**FORMER INTERNS BIOS**

**2021**

**Cheyma Barouk**

(she/her)

**Communications Intern**

Cheyma holds a Bachelor’s degree in Information and Communication and a Master degree in Innovation, from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. She’s currently enrolled in the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in order to be specialised in international law systems. She has prior experience in digital marketing and wants to develop her skills in the humanitarian environment, to bring equity and help to all. Cheyma is from Switzerland. She is fluent in French and English and has good knowledge of Spanish and Italian.

**Sofia Garcia Baudino (she/her) – Communications Intern**

Sofía holds a Bachelor’s degree in Journalism from Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Spain and a Master in International Relations and African Studies from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Before joining ISHR, she has worked for environmental rights and with human rights and defenders, especially women, children and Indigenous peoples in Latin America. Her interest in the field of human rights is inspired by her grandmother, a defender and activist in Patagonia, Argentina. Prior to joining ISHR, Sofia has worked with several NGOs such as AIETI or Aranjuez Sostenible in Spain. She is also a volunteer in the Red Cross Spain in the Refugees Department.

**Morgane Schmutz (she/her) – Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Morgane holds a Bachelor's degree in Public Law from the Catholic University of Lyon (France) and a Master's degree in International and Comparative Law from the University of Lausanne (Switzerland). Before joining ISHR, she worked for the Victims Participation and Reparations Section at the International Criminal Court, informing victims of their rights and enabling them to submit applications to the Court, as well as supporting them in the reparations process. Prior to this, she volunteered in different associations for women's and children's rights in Latin America. Her focus at ISHR will be on the Africa and Latin America programmes as well as on training and advocacy.

**Jing-Jie Chen (he/him) Programme Intern**

Jing-Jie Chen holds a Bachelor’s degree in Diplomacy from National Chengchi University, Taiwan, and is currently completing a dual Master’s degree in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action at Sciences Po Paris and War Studies at King's College London. He is passionate about human rights, in particular migrant and LGBT rights, peace and justice. Jing-Jie has previously worked for different human rights and humanitarian NGOs in Taipei and Paris, and also olunteers as an advocacy officer at Pour le Brésil, Research Lead at KCL Policy Research Centre, and Researcher at Sciences Po Human Development Research Initiative to advocate for human rights through student-led movement. At ISHR, he will work closely with both Asia and Migrants and the LGBTI Rights Programmes.

**Lane Eisenmann (she/her) Programme Intern (New York)**

Lane holds a Bachelor's degree in International Studies from Boston College (U.S.), and is currently working towards her law degree at New York University (U.S.). Lane has always been passionate about social justice and decided to go to law school to pursue a career in international human rights law. Before starting her law degree, Lane worked for an organisation that aims to end chronic homelessness in Washington, D.C. Within the field of human rights, Lane is particularly interested in women's rights and environmental justice.

**Chiara Menghetti - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Chiara (she/her) holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Bologna and a Master’s degree in International Relations from Leiden University. Her interest in human rights comes from the impact that the migration crisis had on her home country, Italy, from 2014, and then developed through her studies, internships and volunteer experiences. Before joining ISHR, she has worked at the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture, focusing on human rights in places of deprivation of liberty. More recently, she has worked to raise public awareness about human rights issues that affect minorities, Indigenous people and vulnerable groups in South East Asia. She has also volunteered in Indonesia with children from difficult backgrounds, and in Italy supporting migrants. At ISHR, she will be focusing on the business and human rights programme.

**Valeria Castellanos - Programme Intern**

Valeria (she/her) holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Relations with a minor in International Cooperation for Development from Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico. Previously, she has worked with several local and international organisations in Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela on issues of women’s rights, migrant protection, and humanitarian assistance. At ISHR, Valeria will be providing support for the Human Rights Defenders Advocacy Program (HRDAP) and the ISHR Academy, as well as overall assistance in different advocacy training and support activities for defenders.

**Céline Buholzer - Communication Intern (Geneva)**

Céline (she/her) graduated in Graphic Design at the Geneva Centre de Formation Professionelle des Arts (CFPA). She also studied Design for two years at the Gerrit Rietveld Academie in Amsterdam. Before joining ISHR, she has worked in a shelter welcoming young children from different communities with difficult family situations, offering them care and supporting them in their development. Céline is particularly interested in creating positive environments for all communities, defending human rights and creating links between all through communication and social contact. Her mission at ISHR will be to suport the Communications team and discover how NGOs and international organisations collaborate towards better protecting human rights.

**2019**

**Jean Mazel - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Jean is currently pursuing a Master in International and European law at  Aix-Marseille university, with a focus on international humanitarian law, collective security law and international relations. During the first year of his Master, he participated in the Charles Rousseau Moot Court Competition in Public International Law and and to a UN General assembly simulation on 'Activism & resistance : qualification issues of opposition movements in law'. Passionate about public international law, human rights and international humanitarian law, Jean aims to pursue an international legal career, within international organisations, non-governmental organisations or specialised State bodies.

**William Smith-Hatton - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

William is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in International Security at the University of Sussex, focusing primarily on human rights and genocide. In 2018 he completed his Undergraduate Degree in globalisation where he focused his academic work on women’s rights, specifically with relation to universalism versus cultural relativism. Before joining ISHR he carried out an internship at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Emergency Response Section.

**Cailan Cumming - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Cailan is currently working ISHR's women as well LGBTI defenders programmes. She is also supporting the organisation's advocacy at the Human Rights Council as well as assisting in its Human Right Defenders Advocacy Programme. Cailan is a Global Studies undergraduate student at the University of California Santa Barbara with a specific focus on the intersection of environmental resilience and human rights in the Latin America and Caribbean regions. She has spent the past year at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the University of Geneva integrating these interests within international institutional mechanisms and global governance systems.

**Kaleha Kegode - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Kaleha Kegode just finished her semester at the University of Geneva studying International Relations and is mainly working with ISHR's Africa program. Before joining ISHR, Kaleha interned at the Samburu Project, a small grassroots organisation in Los Angeles, California. There she first got started in the area of human rights through programming and fundraising of their well building projects in the Samburu region of Northern Kenya. She continues to pursue her interest in human rights through her interdisciplinary coursework at University of California where she is currently finishing her Bachelor's of Arts in African and Middle Eastern Studies and Global Health.

**Chloé Israel Collier - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Chloé holds a Master’s Degree in Law from the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium), where she specialised in International, Transnational and Comparative Law. Currently, she’s a LL.M student at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Before joining ISHR, Chloé was working as an intern with a juveline court judge in Belgium. She also volunteered in Sri Lanka for women empowerment. At ISHR, Chloé will be assisting with development activities as well as with Treaty Bodies advocacy.

**Teyslor Kangot - Finance Intern (Geneva)**

Teyslor is currently pursuing a BTS International Trade degree at Foucauld sup’ in Lyons, France. Having joined ISHR in May 2019, she’ll be assisting the Finance team with budgeting, accounting and administrative duties. Prior to this internship, she has worked as administrative agent at Actu Security Privée, an urban security company in Lyons.

**Karen Dedegbe - Programme Intern (New York)**

Karen is ISHR's program intern in the New York office. Prior to ISHR, Karen interned at the New York State Assembly and at a couple of NGOs that focus primarily on the rights of women and children. Karen studied at the University of Albany where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Political Science and Globalization. At the University, she used her platform as the Community Service Chair of the African Student Association to organise fundraising events to support the education of children in West African schools.

**Alisha Zhao - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Alisha Zhao is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Human Rights at Stanford University. At ISHR, she will focus on the protection of human rights defenders in Asia. Alisha is the Founder and Executive Director of Kids First Project, which is a nonprofit that brings critical programs and services to youth experiencing homelessness through direct service and advocacy. She is also the President of Stanford Students for Housing Justice and previously served as a Human Rights Commissioner for the City of Portland.

**Oghenakaro Okandeji - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Oghenakaro holds a bachelor’s degree in International Affairs from Afe Babalola University in Nigeria and is currently undergoing a master’s degree program in International Relations and Diplomacy at the International University in Geneva. Prior to joining ISHR, Oghenakaro has always been passionate about human rights and the use of international mechanisms to foster the promotion and protection of human rights and human rights defenders around the world. At ISHR, Oghenekaro supports the work of the Human Rights Council advocate.

**Anna-Tia Buss - Communications Intern (Geneva)**

Anna-Tia is currently finishing her bachelor degree in Visual Communications, Camera Arts at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts. In her photography work she integrates her own experience and international upbringing to explore the theme of identity, gender, human rights from different angles. At ISHR, she will focus on the creation of the human right activist video profiles, photography, event supports and other tasks related to communications. Anna-Tia is working as a freelance photographer and is currently completing a documentary photography project on young women in Kyrgyzstan.

**Coraline Challamel - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Coraline is currently finishing her master's degree in Latin American studies at Sciences Po Grenoble, and holds a bachelor's degree in translation and international relations from the University Lyon Lumière and the Catholic University of Lyon. She has a strong interest in human rights and conflict resolution, especially transition processes involving the creation of a transitional justice system. She previously did an internship in Colombia where she worked on the current peace process. At ISHR, she will focus on Human Rights Council mechanisms and the protection of human rights defenders in Africa. As such, she will be working on the national laws on the protection of human rights defenders that countries such as Burkina Faso, Mali, Sierra Leone, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo adopted. Other aspects of her work will consist of monitoring Council's sessions and helping out with the organisation of some events.

**Alexandra Ladwig - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Alexandra is a Juris Doctor student at the University of Michigan Law School and holds a degree in political science from the University of Michigan. She will be assisting with the work of ISHR on protection for human rights defenders in Asia and engaging with Human Rights Council sessions. Prior to ISHR, Alexandra interned for the Alaska Public Defender Agency, representing low-income clients faced with criminal charges. She has also spent time working with youth in juvenile detention facilities and engaging in prisoner advocacy efforts in the US.

**2018**

**Katherine Krahulik – Communications Intern (New York)**

Katherine joined ISHR in September 2018 to work as the communicationsinter for its New York office. She is currently an undergraduate student in journalism and philosophy at Hofstra University, where her involvement with the school newspaper peaked her interest in human rights advocacy. While at ISHR, Katie hopes to gain the skills necessary to successfully manage digital content on the organisation's different media platforms, improve content presentation and create effective message delivery strategies. She is also excited to learn about the inner-workings of the UN and human rights NGOs.

**Martina Napoletano – Communications Intern (Geneva)**

Martina Napoletano holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Digital Media Global from Edinburgh Napier University. She previously volunteered for Save the Children and took part, as a graphic designer, in an artistic collective in Berlin whose aims are to diminish female taboos. Her final university project, dedicated to the relationship between empathy and digital media, led her to apply a human-centered approach to her design processes. At ISHR, Martina hopes to continue using her empathetic approach in her work supporting human rights defenders and to help them express their voices via effective communication campaigns.

**Daura Vera Hernandez – Communications Intern (Geneva)**

Daura Vera Hernandez is Spanish and holds a BA in Media and Communications Sciences and English Studies from the University of La Laguna in Tenerife, Spain, and a MA in Journalism and Digital Communication, conducted by the Postgraduate University Institute (IUP). She has also experience as a community facilitator and intercultural technician at the University of La Laguna and has been involved in youth groups and NGOs working on cultural diversity aspects. She has recently followed an introductory course to Human Rights at the University of Geneva and has finished a course of Fundamentals of Graphic Design, given by the California Institute of Arts. During her time at ISHR, she hopes to get more insight on international mechanisms and human rights defenders and be able to effectively support the Communication Team.

**Joyinola Layonu – Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Joyinola Layonu holds an LLB Law degree from Coventry University and has recently completed an MSc in EU Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her passion for human rights advocacy developed in her role as a training officer at LSE’s UN society, where she liased with student bodies and local businesses in promoting an anti-trafficking campaign. Her research interests include the arbitrary detention of unaccompanied migrant minors in Europe and the implementation of human rights treaties in African countries. While at ISHR, she hopes to develop a greater understanding of how UN human rights mechanisms can be strategically leveraged in closing the implementation gap, particularly vis-á-vis the rights of human rights defenders in African states.

**Raphaël Viana David – Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Raphaël Viana David is French-Brazilian and holds a BA in Latin American studies, an MA in Human Rights from Sciences Po Paris, as well as an MA in International Relations from Peking University, China. He has been involved in student groups and NGOs working on gender, LGBTI rights and legal assistance to migrants, and focuses his research on politics and human rights in East and South East Asia (China, Taiwan, Myanmar), as well as Latin America (Brazil and Colombia mostly). At ISHR, he wishes to gain a deeper understanding on how to advocate for and uphold international human rights standards, in particular with regards to human rights defenders, and obtain an inner perspective on the politics at play within the UN human rights system in Geneva.

**Tom Foley – Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Tom Foley holds an LLB law from the University of Bristol. Through his legal education he has developed an enthusiasm for the international human rights mechanisms of the UN and work of NGOs. During his studies he held a research position at the University of Bristol Human Rights Implementation Center and he is a member of the Human Rights Lawyers Association. His primary interests lie in the way business and human rights interact, and through working in this area he hopes to contribute to building a better corporate accountability framework. He also holds interests in the work of treaty bodies and their relationship to human rights defenders, specifically on how their position can be strengthened in this context.

**Anwesha Bandyopadhyay- Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Anwesha Bandyopadhyay holds a BA and a MA in History from Jadavpur University, Kolkata in India. She is currently pursuing an MA in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. Her background in History led her to study various human rights movements of the 20thcentury and she is aiming to understand how she can contribute to the world of human rights both as an individual and through a professional role as a policy-maker. Through her internship with ISHR she wishes to gain a more prolific understanding about the world of human rights and how ISHR’s work is situated in this context.

**Joan Maria Monclús- Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Joan Maria Monclús holds a Bachelor’s degree in Law from the University of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. He is currently a Master Student of International and European Law with a focus on human rights in the University of Geneva where he also completed a Certificate in Transnational Law. A Spanish native with proficient level in French he hopes to get more insight on international mechanisms and be able to efectively support human rights defenders during his time at ISHR.

**John Indergaard- Programme Intern (New York)**

John Indergaard holds a Bachelor’s degree in Government and an International Relations minor from Cornell University. He previously interned at the Wilson Center in Washington D.C., where he worked with two scholars writing books about Myanmar and American foreign policy institutions during the Cold War. At university John was especially interested in researching conflict resolution and authoritarian regimes. He is proficient in French and Japanese. At ISHR, John looks forward to working on human rights documentation through the UPR process and advocating for human rights defenders.

**Sena Nutakor- Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Sena holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and French as well as a Master of Arts in International Affairs from the University of Ghana. She is currently an LLM candidate at the Geneva Academy for International Humanitarian law and Human Rights. Sena has previously worked as a research assistant with the Knowledge Management Unit at LECIAD, University of Ghana and also volunteers with a local charity that works to ensure underprivileged women and children’s access to basic needs. At ISHR, Sena looks forward to supporting and furthering the protection for human rights defenders across the world.

**Maria Mahdessian- Communications Intern (Geneva)**

Maria Mahdessian holds a Bachelor’s degree in Design from Concordia University in Montréal, Canada. She is currently pursuing her master degree in Design Research in Bern University of the Arts with a focus on the visual rhetorics of terrorist organisations’ self-representation. During her BA studies, she developed an innovative design thinking to try to solve socially relevant issues while taking into account the cultural, political, economic and environmental implications of design in society. She aims to use her creative skills to raise awareness of disparities in rights, basic needs and vulnerabilities. Her goal as a designer is to always express and communicate the idea and key message that underlie the project she is working on.

**Laura Gonzalez - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Laura Gonzalez holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and a Master of law from the University of Geneva. During her studies, she specialised in international law and developed a special interest for human rights issues. She then completed her education by a one-year intensive program in marketing, communication and management in Paris. She has previously worked for two years in a law firm in Lausanne. At ISHR, Laura hopes to get a deeper understanding of various human rights issues and looks forward to helping support human rights defenders.

**Aiden McKee - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Aiden is currently in his final year of a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in history) and a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He has also recently completed a Diploma of Languages in Chinese Mandarin. During his undergraduate studies, Aiden interned with the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, where he assisted in researching Australian law on the use of force in detention, as well as reviewing and cataloguing Australia’s potential human rights breaches in its offshore asylum-seeker detention centers. At ISHR, Aiden is particularly interested in utilising international human rights mechanisms to better support and enable local human rights defenders.

**Luke Wilson - Programme Intern (Geneva)**

Luke Wilson is a second-year student at the University of Michigan Law School. Luke is interested in human rights law. As a law student, he volunteered with Michigan Law School's Syrian Accountability Project, which documents atrocities committed during the Syrian Civil War for use in future war crimes tribunals, and the MLaw International Pro Bono Project, which advocates for legislation to protect LGBT communities in Belize. Additionally, Luke interned with California Rural Legal Assistance, where he worked on behalf of migrant farmworkers in California's San Joaquin Valley, and worked with the University of Michigan Law School's Human Trafficking Clinic, which provides legal assistance to survivors of human trafficking. Luke is currently interning at ISHR's Geneva office and looks forward to furthering protections for human rights defenders.

**Anteia Win - Communications Intern (Geneva)**

Anteia holds a Bachelor’s degree in International Relations & Political Science from the Erasmus University College of Rotterdam. She previously interned in the communications team of FIND, a foundation focusing on creating innovative new diagnoses for neglected diseases. At university she worked for a night-life-app startup called Nocto, helping it in the development of its database and marketing strategy, and later on becoming a regional manager with the responsibility of expanding the visibility of the company. Now working at ISHR’s Geneva office she's helping the organisation in its visual communication.

**2017**

**Juli King - Programme Intern**

Juli is a 3rd year law student at UC Davis School of Law. She has previously worked with an anti-trafficking organisation in Ghana, where she led a research study on effective interventions for child trafficking in the country by leveraging the apprenticeship market in Winneba, to reduce the gender gap in non-traditional fields. She previously interned with the American Bar Association's Center for Human Rights and externed with the International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law. She has also conducted research on mining's impact on women in Haiti. She is currently interning at ISHR's New York office to help the organisation in their work to support human rights defenders.

**Rebecca Jiménez - Communications Intern**

Rebecca has studied English, Social Anthropology and Geography at the University of Zurich. Since she got her Bachelor of Arts last year she was an intern at the national television of Switzerland and continued working as a stand-in production assistant for the German radio network ARD. In her free time, she helps, among other things, organising the Just Governance for Human Security Conference, which is held every year by Initiatives of Changes at Caux. At ISHR, she is now supporting the New York office in all areas concerning communication.

**Méabh Temple - Programme Intern**

Méabh is a 3rd year human rights student at the National University of Ireland, Galway. She has previously worked with Amnesty International's student group in Ireland on communications and served as chairperson of the Galway branch of the organisation. She has a keen interest in development work and is involved with the Romanian-based developmental charity CrossCause. At ISHR Méabh is supporting the director of Treaty Body advocacy and the corporate accountability programme manager.

**Marina Liébana - Programme Intern**

Marina is a recent international relations graduate from Madrid's Rey Juan Carlos University. During her studies she acquired a strong academic background in the field of human rights and international law, which she strengthened through active participation in local associations such as HELSINKI-ESPAÑA, an association focusing on focused on the promotion of human rights in the school system. She is now assisting ISHR's project manager in charge of training and advocacy while supporting ISHR's work in Latin America.

**Fanny-Anh Le Hoang - Programme Intern**

Fanny-Anh recently graduated from the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, in the field of International relations and she also holds a Bachelor degree in Translation French/English/Chinese. During her undergraduate studies, she worked with a Brussels-based think-tank where she focused on peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region. At ISHR, Fanny-Anh is supporting the Programme manager in charge of the Asian region and will also support ISHR’s work on women’s and LGBTI rights.

**Namindranasoa Ny Haja - Programme Intern**

Currently enrolled in the LL.M Master in Advanced Studies Program in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights at the Geneva Academy of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Namindranasoa holds a Masters degree in Public Law and Political Science-International Relations from the Catholic University of Madagascar. Before coming to Geneva, she worked as a legal advisor in a law office in Madagascar. She is now supporting ISHR's director of development and Treaty Bodies advocacy with a view to familiarise herself with UN mechanisms and the implementation of human rights treaties.

**Deloris Saad - Programme Intern**

Deloris is pursuing her graduate degree in Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and also holds a Bachelor's in Public Health and Development Sciences. During her undergraduate career, Deloris was actively involved with many national and international organisations working on human rights issues such as gender inequality, women’s access to justice, early marriage, domestic violence, youth marginalisation, mental health among refugees, and non-communicable disease management in refugee camps.  At ISHR, she is particularly interested in how national human rights institutions can play the role of a protection mechanism for human rights defenders and a promotor of human rights at all levels in States in transition towards democracy.

**Ryan Mills - Programme Intern**

Ryan is currently a graduate student at Arcadia University in the United States where he is in his final semester of the International Peace and Conflict Resolution Master’s Program. He is an experienced French and Arabic linguist and has worked with the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary detention through his graduate assistantship with his university professor. Ryan has come to the ISHR to further develop his working knowledge and professional skills in international human rights with a particular focus on legal advocacy and donor relations.

**Melina Riemer - Programme Intern**

Melina is an advanced undergraduate law student at the University of Muenster in Germany. She is also enrolled in a voluntary programme in common law. Recently, she completed a semester abroad with the Erasmus Plus Programme at the Aalborg University in Denmark. While studying, she participated in a student initiative from Muenster called "Weitblick", which advocates for fair access to education across the world. With her internship at ISHR, she wants to further develop her understanding of human rights laws and systems. She hopes to get a better insight into the UN system and see how it can be used to protect human rights defenders and ensure their work is fruitful. She is also particularly interested to see how the implementation of the Model Law at the national law can be promoted and monitored.

**Arturo Gorup de Besanez - Programme Intern**

Arturo joins the ISHR team while studying for a Master in International Relations and Diplomacy at the International University in Geneva. He holds a Bachelor degree in International Relations and History from the University of Durham, where he graduated in 2016 with a thesis on the relation between government-sponsored repression and IMF Adjustment Programs. After volunteering in international contexts including the 2015 Universal Expo in Milan and the Projects Abroad Human Rights Office in Argentina, Arturo is curious to learn first hand how NGOs can mobilise in collaboration with international organisations to turn idealistic universal principles into real impact on the ground.

**Nicola Silbert - Programme Intern**

Nicola is a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Science student at Monash University, Australia.  Nicola studied in Vienna, where she undertook research for the Academic Council on the United Nations System. Her legal experience includes working at the Environmental Defenders Office in the Northern Territory; the Association of Employees with Disability Legal Centre; Maurice Blackburn Lawyers; and contributing to the joint Australian National University and University of Melbourne’s ‘Trailblazing Women and the Law’ project. Nicola is looking forward to further developing the practical skills necessary to support human rights defenders and to contribute to ISHR’s meaningful work. She is particularly interested in understanding the gap between the lived experience of human rights defenders and the United Nations mechanisms aimed at supporting them.