public Policies promoting Equity and Growth (CIPPEC), a think tank based in Argentina. She is also involved in the T20 and W20 networks, the official engagement groups delivering policy recommendations to G20 leaders.

As a Policy Leader Fellow, Florencia will study the role of transnational governance in promoting cooperation mechanisms and interventions to guarantee migrant care workers' rights. This topic intersects migration, class, gender, labour and care issues at a transnational level, requiring coherent multilateral approaches to tackle challenges and seize opportunities to leave no one behind.

Florencia holds a Master of Science in Development Studies (LSE, UK) and a degree in Economics (Torcuato di Tella University, Argentina). She is a member of Global Shapers and the International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE). Among other distinctions, she was selected as a Young Global Changer by the Global Solutions Initiative in 2019.



Iftach Cohen

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Iftach Cohen is an international lawyer. In 2009, he co-founded a law firm specialised in Israeli Supreme Court litigation of human rights matters, such as targeted killings, the siege on and war crimes in Gaza, the Israeli settlements and the deportation of human rights defenders. He co-founded We Are Refugees, an NGO that provided pro-bone legal representation to detained asylum seekers, and co-litigated the 'Anti-Infiltration Law' case, a landmark ruling that led to the release of 1,500 detained asylum seekers. In Italy, he initiated and directed an innovative legal project in Sicily, which provided access to rights and legal information to asylum seekers in the region.

Iftach served as a member of an international team of experts on behalf of EASO, sitting in the Territorial Commission for the Recognition of International Protection of Rome. He is currently directing a legal team and managing the 'Reinstating Law's Rule at EU Borders' project at front-LEX.



Francesca De Chiara

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Francesca De Chiara is a researcher and project leader at Fondazione Bruno Kessler, where she is working on developing and promoting data sharing at the institutional and community level. The latest projects focus on analysing the impact, the social and economic value of open data, and the reuse of public sector information.

As a fellow at the Governance Lab (Govlab) at New York University (NYU), she led the joint project Open Data 200 Italy. Francesca holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Research. She has been a research fellow in development sociology at Cornell University (US) and visiting doctoral researcher at the Warwick Business School - University of Warwick (UK). Active in the Open Knowledge Foundation Network, Francesca coordinated and designed three editions of the Civic Tech School, training sessions, hackathons, and data challenges for local and national governments. She has been involved in the OpenCoesione initiative and the Open Government Partnership - Italian team.

She is the vice president of Monithon, an independently developed initiative to promote the civic monitoring of government spending.



Emma Gibbs

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Emma Gibbs is a socio-environmental consultant at the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where she promotes policy change through sustainable forest management at national, regional and global levels. Emma has over seven years of experience across NGOs, the private sector, research bodies, and academic institutes promoting social change, capacity-building, and policy reform.

Emma holds a master's degree in Environment, Politics and Development from SOAS University of London (UK), and a bachelor's degree in International Relations and Anthropology from Oxford Brookes University (UK). As a Policy Leader Fellow, Emma will be examining the role of forest, education, and public health policies in mainstreaming the contributions of forests and trees to overall human health and well-being.



Teona Giuashvili

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Teona Giuashvili is a Georgian diplomat with over eleven years of experience. She has worked on multilateral diplomacy and conflict resolution as deputy and then acting director of the Department of International Organisations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. As deputy head of the Mission of Georgia to the European Union (EU), Teona has focused on Georgia's European integration priorities, in particular political and security dialogues, the conclusion of the Association Agreement, and visa liberalisation. From Brussels, she moved to Paris and served as chargee d'affaires and deputy ambassador of Georgia to France.

Teona holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Sciences Po, Paris, as well as Master's degrees in European Studies and International Relations from Sciences Po, the University Pantheon-Assas Paris II, and Tbilisi State University (TSU). As a PhD exchange scholar, she has spent an academic year at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in the United States. Teona has also lectured on Conflict Resolution at TSU. She speaks Georgian, English, French, Russian, and Italian. At the EUI School of Transnational Governance, Teona is working on the evolution of the relationship between the EU and the three associated partner countries in the Eastern neighbourhood – Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. In particular, she focuses on the role of non-state actors in these partnerships.



Pralok Gupta

Fellowship period: : 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Pralok Gupta is an Associate Professor at the Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. He had served in the state civil services and Industrial finance corporation of India. He holds the Fintech and Regulatory Innovation certificate from the University of Cambridge. He has been engaged in policy-making by the government of India on trade and macroeconomic issues.

A member of India's negotiating team for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement for E-commerce and Trade in Services, also appointed as an expert member of various task forces and committees of the government and industry associations in India. He has delivered training to delegates from developing and least-developed countries, including high-level delegations from Ethiopia, Mongolia, Myanmar, and Afghanistan.

He has been associated with research projects for international organisations. At the EUI School of Transnational Governance, he proposes to work on e-commerce/digital platforms.



Jaroslaw Gwizdak

Fellowship period: : 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Jaroslaw Gwizdak is a Polish lawyer, activist, former judge, mediator, and advocate for efficient and friendly institutions of public life, mediation, and social innovation. He is a member of the Institute for Law and Society Management Board. Jaroslaw also acts as a legal columnist for the oldest Polish daily newspaper and is an EU expert for Ukrainian judicial reform. Jaroslaw is a lecturer at WSB Academy in Dabrowa Gornicza and SWPS University in Warsaw. He appears as a legal expert in various media outlets: radio and TV stations, podcasts, and newspapers.

During his fellowship, he will work on developing a new narrative about the rule of law, especially in Central and Eastern European countries. Jaroslaw is the winner of the main prize of the "Citizen's Judge of the Year 2015" awarded by the CourtWatch Poland Foundation. Awarded by the daily Dziennik Zachodni with the distinction 'Personality of the Year' (2017) in recognition of promoting knowledge about the law in Polish society. He is a co-founder and initiator of the 2016 Judiciary Day (#DWS16) in almost 30 courts in Poland. Jaroslaw appeared at the Academy of Fine Arts at the biggest Polish rock festival 'Przystanek Woodstock' in 2017.

In 2018, after a low-budget, grassroots campaign, he came third in municipal elections in his hometown – Katowice, with 11% of votes. In 2020 and 2021 he was also a DemocraCEE Fellow, publishing analyses on legal issues on "Visegrad Insight".

Mustafa Haid

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Mustafa Haid is a Syrian human right and accountability advocate who has organised several international campaigns for justice in Syria. At present, Mustafa is a board member of the Dawlaty Foundation, a Syrian non-profit foundation that works with nonviolent activists on capacity building, democratic transition, and transitional justice in Syria.

Mustafa worked as a consultant for Human Rights Watch, the UN Office of the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, and the Special Adviser on the Responsibility to Protect from 2011 to 2012. Mustafa works now on media development as a senior advisor with International Media Support. He holds a master's degree in conflict resolution from King's College London.



Kashimana Amanda Ivo

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Kashimana Ivo is a political ecologist from Nigeria with academic backgrounds in environmental biology, geographic information systems, climatology, and geosciences. She specializes in climate and land-use nexus and changes, analyzing agriculture and forestry land-use conflicts, economics, and policies in West Africa.

She has worked for varied periods in the private sector, NGOs and development corporations holding designations including intern, landscape analyst, conservation officer, climate change projects officer, and environmental management consultant. She is now a co-founder of Biomes Conservation Limited, a consulting firm in Nigeria, working with governments, development agencies, and communities to improve policies for better livelihoods in Nigeria. In addition, she is rounding up her doctoral research as a DAAD scholar on land-use conflicts in relation to development objectives in Nigeria. She is interested in developing economies and development goals.

At the European University Institute, Kashimana assesses the implications of the West African transhumance and key land-use policies on livelihoods in Nigeria. Using an integrated assessment model, she runs scenarios to provide valuable insights into governance and policy options for managing resources and associated conflicts.



Umar Kabanda

Fellowship period: : 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Umar Kabanda is a policy researcher and analyst. He is the Founding Director of Kalube Consults Limited. In the African Union Scientific, Technical and Research Commission based in Nigeria, Umar was engaged on an ad-hoc basis as an advisory working group member to study the Impact of Covid-19 in Africa.

Previously, Umar worked as a research associate for the Economic Policy Research Centre; coordinating officer for strengthening good governance and policy implementation under the African Union Commission; capacity development officer in the Ministry of Gender Labour and Social Development in Uganda, and as an assistant researcher for the USAID Project on Refugee Resettlement in Uganda. He has a Ph.D. and Master's in Governance and Regional Integration, PGD in Human Rights, and a bachelor's degree in Psychology.



Liljana Kaci

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Liljana Kaci is a policy and legal expert with over 10 years of experience. She has worked with the Council of Europe, the European Union and at the national level with the Governments of Albania and France. Her work has centred on governance, anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, and countering the financing of terrorism, with a focus on enhancing European cooperation in criminal matters. She has a proven record in implementing multi-national and large-scale projects in cooperation with governmental stakeholders, civil society organisations and the private sector.

Liljana has an inter-disciplinary education: she holds a Master's degree in European and International Law from Jean Moulin University (France); a Master's degree in European Single Market from College of Europe (Belgium/Poland); and a double Bachelor's degree in Law and Political Sciences (France). Her work at the STG aims to provide policy solutions for governments and develop monitoring tools to enhance good governance and sustainable development. Other research interests include the intersection between governance and geopolitics.



Biba Jasmine Kaur

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Biba Jasmine holds expertise in environmental sustainability and biodiversity conservation with more than nine years of experience working with governments, bilateral and multilateral organisations, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector. Her strength is in building partnerships and leveraging support from governments, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector. Her work includes high-level advocacy, coalition building, climate change/sustainability research, monitoring and analysis of policy developments, information sharing and networking.

Biba is a Nehru-Fulbright Fellow with a major in sustainable development and conservation biology from the University of Maryland, College Park (USA). Biba has previously worked as a UNDP-India Consultant for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. Biba has also studied environmental policy at the University of Geneva. In her work, she has explored various facets of ecological systems. She has authored several articles for national and international journals and presented her work at forums such as UNDP-Bangkok, Smithsonian Conservation Institute Virginia, National American Museum, New York, and others. She was one of the selected UNESCO's Man and Biosphere Youth Ambassadors (2017). Her work at European University Institute includes addressing air pollution with development policy: Scanning best practices from across EU countries; and understanding the nexus between agriculture, energy, and the environment.



Isuri Yasasmin Kaviratne

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Isuri Yasasmin Kaviratne is a human rights activist and journalist from Sri Lanka with over 14 years of work experience covering the war and other socio-political issues in Sri Lanka. She was awarded the Young Reporter of the Year in 2008 and Best Feature Writer of the Year in 2016 by the Sri Lanka Press Institute and the Editors' Guild of Sri Lanka.

She is currently working with Amnesty International's regional office in South Asia on human rights violations related to the protection of human rights defenders in Afghanistan, rights of Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, and enforced disappearances in Pakistan, Maldives, and Sri Lanka. As a Policy Leader Fellow at the EUI, she is focusing on enforced disappearances in South Asia and the application of the transitional justice process to bring justice to the victims and their families. Yasasmin holds a master's degree in Conflict Displacement and Human Security from the University of East London.

Her other academic interests include journalism and international relations for which she has academic qualifications from India and Sri Lanka.



Caroline Jepchumba Kibii

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Caroline Kibii is an environmental sustainability professional, volunteer and researcher working in academia and the development sector with a bias on natural resource management, socio-environmental issues, environmental regulations and building climate resilience.

Caroline holds a master's degree in environmental planning and management, a bachelor's degree in environmental science and a diploma in project management. She is actively writing and publishing articles and blog stories on environment and development. Through her work in conservation, Caroline has been recognised among Top100 Young African Conservation Leaders 2021. Previously, she worked on a CGIAR research programme on climate change agriculture and food security.



Juan Lucero Zelada

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Juan Lucero Zelada is a Guatemalan lawyer with a master's degree in Conflict Mediation from Cadiz University (Spain). Juan gained practical experience working for more than ten years in conflict mediation, peacebuilding, post-conflict rehabilitation, and development within national and international public organizations and NGOs.

His most relevant professional experiences include being a Field Officer at the United Nations Verification Mission in Colombia, during which he supported the implementation of the Peace Accord; a Junior Technical Officer at the International Labour Organization in Geneva; representative of Guatemala at the G-20 Global Leadership Program in South Korea; senior advisor of the Minister of Energy and Mining in Guatemala; and Professor of Conflict Mediation at Law School in the San Carlos University of Guatemala.

Currently, he is the Co-Founder of Magnolia, an NGO that promotes cooperation and social change by providing practical tools to peacebuilders and people working in the field worldwide, including staff of the U.N. and other humanitarian organizations. During his Policy Leader Fellowship at the EUI, Juan is developing a high-quality, affordable online training in conflict mediation and peacebuilding: a self-paced program composed of videos, documents, and audio, to be downloaded at any time by people working in challenging scenarios in the Global South.



Akash Malhotra

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Akash Malhotra is an economist and an experienced policy researcher with a demonstrated history of working on diverse projects. He specializes in international political economy and development, with a special focus on illicit financial flows and conflict economics.

Akash is affiliated with UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network as a Local Pathways Fellow. He has published research articles in reputed journals on a range of topics including Indian Household Finance, the application of machine learning in economic policymaking, and sports analytics. His writings on various aspects of economic policy have appeared as op-eds in leading media outlets. Akash holds a master's degree in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University and an integrated bachelor's and master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from IIT Bombay.



Apurv Kumar Mishra

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Apurv Kumar Mishra is a senior research fellow at India Foundation, a premier think-tank in India where he leads initiatives relating to Indian foreign policy. He is an adjunct faculty of law at Ashoka University and teaches courses on law at several institutions including Gandhinagar National Law University and Plaksha University.

Apurv is a founding member of Robin Hood Army- a voluntary organisation of young professionals and students that works to get surplus food from restaurants across to less fortunate people in 160+ cities across 9 countries. He is also the editor-in-chief of India Law Journal and has led the Anubhav Lecture Series (ALS) at University of Chicago, India Centre. ALS is an initiative of Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago to train grassroots leaders in India. He has previously worked at the India associate office of Albright Stonebridge Group- a Washington-based strategic advisory firm and corporate law firm Amarchand & Mangaldas.



Manjusha Mukherjee

Fellowship period:: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Manjusha Mukherjee is an environmental specialist and policy strategist from India. As a Policy Leader Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, EUI, she is engaged in analysing the best EU policies on resource efficiency and waste management in addressing climate mitigation and is aiming to develop policy recommendations for India. In her professional career of close to a decade and a half now, different aspects of climate change, environmental governance, and waste and sustainability has been her key interest and engagement areas. She has a demonstrated history of leadership in policy research and advocacy across various Indian think tanks across these thematic areas.

She has spearheaded ground-breaking work on battery waste, e-waste and bio-medical waste management; microplastics pollution; and climate mitigation action plans, all of which are likely to influence evolving policies. She has several publications to her credit including journal articles, research reports, and policy briefs. She possesses a Master of Science in Environment Sciences (Calcutta University) and is a doctoral candidate (Ph.D. thesis submitted on the health impact of pollution in Kolkata) at Jadavpur University, India. Besides, she is also a passionate nature traveller, reader and Indian classical dancer.



Lian Najami

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Lian Najami is the first Arab-Israeli Rhodes Scholar, an inclusion advocate, and an international public speaker. Lian is also the youngest executive board member of two Israeli NGOs – Mabat and 50:50 Startups. Lian has recently completed her Master of Public Policy at the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford, where she also completed a Master of Science in Comparative Social Policy. She is determined and passionate about empowering Arab women to achieve economic independence, raising awareness of issues pertinent to minorities, and acting as an advocate for those with invisible illnesses and different abilities.

Lian was featured at the 2016 Forbes 30 under 30 summits in Israel for her leadership role within the Arab community and served in the US Senate as a Lantos – Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow in 2017. During her time as a Policy Leader Fellow, Lian is keen to focus on innovative labour, fiscal, and digital policies and initiatives designed to promote social inclusion and greater participation of women and marginalized groups across the MENA region.



Nduta Njenga

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Nduta Njenga is an Energy advisor at the Ministry of Water, Irrigation & Energy, State Department of Energy (Ethiopia). She is qualified to practice in Kenya (2012 call) with a decade of post-qualification experience working in the public sector (government) in the areas of energy and extractives policy, legal and regulatory formulation, implementation and management, and climate change through the lens of Sub-Saharan Africa development.

She is the holder of a post-graduate LLM in Energy Law and Policy from CEPMLP, University of Dundee (UK), and is a featured author in several international publications.



Etim Offiong

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 31 January 2022

Etim Offiong is a scientific officer at the African Regional Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in English (ARCSSTE-E), Nigeria. He heads the GNSS Section and facilitates courses in GNSS and Satellite Communication course options. Etim holds a Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Electrical Engineering from Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Nigeria; a Master in Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) from Politecnico di Torino, Italy; and a Master in International Science and Technology Policy from George Washington University, USA. He is also an alumnus of the International Space University (ISU), France. He participated in the development of the African Space Policy and Strategy, as well as the validation of the ECOWAS Space Science and Geomatics Strategy. He also facilitates a short course on Space Policy at OAU.

At the EUI School of Transnational Governance, Etim will examine how space activities are governed within the European Union (EU), and the EU's approach to global space governance. He will also examine the EU-AU space relations.



Boshko Stankovski

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Boshko researches international law and international politics with a focus on peacemaking and peacebuilding, particularly negotiation and conflict resolution, democratisation and good governance, human rights, and the role of youth in these processes. As a Policy Leader Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, he will be studying civil-military relations in post-conflict societies.

His Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Cambridge studies peace agreements on self-determination and secession disputes. He holds a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from the University of Cambridge. He is a former PfP Fellow at the NATO Defense College, Rome (2020). He also held fellowships at the University of Graz (2019-2020); Harvard Law School (2014-2015); and Indiana University, Bloomington (McCloskey Fellowship, 2010). He has been commissioned as an expert consultant for respected international institutions and organisations such as the Berghof Foundation, forumZFD, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), Kosovo Open Society Foundation, and many others.

He is a member of several pools of experts including Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN Network), the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe, the Pool of European Youth Researchers (PEYR) which is part of the European Commission - Council of Europe Youth Partnership, and the European Youth Forum.



Anna Patricia Valerio

Fellowship period: 1 September 2021 – 30 June 2022

Anna Patricia Valerio has nine years of experience as an analyst, writer, and editor in international development, ESG investing, and media in the Philippines, Hungary, and Romania. Her work in these fields has a common theme: using research to communicate complex ideas to a wider audience. Her published work has been cited in reports by the UN, the World Bank, and the OECD, among other institutions.

As an analyst for ISS ESG, Patricia prompted companies involved in corruption investigations about their remediation mechanisms and framed corporate tax avoidance as a human rights issue. She has also written about trade misinvoicing for Devex. In 2020, Patricia graduated with distinction from the Erasmus Mundus Master of Arts Programme in Public Policy at the Central European University and the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals. She also has degrees from the University of the Philippines and the Ateneo de Manila University.



Lucia Velasco

Fellowship period: 1 February 2022 – 30 June 2022

Lucia Velasco is an economist and policy practitioner specialized in the social impact of technology. She runs the National Observatory for Tech and Society from the Spanish Government.

As a Policy Leader Fellow at the School of Transnational Governance, EUI, she is engaged in analysing the best ways to govern technology in a way that bolsters democracy and unleashes the full potential of a human-centric digital economy. Lucia has been a senior advisor at the Prime Minister's Office focusing on technology, digital agenda, future of work and gender, as well as chief of staff of the recently created Secretary of State for Digital and Artificial Intelligence under the Vice-presidency of Economic Affairs.

Her working experience includes non-profits and management consulting. She serves at the European Commission as an independent expert and participates in different groups within international organizations such as OECD; CAHAI and G20.



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