

## Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs - Fellows 2019/2020

### Kareem Bayo

#### Tackling youth unemployment – The facilitation of local entrepreneurial ecosystems through SDG-focused small and medium enterprises

As a Mercator Fellow, Kareem Bayo addresses the concept of entrepreneurial learning and action as a means to enhance the professional development and the “labor market agility” of young adults in developing countries. Among other questions, he will focus on how to leverage the organizational capabilities and networking capacities of SMEs in this context. Kareem holds a BSc in Economics & Law from the University of Muenster and Seton Hall University and a MSc in Political Economy of Development from SOAS University of London. Kareem Bayo worked for KfW Development Bank, the German Delegation of Industry and Commerce in Nigeria as well as for a funding program of the German Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

### Andrea Dertinger

#### Development of climate-friendly power sectors in Western Africa

As a Mercator Fellow, Andrea Dertinger focuses on the development of low-carbon power sectors through renewable energy projects in Western Africa. She gained professional experience in the field of energy and climate policy while working for the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the International Carbon Action Partnership (ICAP). Andrea holds a BA in Philosophy & Economics from the University of Bayreuth, Germany, and a Master of Public Policy (MPP) from the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.

### Leonie Dudda

#### Diagnosis: Climate change – How climate change impacts health

During her fellowship year, Leonie Dudda examines the effects of climate change on health, such as water crises leading to infectious diseases and food insecurity. Leonie graduated from medical school at the University of Heidelberg and spent semesters abroad at Universidad de Cantabria and Universidad Miguel Hernández in Spain. She gained professional experience in public hospitals in Germany, Spain, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka, and South Africa. With a special focus on health issues, she furthermore obtained a MSc in International Development & Humanitarian Emergencies from the London School of Economics and Political Science

### Erik Eschweiler

#### The potential of music in the context of global citizenship education

As a Mercator Fellow, Erik Eschweiler works on strengthening Global Citizenship Education (SDG 4.7) through Music. His focus lies on the analysis and development of peace education through music projects in schools. Erik studied history, school music and historical singing in Leipzig, Stockholm and Florence. Most recently he worked as a music and history teacher. He is actively involved in numerous transcultural music and school development projects. As a countertenor, he sings concerts with professional ensembles.

Jonas Freist-Held

### **Designing public urban space to prevent (social) conflict**

As Mercator Fellow, Jonas Freist-Held examines the potential of cities as change makers in tackling societal and global conflicts and challenges. He gained professional experience in development cooperation, amongst others working for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and as youth advisor to UN-Habitat, as well as in political campaigning and advocacy. Jonas Freist-Held holds a MA in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action from Sciences Po Paris, a MA in International Relations from the Free University Berlin and a BA in Political Science from the Free University Berlin including a year abroad at the University of California, Berkeley.

Peter Freudenstein

### **India's energy policy: geopolitical challenges, environmental strains, and economic opportunities**

During his fellowship year, Peter Freudenstein examines different aspects of India's energy policy. He gained professional experience at the intersection of energy policy and international security at the Atlantic Council, the Center for Security Studies at ETH Zurich, and the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance. He is co-editor of the forausBlog. Peter studied International Affairs at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston (MA) and the University of St. Gallen (BA, MA). For his master's thesis, he conducted research on Russia's fossil fuel exports and assessed the future potential of energy as a Russian tool of statecraft vis-à-vis Europe and India.

Leonie Harsch

### **Local responses to global challenges: Localization of humanitarian assistance for refugees**

As a Mercator Fellow, Leonie Harsch works on strengthening the role of local actors, such as local NGOs or church and mosque communities, in international humanitarian cooperation. During her fellowship year, she can build on her experiences from two years of fieldwork with refugees and host communities in Lebanon and Germany, as well as a year in a grassroots organization in the Indian Himalaya. At the UN's regional commission for Arab states, she was able to gain work experience on a policy-level. Leonie holds a MSc in Migration Studies from the University of Oxford and a BA in International Literatures and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Tuebingen. She has also studied at Aix-Marseille University and IFPO Beirut.

David Hiss

### **Food sovereignty – Supply with reproduceable seeds for West-Africa**

As a Mercator Fellow, David Hiss will develop a concept how West-Africa can supply itself with reproducible seeds. As a building block for a food-sovereign region, the access to an own food-plant genetic resource is essential. David gained his work experience in companies of the whole food value chain, in development cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and in strategy consulting. The focus of his work has always been the development of food value chains towards a more secure and resilient provision of food. David studied Economics (MSc, BA HSG) and International Affairs (BA HSG) in Freiburg and St.Gallen.

Anna-Sophie Hobi

### Transparency and responsibility in the commodity sector – For a sustainable future in the south?

During her fellowship year, Anna-Sophie Hobi addresses the question of how transparency in the commodity sector (extraction and trade) minimizes the risk of illicit financial flows and corruption and thereby contributes to a sustainable future of resource-rich states in the South. Over the past few years, Anna-Sophie has worked on the commodity sector as part of the international research project “Valueworks” for which she conducted research in Zambia and Switzerland. Moreover, she is a committed member of the Swiss “Apartheid Debt and Reparations Campaign” and worked for the Swiss NGO “fepa”. Anna-Sophie studied Social Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Basel and Linnaeus University.

Dr. med. Finn Holler

### Prevention of pregnancy and neonatal complications in the Global South

As a Mercator Fellow, Dr. Finn Holler focuses on transnational humanitarian and political aspects of maternal and child health. He is a physician and worked in the field of internal medicine at the University Hospital of Munich. Previously, he gained professional experience related to pregnancy and neonatal health in hospitals in Colombia as well as in the management of international health projects at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Berlin. As project manager of a fundraising platform he advocates access to medical care for internally displaced children in Colombia. Finn studied Medicine in Cologne, Sevilla and Rio de Janeiro. Subsequently, he earned his doctorate in the field of pediatric cardiology.

Pierre Krenn

### Sector coupling – Key to the energy market of tomorrow

As a Mercator Fellow, Pierre Krenn works on the integration and interconnection of renewable energies in the sectors of electricity, transport and heat as well as on the question of how to achieve a better exchange between politics and research. Before dealing with the issue of energy efficiency at the Fraunhofer Institute, he worked for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Tunisia to strengthen the solar energy market. Further stations led him to the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and to the Representation of Bavaria to the EU in Brussels. Pierre completed a German-French double degree with specialization in International Relations at the KU Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Sciences Po Rennes and Sciences Po Strasbourg.

Tamara Krüger

### Gender-Just integration and equal rights of refugees

As a Mercator Fellow, Tamara Krüger explores refugees’ gender-specific experiences of integration and focuses on context-specific challenges regarding aspects of social and political participation. She has been actively working and volunteering in the field of migration since she witnessed the “refugee crisis” in Athens in 2016 firsthand. Tamara gained professional experience at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Morocco, and at the NGO “Start with a Friend” in Berlin. Tamara completed her studies in International Business Management (BA) and Social Development Practice (MSc) in Berlin, Montreal, Athens and London.

Fin-Jasper Langmack

### Companies and transitional justice – Avenues for accountability

As a Mercator Fellow, Fin-Jasper Langmack analyzes how companies and their employees can be held accountable for their involvement in systematic human rights violations. During his fellowship

year, he will examine the role of international criminal courts, national judiciaries and the possibility to involve companies in reparation programs and truth commissions. Fin holds a law degree from Heidelberg University and wrote his PhD on reparation programs in transitional justice. He advises several NGOs on matters of international law and publishes regularly on human rights, reparations and other matters of international law.

### Ann-Sophie Leonard

#### **New terr(AI)n with risks and side effects – Military use of Artificial Intelligence**

As a Mercator Fellow, Ann-Sophie Leonard examines the intersection of defense and technology. During her fellowship year, she will focus on guidelines of the implementation of Artificial Intelligence within the military. She gained professional experiences at the Federal Academy for Security Policy, the German Foreign Office and in strategy consulting. She was a student representative in the senate of the Evangelische Studienwerk Villigst. Ann-Sophie studied Politics, Administration and International Relations at Zeppelin University with experiences abroad in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. Subsequently, she completed a Double Master's Degree in International Security and Strategic Studies in Great Britain and Singapore.

### Helén Liebermann

#### **Successful leadership development for international NGOs**

During her fellowship year, Helén Liebermann works to increase the impact of international NGOs by strengthening leadership potential. She gained professional experience in leadership development for academics at the Dahlem Leadership Academy, as well as for business leaders at Lufthansa Cargo AG, Singapore. Leading research projects in her academic field of social psychology, Helén is currently pursuing her PhD on leadership in teams. She holds a MSc in Psychology from Freie Universität Berlin, with stations abroad in Australia and Finland. Helén is the co-founder of Kollektiv Feminismus\* and works as a volunteer dance and fitness instructor with refugees.

### Gabriel Pelloquin

#### **China, Europe and the question of political values**

As a Mercator Fellow, Gabriel Pelloquin examines the relationship between China and the European Union. Due to China's rapid rise, he is interested in its consequences and implications for the European Institutions and their political strength and common values embedded in the conflicting priorities of bilateral and multilateral approaches. Gabriel studied Philosophy and History in Freiburg, Montpellier and Heidelberg. He gained professional experience as a supply teacher in the support and integration of children with special needs and in the editorial office of a journal for contemporary literature.

### Selina Pfister

#### **Complementary pathways for the admission of refugees to third countries: Exploring the potential of protection schemes**

During her fellowship year, Selina Pfister examines innovative pathways for the admission of refugees to third countries. She explores how such refugee protection schemes can make better use of the potential of refugees and receiving societies. Selina gained professional experience in the International Organization for Migration in Bern, and in different NPOs working as a legal advisor for asylum seekers and migrants and as an external observer in asylum interviews. Furthermore, she worked for the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein in the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Selina obtained a BA in International Relations in Geneva and Alicante and a MA in International Migration and Human Rights Law in Brussels.

Marie Schröter

### **Potentials and limits of Artificial Intelligence to detect atypical radicalization processes in democracies**

As a Mercator Fellow, Marie Schröter seeks international solutions to atypical radicalization processes and the preventive use of AI without violating the right to privacy. Marie graduated at the University of Haifa, Israel in MA Political Science and Security Studies with a thesis on the usage of Twitter by German militant Islamists. Prior, she worked three years at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung London, covering also Brexit and EU Common Security and Defence Policy. Marie worked in the German Bundestag, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) in Delhi and a political consultancy. Marie volunteered one year in India, before she obtained a BA in Political Science at the Free University Berlin and University of Kent, UK.

Mario Schulz

### **Bureaucratic innovation for peace? The potential of adaptive peacebuilding**

During his fellowship year, Mario Schulz works on bureaucratic steering mechanisms for peacebuilding instruments. Among other questions, he will focus on whether adaptive management methods can help to respond more efficiently to contextual changes. Previously, Mario was a research associate at the Global Public Policy Institute in Berlin, where he worked on security governance in Iraq as well as Germany's conflict prevention, stabilization, and peacebuilding policies. He also gained professional experience as a civil military interaction analyst at the German Armed Forces. Mario studied in the United States, Germany and Paris, and holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in International Relations.

Alissa Siara

### **Innovative collaboration models between social enterprises and the state in Latin America**

As a Mercator Fellow, Alissa Siara explores how public-private partnerships between social enterprises and the state can be designed to facilitate the implementation of the 17 UN sustainable development goals in Latin America. Previously, she gained professional experience at the intersection of innovation and economic development at the University of St.Gallen's Chair of Business Innovation and the Sonoma County Economic Development Board in the United States. Alissa holds a BA in International Affairs from the University of St.Gallen with stays abroad in Chile, and a MSc in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Lara Louisa Siever

### **Business & human rights nexus: Human rights due diligence of corporations towards human rights defenders**

As a Mercator Fellow, Lara Louisa Siever works on human rights due diligence of corporations focusing on corporate responsibility towards land and environmental rights defenders. She gained professional experience in human rights protection at the German Embassy to Somalia, the German Parliament and a Senegalese human rights NGO. She specialized on business and human rights through her master thesis and as part of the consultancy twentyfifty. At Amnesty International she is coordinating the German work on human rights defenders in Chad. She studied International Politics and Human Rights Law (MA) as well as Social Science and Law in the European-African Program at Science Po Paris (BA).

Julian Allan Watkinson

### Aid recipients as donors – The implications of China’s rise as a “sponsor” of the Global South

As a Mercator fellow, Julian Allan Watkinson analyzes the implications of China’s rise as the “sponsor” of the Global South for the geopolitical influence of Western nations. After his German-Chinese double degree bachelor in International Economics and Business, he obtained his master's degree with a focus on Development Economics at the University of Groningen. In addition to his research in the field of Chinese development assistance, Julian founded the NGO *insectus*, which combats local hidden hunger by implementing insect farms in Zambia and Togo. Prior to his Mercator Fellowship, Julian worked as a strategy consultant in the private sector and a young professional in the finance sector.

Svea Windwehr

### Democracy at scale - Challenges and chances of private content moderation on online platforms

During her fellowship year, Svea Windwehr focuses on approaches to regulate online platforms, and is intrigued by the phenomenon of private actors taking on public tasks. Among other questions, she will focus on questions related to content moderation and is especially interested in the implications of actions by Internet companies for the protection of fundamental rights. She gained professional experiences with digital policy during her time at the European Commission and worked previously for a Berlin think tank and the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Bangkok. Svea studied Political Science and Law in Maastricht and Berkeley and holds a master’s degree from the University of Oxford.

Daniela Zingler

### Sustainability in the private sector – Policy instruments to foster a new carbon economy

As a Mercator Fellow, Daniela Zingler analyzes the question of how climate policy instruments must be designed to motivate the private sector to act more sustainably in the long term. Daniela has three years’ work experience as a Senior Consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the Sustainability Services and Climate Change team. There she modelled the financial impact of climate risks and opportunities on business models. Previously, she worked for BMW and Allianz Climate Solutions. Daniela studied Technology and Management (BSc) and Sustainable Resource Management (MSc) with a focus on Environmental Economics and Policy at the Technical University of Munich. She spent time abroad in Dublin and Barcelona.

Hanna Zinner

### Cyber Governance – Diverging modes of regulating cyberspace

During her fellowship year, Hanna Zinner explores diverging modes of Cyber Governance in Europe and China. Among other questions, she will focus on other states’ reactions to Chinese regulatory initiatives. Hanna holds a dual master’s degree in International Political Economy and International Public Management from the London School of Economics and Sciences Po Paris. Her China focus emerged during her studies of International Relations in Dresden and her year abroad in Beijing. She gained professional experience at the China unit at the German Economics Ministry, the German Embassy in Beijing, a Sino-German cooperation project at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), and in political consulting at Roland Berger.