

Denisse Almanza

(Panamá)

Denisse has studies in advertising and marketing with emphasis in the area of sales and graphic design at the Universidad Latina de Panamá. She is an activist, member of Voces mujeres Afrodescendientes en Panamá 2007 (VOMAP), of the Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora 2014. She is part of the Center for Panamanian Women 2006 (CEMP) and the Afro-Panamanian Women's Network (REMAP). She is the Coordinator of VOMAP-Juventud Panama and a graduate of the Hijas de ALKEBULAN Panama project. She has a Diploma in Cultural Management from the Technological University of Panama. She has participated in various meetings on issues of Women, Afrodescendants and Discrimination since 2007, which have been of interest, support, contribution, development and commitment as an Afrodescendant woman.



Lucía Chocarro

(Spain)

Lucia is a member of the International Relations Committee of the Spanish Youth Council with a focus on youth goal number 3 'inclusive societies'. Her background in youth organizations started when she was 15 years old in the local youth section of the Spanish Red Cross in a youth engagement project and shortly after she joined the national international relations team. Since June 2021 she has been the national international relations officer in the Spanish Red Cross youth section of representation. As part of the International Relations Committee of the Spanish Youth Council, she is part of the Spanish Delegation to the Youth Conference of the Slovenian and French Presidency. He is also a final year student of politics and international relations at the University of Manchester in the UK.



Michelle Belfor

(Suriname)

Michelle is an advocate for sexual and reproductive health and rights in Suriname. She has been a member of the UNFPA Youth Advisory Group since 2015. She has the commitment, leadership and organizational skills to continue working towards the values she believes in in order to support her country. Michelle has represented Suriname at the international level as the first Women Deliver Youth Leader in 2018. In 2020, she was the official representative for the Caribbean region of the United Nations Young Women's Working Group for Beijing 25. She is also a firm believer in the use of South-South cooperation as a mechanism to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Finally, she works on regional platforms to advocate for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Peace and Youth Development.



Yussari Ibáñez

(Chile)

Yussari, born and raised in the commune of Lanco, Los Ríos region, Chile. She is founder and president of the youth group Líderes y Capaces, which aims to motivate and empower young people. She is also a member of the Youth Council of Latin America and the Caribbean. Yussari has participated since the age of 17 in social, children's and environmental groups. She has been highlighted as a young protagonist of the region by INJUV and recognized as an outstanding person of Lanco. She has studied the 3rd year of Law at UC Temuco, has a diploma in Cultural Management, and certified courses on prevention of gender violence, DD. HH, Leadership for Social Innovation, ODS, among others.



Felipe Bosch

(Italy - Argentina)

Felipe holds a B.A. in Geography and a B.A. in Economics from the Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, a Master's degree in Metropolitan Governance from Sciences Po Paris and a Master's degree in Urban Studies from El Colegio de México. He is co-founder and analyst of the Americas Program of the Groupe d'études géopolitiques (GEG) and analyst of the Spanish edition of its magazine Le Grand Continent, of which he was co-managing editor until February 2022. In his research work, he has been interested in the role of civil society organisations in Latin American political systems, in general, and in the elaboration of public policies, in particular. She has been an intern at the Directorate General for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Directorate General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) of the European Commission, where she closely followed various contracts signed under the Regional Facility for Development in Transition, including those of the OECD and ECLAC. He is currently collaborating in projects that seek to promote a



Rodman James

(Sint Maarten)

Rodman comes from the island of Sint Maarten in the Caribbean. He has had the opportunity to live, study and work in the Caribbean, Europe and Southeast Asia. He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Business with a specialization in International Business and Economics in Southeast Asia and a Master's degree in Economics from Maastricht University in association with the United Nations University. He is passionate about entrepreneurship, governance and economic development, particularly in the context of emerging and developing countries. He has professional experience in Entrepreneurship, Public Policy and Venture Capital. He currently works at The Next Web (TNW), a Financial Times company, with open innovation strategies. He is one of the twenty-five representatives of the EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) Youth Network, which aims to increase the links between young people living in OCTs and the European Union.



Samantha Khan

(Trinidad and Tobago)

Samantha is a specialist in the area of sustainable development. She holds an MA in Cultural and Creative Industries from King's College London. She has expertise in project management to explore innovative solutions to development problems and has experience in connecting with underserved communities. She has worked at the United Nations, the European Union and the Commonwealth of Nations. Work experience has shown her the importance of an interdisciplinary and intersectional approach to human rights and sustainable development. Her interests include meeting people from different backgrounds and countries.



Anna Marie Nešpůrková

(Czech Republic)

Deputy Director of the Centre for Ibero-American Studies and member of the Ibero-American Club. She holds a degree in political science. She is currently studying for a Master's degree in Ibero-American Studies at Charles University. In the past she worked at the Ministry of Interior of the Czech Republic, where she worked in project management. Subsequently, she did an internship at the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Madrid, in economic diplomacy projects and cultural events. She completed two Erasmus+ stays abroad with studies in political science, diplomacy, human rights, humanitarian aid and development. She was a member of the Political Science Club, where she organized several debates with students, for example, with the director of the humanitarian organization People in Need. She was also a senator in the Student House of the Academic Senate of the Faculty of Arts.



Lucía Kempel

(Argentina)

Lucía is a psychology student at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). She is dedicated to early childhood education and is part of the Alerta Celsius project, which provides climate governance workshops for high schools in CABA. She is part of Jóvenes por el Clima since 2021 and works in the organisation as a referent in the area of education (designing workshops related to environmental issues for all ages) and territory (sphere of articulation with social and popular movements in Argentina).



Leonardo Párraga

(Colombia)

Leonardo is a global citizen acting in a local context. A Colombian activist who believes in the value of systemic change through sustainable peace, increasing community well-being and building strong networks. Passionate about the arts, alternative development and constant learning. Graduate of Harvard University's Masters in Education with extensive experience in nonviolent resistance. Since 2013, with the BogotArt Foundation team, they create a more democratic art world. Leonardo became the first Youth Ambassador of the Peace Palace as winner of the One Billion Act Award and the De la Paz Youth Prize. Leonardo co-founded Juventudes Por La Paz, a Spanish-speaking network building a peaceful environment in Latin America and the Letters for Reconciliation campaign to foster dialogue, understanding and collaboration between former FARC combatants and citizens. He is currently a member of the Youth Sounding Board of the European Commission, an alumnus of the Dalai Lama Fellows Program, a trainer for the UNAOC Young Peacebuilders Program and a UN Young Leader for the SDGs.



Pegah Moulana

(United Kingdom - Iran)

Pegah is a British-Iranian activist working as a current Advocacy Manager at Youth and Environment Europe, primarily responsible for YEE's leadership program known as the Advocacy Working Group, composed of 8 young people from across Europe who are interested in gaining experience and leadership skills on various environmental issues such as energy, climate crisis and environmental governance. Pegah holds a Master's degree in public international law from the universities of Leiden, Geneva and Sheffield. She has worked in transcontinental partnerships with the Council of Europe and also with the Commonwealth of Nations Secretariat, and looks forward to gaining knowledge and understanding of the EU-LAC partnership.



Lauren Ritchie

(The Bahamas)

Lauren is a climate and gender justice advocate from the Bahamas. Her work prioritizes historically underrepresented and marginalized communities at the forefront of the climate movement. Her interests focus on media and journalism, she also promotes climate education, creative storytelling and inclusive action through her digital platform, The Eco Justice Project. She has a podcast highlighting the perspectives of Generation Z black girls based on the Black Girl Blueprint. She graduated from Columbia University in 2022 with a B.A. in Sustainable Development. During her undergraduate studies, she created the Columbia Climate Conversations panel series in partnership with Columbia Climate School, inviting activists and scientists of color to speak on topics ranging from agricultural systems to sustainable fashion to disability awareness. She was part of the inaugural Girl Rising 2021 cohort of Future Rising Fellows working on a documentary film project about housing injustice and community organizing in Brooklyn, New York. She has extended her fellowship with Girl Rising and now works full time as a climate journalist, documentary filmmaker and spokesperson. Her writing has appeared in The Malala Fund Assembly, Adolescent Content, Brown Girl Green and Youth to the People, and her work has been featured by Refinery 29, Global Citizen, The Oxygen Project, Columbia Spectator, Reformation, AJ+ and The Michelle Obama Foundation.



María Azul Schwartzman

(Argentina)

She is a young woman working on climate action and youth engagement. In 2021 she was part of the first cohort of fellows in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) High Level Champions team. He is also a member of the Youth Sounding Board of the European Union since 2021.



Savannah Schuurbiers

(Curaçao)

Born in Venezuela, raised in Curaçao, Savannah graduated in December 2021 from the United Nations University- MERIT with a double master's degree in Public Policy and Human Development and a specialization in Social Protection. She is currently working in Brussels, Belgium at a research consultancy focused on the evaluation of EU public policies and programs. She is passionate about achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular eradicating poverty and reducing inequalities, through social policies, international partnerships and bringing young people into the center of development discussions. Savannah is a member of the EU Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) Youth Network and the EU Global Diaspora Fund Alumni Network.



Klaara Saar

(Estonia)

Student at the University of Tartu, Estonia, Institute of Education. She works as vice-president of the Kuusalu Youth Council and actively participates in the youth and education committees of the local government. From time to time she works as a teacher in schools and/or camps. She holds that it is important to help create an environment that supports a good lifestyle and education for young people, ensuring a great childhood and a successful adulthood. In her spare time she enjoys practicing different arts such as photography, painting and horseback riding and herbal medicine. She values natural, healthy and artistic lifestyles.



Leticia Tituaña

(Ecuador)

Leticia is an indigenous woman from the Kichwa-Otavalo people of Ecuador, a chemical engineer and STEM activist. She created Warmi STEM, an initiative that today is part of the KISTH Foundation of which she is co-founder and whose mission is to increase the percentage of indigenous women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers. Her activism has focused on the struggle for gender equity and indigenous peoples in educational, labor and climate spaces. She seeks to highlight the potential that indigenous women have to address various social justice issues using STEM education as a tool. This is how the work she has been doing has earned her international recognition. Today she is a One Young World Ambassador, recognised as an Ibero-American Young Leader and Future Rising Fellow 2021 in Girl Rising.



José Sabogal

(Colombia)

Master's student in Strategic Management and the European Cultural Space. Diploma in Economics and Finance from the United Nations Foreign Policy Academic Forum. Member of the Erasmus Student Network (Erasmus Student Network - ESN), in which he was National President of ESN Austria from 2019 to 2021 and Liaison Officer for America from 2020 to 2022, in charge of institutional relations with Nor and Latin America. He is the Head of International and Strategic Relations of the Politikos Network, as well as a member of the Expert Group of the European Commission in Austria. He was awarded by the University of Applied Sciences BFI Vienna for his social work with the "Social Commitment Award" as well as by the National Agency OeAD as "Erasmus+ Ambassador for Higher Education 2019" for his work related to the Erasmus+ program.

Eli Umans

(The Netherlands)

Eli comes from Amsterdam, the Netherlands. He is on the board of the National Youth Council of the Netherlands, where he is a member of the board for international affairs and focuses on international youth participation and representation. She has a degree in international relations with a specialisation in conflict studies.



María José Valverde

(Costa Rica)

María José is a project coordinator with a background in economics and public policy. She currently supports the Frankfurt School - UNEP Collaboration Center on projects related to climate finance, biodiversity and adaptation, and is heavily involved in research and evaluation issues of the Green Climate Fund. Prior to working at the Center, she also worked at the Green Climate Fund within the External Affairs Division, supporting the strategic partnerships team within the intergovernmental and UN system. María José holds a double Master's degree in Economics and Public Policy from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and the University of Tokyo, as well as a double degree in Economics and Social Sciences from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and the University of British Columbia. María José is fluent in Spanish, English and French, and conversational in Japanese.



Juan Carlos Vargas

(Chile)

Master in International Relations, Security and Development at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona (UAB). He is a Public Administrator from the Universidad San Sebastián de Chile, and also studied Law at the Universidad Central de Chile. He has a diploma in International Studies from the University of Chile and a Diploma in Leadership in Social Inclusion and Access to Rights from the School of Government and the Department of Social Inclusion (DIS) of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE) of the Organization of American States (OAS). He is a former student leader and has worked in various think tanks in Chile and Latin America. He is currently the General Coordinator of the Latin American Network of Youth for Democracy (Juventud LAC).



Tracy Van der Biezen

(Aruba)

Master's student in social inequalities with experience in island sustainability engineering. She comes from Aruba, an island known for its white sandy beaches with a thriving tourism industry and the country with the most Venezuelan refugees per capita. Interested in reducing inequalities, especially in relation to migrants and refugees in the areas of policy development and humanitarian aid. She believes that sustainability, both social and environmental are key ways to reduce global inequalities.



Ana Lucia Vidaurre

(Bolivia)

Ana Lucía Vidaurre is an economist from the Universidad Católica Boliviana (UCB). In her undergraduate studies for her thesis she obtained a research scholarship from the Hanns Seidel Stiftung Foundation and it was awarded by the Central Bank of Bolivia (BCB). She was part of the Instituto de Investigaciones Socioeconómicas (IISEC). She has a diploma in quantitative methods for economic analysis and a diploma in higher education. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Project Management for Development at the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASM). She is a researcher in international economics, EU-LAC relationship, environmental sustainability, gender, sustainable development practices and the inclusion of vulnerable groups in LAC with a focus on the Andean Region. She has participated in research works, publications with academia, public-private organisations in Bolivia and international organisations such as the International Labor Organization (ILO). She has been winner of the 1st EU-LAC Essay Contest on the Bi-regional Partnership by the EU-LAC Foundation where she is currently doing an internship.



Romolo Giangregorio

(Italy)

Born in Italy, Romolo is now working in Brussels (Belgium) as a trainee for the Directorate-General for International Partnerships of the European Commission, after spending one year at the United Nations World Food Programme in Panama City (Panama) as project coordination and information management fellow. He graduated in 2019 with a Master's degree in International Relations from the Sapienza University of Rome (Italy) with exchange experiences in United Kingdom, Spain and Finland. He is also currently obtaining a second Master's degree in Political Science from the same university, during which he interned at the EU-LAC Foundation in Hamburg (Germany). He is strongly interested in the International-Humanitarian nexus with a focus on human development, collective human rights and minority groups, and geopolitics of Latin America and the Caribbean.



Diego Castro

(Bolivia)

Born and raised in La Paz, Bolivia. Being one of the first representatives of his area to represent urban arts in different media and events he was able to make different impacts in his environment. He was for a long time the organiser of the urban arts event Street Freestyle that focuses on having a place to practice these expressions in the South Zone of the city of La Paz, and that is a place free of violence and the consumption of drugs and alcohol. This event would become one of the largest and most important events in the city and subsequently in the country.



Camila Acosta

(Mexico - United States)

Camila is a second-year student of International Relations at Anglo-American University. She is a Mexican-American dual citizen, and from Los Angeles, California. She has had a long time interest in social progress in the human rights sector within Latin America and also human rights issues pertaining to its diasporas around the globe. As a child of both Mexican and Guatemalan immigrants living in the United States, Camila has immense passion for taking part in the progress of her community, this has led her to concentrate in human rights with the intent to pursue a career in development in Latin American international relations. Apart from her studies, Camila enjoys participating in activism groups for causes she cares deeply about, creating digital content, and traveling. She looks forward to continued participation in events and research pertaining to European-Latin American relations.



Ana Gabriela Alonso

(Colombia)

Ana is a Colombian national and a student of international relations and law, so she thinks that this event will give her more skills and knowledge in her area of study through the acquisition of tools for her career and future projects.



Lindsey Taylor Sipplen

(United States)

Lindsey is in her final year of studies in Humanities and Social Sciences at Anglo-American University. She is a US citizen from Akron, Ohio. Her experiences with living in both the United States and Czech Republic has allowed her to develop a passion for the representation of marginalized communities. After participating in various volunteer projects in the US, Lindsey has now brought her activism to AAU by founding the Black Student Union and being its president. She speaks English and Spanish and plans to study French in the near future. Lindsey holds that diversity and respect for others is a key aspect to developing a well rounded worldview. After graduation, she plans to move to Barcelona, Spain to complete a masters degree in Digital Business at Esade's Business School.



Zoe Huertas Erikson

(Spain)

Zoe has grown up in a bicultural household, she has lived in Barcelona, Spain for the first twelve years of her life and in Chicago for the next six years. She has grown up in a bicultural family which has allowed her the privilege of having experiences in several countries. She is fluent in three languages which has allowed her to help people in her community. She is a law student at the Anglo-American University in Prague. After graduation, she wants to return to the United States to become an immigration attorney. The immigration problem in the United States is a problem she wants to work on.



Aniuska Infante

(Venezuela)

She is a student of International Relations and Diplomacy with a focus on Human Rights at the Anglo-American University of Prague. She was a pro-democracy activist in the anti-government protests in Venezuela from an early age, participating in non-violent activities and supporting young protesters affected by the clashes against the Venezuelan police and militia. She has participated as an intern in talks directed towards the Municipal Council of Lechería about symbolic violence focused on gender violence and organized by the non-profit foundation "Fundación Soy Crear". She has a great passion for all sports. She is currently a 2nd Dan black belt in Karate-Do and has been part of the Venezuelan national Karate team since 2017, with which she has had the opportunity to successfully participate in two world championships, two Pan American championships and multiple national and regional championships. She also had the opportunity to coach the competitive karate team from 2017 to 2021.



Paulina Morales

(Mexico)

Paulina is a Mexican student of International Relations with a specialization in Human Rights at AAU Prague. Since 2018, her interest in social and gender inequalities has led her to do several volunteer work. In Mexico, she collaborated with organizations in marginalized communities in the mountains of Guerrero. Later, during 2019, she volunteered with children in Nepal and in the organization Tender Heart India with underprivileged children and women. Paulina is also a young woman with an enormous passion and commitment to feminism. She is currently an active member of Pangea, a queer feminist organization based in Prague. Her areas of interest include gender violence in Latin America and sexual and reproductive rights.



Sara Quintero

(Panama - United States)

Sara Quintero is a first-year student of Political Science at the Anglo-American University. She is a Panamanian-American dual citizen, and from Miami, Florida. She has had a long-time interest in political, economic, and social progress in Latin America that has translated into independent studies as well as plans to pursue a career in Latin American international development and academic research, inspired from experiences as a child of immigrants. Outside of university, Sara enjoys travel, painting, and learning French and Portuguese. She hopes to continue her involvement in events, internships, research, and more related to European-Latin American relations throughout her time at the Anglo-American University and beyond.



Martin Valdez

(Peru)

During the summer of 2022, he had the opportunity to be the student coordinator for a group of exchange students who came to study a specific program on the study of European Union and Latin American Commerce and Trade Relations, where he was able to learn from the lessons and gained a profound interest in EU-LAC relations. He believes that attending this important event he would be able to expand his views on the matter in many more aspects than the ones he already has some knowledge of. Additionally, as a national from a Latin American country (Peru), and now studying in Europe. The relationship between these two regions grows his interest since he has a better insight of both, and the experience could successfully sum to his proficiency in these prospects that might be useful for his future plans and career.



Richard Mittner

Richard es estudiante de la Universidad Masaryk de Brno, donde estudia Derecho en la Facultad de Derecho y Relaciones Internacionales en la Facultad de Estudios Sociales. Es miembro de Politika (nejen) pro mladé /Política (no sólo) para los jóvenes/, un proyecto que pretende educar e informar (no sólo) a los jóvenes checos (y también a los eslovacos) en materia de política, democracia, asuntos internacionales, ecología, etc. El objetivo de Politika (nejen) pro mladé es promover y crear una sociedad civil joven informada y activa como base de una democracia liberal estable. El proyecto fue galardonado con el segundo puesto en el Premio Europeo Carlomagno de la Juventud 2022. Richard también participa en otras actividades educativas. Le gusta la literatura, el deporte, la ecología, la apicultura y aprender idiomas.



Veronika Novotná

Veronika estudia Ciencias Políticas y Relaciones Internacionales en la Universidad Carolina de Praga. Como miembro de Politics (not only) for the Youth, que es una plataforma en línea cuyo principal objetivo es informar a los jóvenes sobre asuntos nacionales e internacionales, se esfuerza por promover la ciudadanía activa y el interés por los temas de actualidad. También coorganiza la Cumbre de Estudiantes de Praga, un proyecto educativo de un año de duración abierto a estudiantes de secundaria y universitarios. El objetivo principal del proyecto es ampliar los conocimientos de los participantes sobre los problemas mundiales y agudizar su pensamiento crítico mediante una simulación de organizaciones internacionales (ONU, UE, OTAN y G20).

María Ximena Suárez



Estudiante de la Licenciatura en Ciencias Políticas en la Universidad de Hradec Králové. Vive en la República Checa desde 2017 y actualmente trabaja como analista de soporte de software en Quadient. Es miembro de la Red de Estudiantes Erasmus (ESN, Erasmus Student Network), fue presidenta de la sede de la organización en Hradec Králové de 2020 a 2022. Ha sido embajadora del programa Study In de la Agencia Nacional Checa de Cooperación Internacional e Investigación (DZS) y receptora del premio nacional DZS 2021. Además, María ha colaborado con la organización Save My Identity para recopilar información sobre la diáspora venezolana sin pasaporte y ha participado en cursos de formación para la educación no formal en el ámbito de los retos a los que se enfrentan los jóvenes LGBTQIA+ (Eduk8 Starter).

Lourdes Aramayo

(Anglo-American University Prague)



From 2019 Lourdes is one of the three founders of Anglo-American University and from 2020 Founder and Director of the LAC-Center (Latin American and the Caribbean Business and Studies Center) at this University. She holds Ing. In Political Economics with specialization in Analysis of Socio-Economic Data a Ph.D. in Economic Policy from the University of Economics, Prague. She specializes on the relations between Latin America and the European Union. She was the Executive Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Economics, Prague from 2008 until 2018. She was also a lecture at the Department of Economics and International Relations at this University. She is member of the Bi-Regional Academic Council of the Permanent Academic Forum Latin America and Caribbean-European Union.

Gabriela Nones

(United Nations Development Programme)



Gabriela is the Youth Focal Point for UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean. She has more than 15 years of experience in development related subjects, mostly field work, in the design and implementation of governance and election projects. She has provided technical electoral assistance in post-conflict countries and countries undergoing peacekeeping processes, political and electoral reforms, in subjects related to civic engagement, gender equality and women's political participation and empowerment, youth participation and engagement, and other vulnerable population access to participation. She has international experience from different regions and has worked in electoral process in East Timor, Nepal, Afghanistan and Tonga and has integrated several national and international observation missions in the LAC region. She is sociologist and holds a master's degree in International Decentralized Cooperation for Peace and Development from the Basque Country University in Spain.

Francesco Chiodi

(Italo-Latin American Institute)



Francesco, an Italian national, has been the social policy coordinator of the European Union's Eurosocial Program for the last 10 years. He works at ILLA - Italian-Latin American international organization, based in Rome. With university and post-university studies respectively in Italy and Mexico, he is a specialist in social and employment policies. He has a vast experience working in Latin America, where he has worked in United Nations agencies and directed cooperation programs. In Italy he has been an advisor to various public institutions. A convinced Europeanist, he is also dedicated to promoting reciprocal knowledge between Europe and Latin America.