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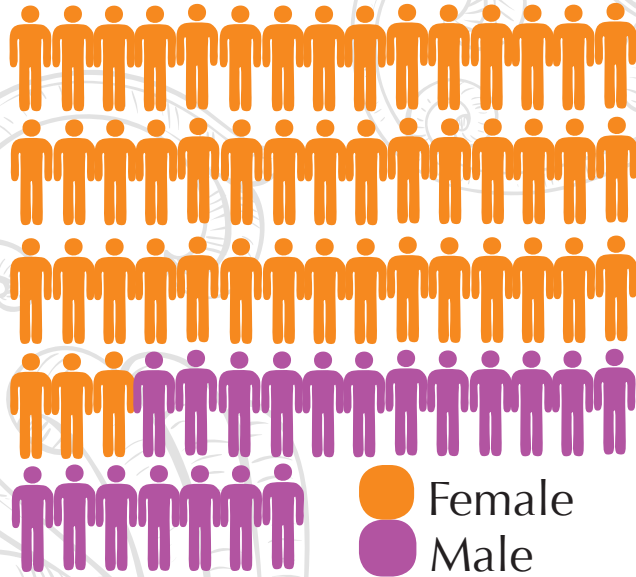
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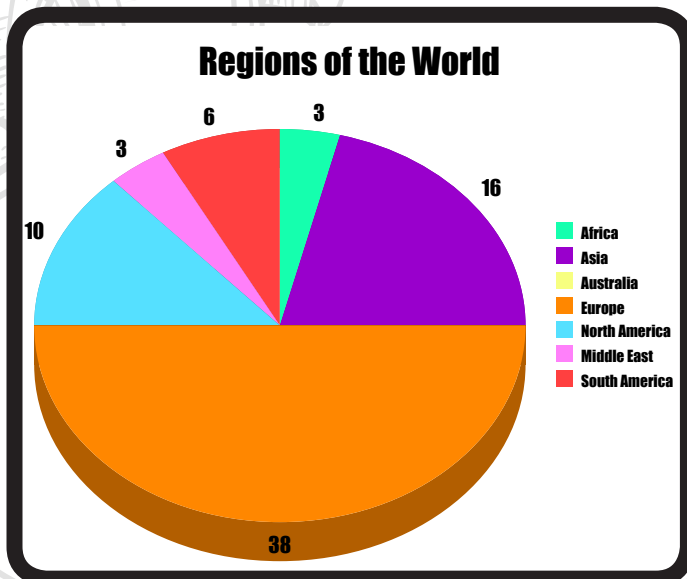
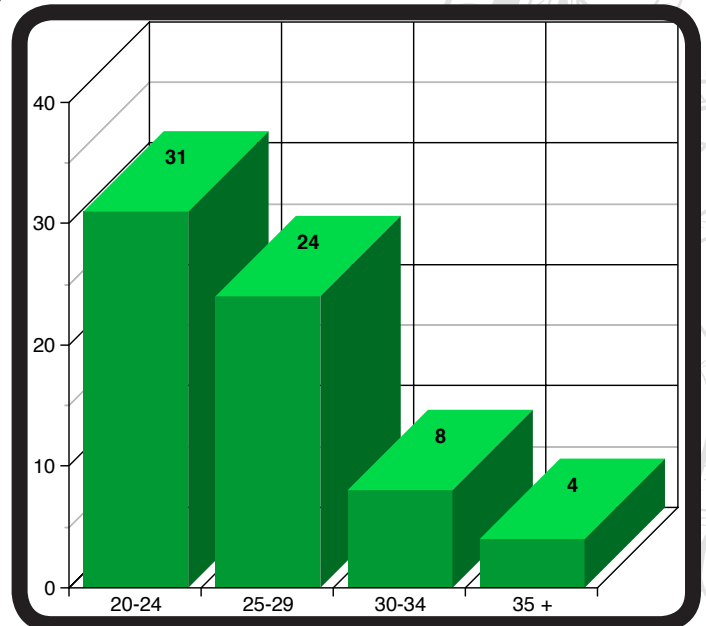
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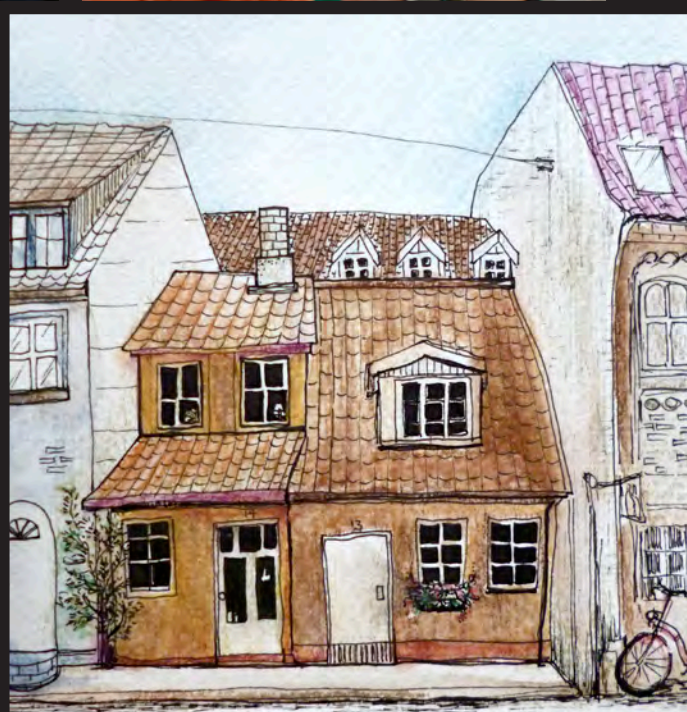
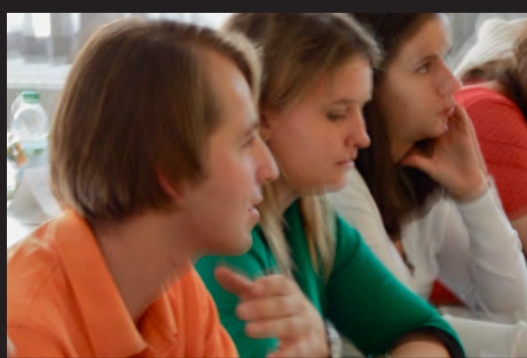


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Region



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◦ Interview Questions

Our Erasmus Mundus scholars paired off and interviewed each other to write brief Blue Book biographies. They also answered the following 5 Questions:

If time and money were ◦
no object, what you
would you write about?

One time in Aarhus... ◦

What do you most want ◦
to do before you die?

If aliens came to Earth, ◦
what would you tell them?

Where/What most inspires you? ◦



Alex Dufour

• Amsterdam

Canada/
Maryland (USA)



B.S. Journalism and Public Relations

• West Virginia University

- Great question?
- One time in Aarhus, I lost my bike for 4 days.
- I want to travel to every country in the world before I die.
- Do not visit or everyone will freak out.
- Great question?

Alex Dufour was born in Montréal, Canada, but lived in the United States since he was 12 years old. He obtained his bachelor's of science degree in journalism and public relations from West Virginia University. While at WVU, he worked as a correspondent for the university newspaper and had three internships working with media relations at the university hospital, news and informational services at the WVU coliseum where the basketball team plays, and a social media networking intern with a website. He also worked as an account executive at a public relations firm called Vivid Marketing Inc. in Washington, D.C. After the program, he plans to obtain my J.D. (law degree) from a renowned institute in Boston, Massachusetts. In ten years, he plan to be an established attorney in the state of Massachusetts in the field of criminal defense with the specialization of media and copyright law.

• Alix Barré

• Hamburg

France/
Netherlands



B.A. History of Art

• University of Leicester

- If time and money weren't an issue, I would want to write a recipe book.
- One time in Aarhus I trusted Laura's sense of direction and ended up doing a small tour of Aarhus by night.
- I want to have sushi in Japan.
- Leave!
- The Sea

Alix Barré is a “multicultural European”, in her own words. Native-born French with a Dutch upbringing and a British undergraduate education, she says she cannot identify with a single country when asked of her origins. “In Holland, I had classmates from many European countries, so I was influenced by many cultures... when you don't have nationality, it's nice to be around people who feel the same way”, she says in regards to the reasons why she applied for the Erasmus Mundus Journalism Programme. Twenty-one years old with a BA in History of Art from University of Leicester in England, Alix is now focusing on her true passion, journalism. After completing internships at the Northamptonshire Telegraph in England and broadcasting company France Television, she is now intent on finding a job at an international news agency once she has completed the programme. She believes her specialism studies, Journalism and Media Across Cultures at the University of Hamburg, will be just what she needs to become a successful news reporter on an international level.

○ Anastasis Koutsogiannis

• Amsterdam

Greece ○



B.A. Journalism ○

• National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

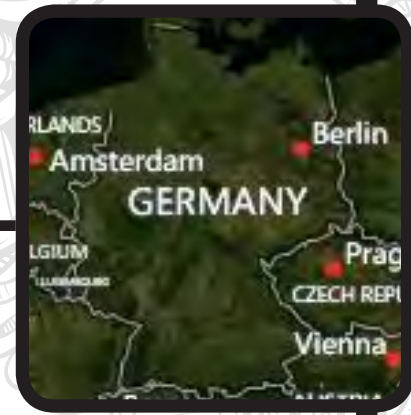
- I would like to write a book about all these interesting subcultures which the world has witnessed the last century. I would refer to everybody, from beatniks to pranksters, hippies and punks, skinheads and hooligans-- generally, all the outlaws of this world.
- One time in Aarhus I met a drunken guy at a bus station on the way back home. We had a really nice conversation for 30 minutes. He was talking in Danish and I was trying to talk in English.
- I have no idea... I don't like making future plans. I think to go to a Tom Waits concert is quite ok!
- I would give him a copy of Celine's book "Journey to the end of night", a copy of James Joyce's "Ulysses" and another copy of Karl Marx's "Capital" in order for him to understand clearly what human intelligence means. Maybe some records of Frank Zappa and Captain Beefheart as well...
- I think that night inspires me the most everywhere I am. It makes no difference for me either sitting on my couch in Athens, or my desk in Vienna, or in the auditorium here in Aarhus. When it's dark I am more creative.

If you google his name you'll find a Hatha Yoga Teacher. No, that is not him. This Anastasis is a Greek music journalist and editor for TV (MAD TV), magazine and newspaper. He loves sports, especially soccer, and was born on February 5th 1989. He was a great soccer talent when he was 16. He's studied Journalism in Athens before he flew to Aarhus for his Master degree. He doesn't do long term planning, but an around the world trip is on his bucket list.

• Anne Steinbach

• London

Germany •



B.A. International Business

(Focus in International Tourism, Event and Hospitality Management)

• **Cologne Business School**

- Probably about something that involves travelling around the world for quite awhile.
- “One time in Aarhus... and you know how to fix a bike on your own.”
- See the whole world!
- Watch out, you have just landed on respatialized territory!
- Bali (Indonesia)

Anne is a 22-year-old Berliner who has studied International Business in Cologne (Germany) before starting the Master in Denmark. She has worked in fields ranging from a social enterprise in west Africa to an event agency in Berlin to a Surfcamp in France. Thus, as varied as her experiences are, her professional future is unclear for the next ten years. However, working as travel journalist or business journalist are numbers one and two on the current list of ‘things to do after uni life.’

Annemiek Wilson

• Hamburg

Denmark



B.A. Journalism

• University of Montana

- I would make documentary films exposing human rights injustices and use them to create awareness and understanding on an international scale.
- One time in Aarhus I learned that biking can bring people from more than 40 different countries together. Especially when you include Danish weather, lots of hills, and a little too much Tuborg!
- Working as a journalist, having a family, working for an NGO, breaking a meaningful story, traveling to every continent, snowboarding and playing football/soccer for as long as I possibly can, and becoming fluent in Spanish, French, and German.
- Don't eat yellow snow, embrace change, and focus on the good in everyone.
- Mountains. They are magnificently beautiful but still provide opportunities for some of the most exciting adventures the world has to offer.

Annemiek Wilson is a recent graduate of the University of Montana School of Journalism and comes from Herlev, Denmark. While attending university she worked as a reporter and anchor at KBGA college radio for 2 years. She later moved to Missoula's KPAX-TV news station (local CBS affiliate) and worked as a reporter in her last year at UM. During the next ten years Annemiek hopes to establish a career as an international journalist with a base in Denmark. She wants to focus on both domestic and international human rights issues and hopes to end up working for an NGO within this field.

Camille Roch

• Swansea

Switzerland



B.A. Information & Communication Sciences/Literature

• University of Neuchatel

- I'd probably take off for a worldwide trip and report about people lifestyle from here and there. I don't especially think I'll be covering big events but mostly stories I'm attracted to. Since money wouldn't be a problem, no need to care about selling them.
- Once in Aarhus, It didn't rain for two days in a row.
- Well, on the top of my official bucket list I have going to Tahiti. From there, I'd become a scuba diving teacher and get a job in Bora Bora.
- I have been deeply terrorized by aliens since I saw the comedy Mars Attacks when I was ten. So if I meet an alien I'll probably run as fast as I can in the opposite direction instead of taking him for a shopping trip.
- Any smoking place which involves food and drinking will probably do the trick and become an amazing source of inspiration. Also I do have a particular attraction to sunny, seaside and transat-including areas.

Since she was little, Camille always liked to write. She was curious and wanted to know everything. After an internship for Swiss TV, she figured out that working as a journalist was ideal. Changing places and discovering new stories every day is perfect for her, a person who likes to travel. This Masters gave her the chance to « get internationalized » and to meet new people. When she saw the specialization 'War and Conflict', she thought 'This one is for me! War and conflicts are the basic stories for a journalist, and getting a chance to understand the ins and outs of it, it is fascinating.' Her plan A was to enter this programme and she still has 2 years to figure what comes next. The first time someone meets Camille, they understand that she is an awesome bro, a real chill dude.

○ Carolina Krause

• Swansea

Brazil ○



B.A. Journalism ○

• University of Brasilia

- I would love to write a special reportage entitled “Places you should visit before you die”, featuring the most amazing destinations on earth. I should visit them first, so I could give accurate information.
- Once in Aarhus, I realized how the different parts of the world have so many contrasts and how the place where a person lives determines the opportunities he/she has. Coming to Denmark directly after a couple of months in Africa inspired me to think about ways of making a positive impact in people’s lives, especially the ones in most need.
- I would like to work for something I believe in, to have a beautiful family and to visit countries in Asia and Oceania, which are the two continents where I have never been.
- I would tell them that we have beautiful places and great people, but that we haven’t made the best use of Earth. So I would ask if they had better ideas or technology to help us out!
- Beaches. I love to walk in the sand and to look at the sea. It gives me peace and helps me to reflect about life.

This smiling Brazilian girl came to Aarhus after having fantastic experiences on the three continents. Carolina worked in a local newspaper “Jornal de Brasilia” while obtaining a BA from the University of Brasilia. Then she moved to Hague, the Netherlands to work in the International Criminal Court. Carolina also worked in the Brazilian Association of Radio and TV and in the International Committee of the Red Cross. One of the most exciting jobs in her life was teaching English to children in Ethiopia. Carolina dreams to make a positive impact, working for the international organizations dealing with human rights. That’s why her second year is at University of Swansea.

○ Catalina Guzmán

• Hamburg

Chile ○



B.A. Journalism ○

• Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- Dances of the world, cultural and tribal expressions and rhythms, especially African and Latin American. There is such honesty, strength and passion there I think it should be a journalistic duty to share it with humankind.
- One time in Aarhus I dreamed about having friends from every continent, and I woke up to realize it had become true.
- Live, Love and Enjoy!
- It's not as bad as it looks like!
- An empty stage.

Her name is Catalina Guzman, but she introduces herself as "Cata", what her friends call her in Chile. She studied journalism. After doing her internship in CNN in Atlanta in the US, she started working as an International Reporter for CNN CHILE. After 2 years she quit her job to travel, and has been working and traveling abroad ever since. She doesn't like the idea of setting professional goals, she'd rather let life surprise her.

○ Changiz Mahmoodzadeh

• Swansea

Iran ○



B.A. Journalism ○

•Faculty of Media Studies

- My dream is reporting a war from deep inside of the battlefield, that's why I chose Swansea as my specialism year.
- Once in Aarhus I fell off my bike drunk, since I am such an alcoholic.
- Climb the K2 peak
- I would dissuade the aliens who want to visit planet earth because earthlings are crazy.
- Bed.

Changiz is a personable Iranian, with a flowing ponytail and cozy smile. If you meet him for the first time, you may think he is a prince of Persia from ancient times. He started his professional career 12 years ago even though he is just 32 years old. He wrote for several Iranian newspapers and also had a weekly live program on radio for 2 years. (We can imagine that he is pretty popular in Iran). If Steve Jobs were still alive, maybe he would have a good conversation with Changiz who doesn't have any plans for next ten years. He doesn't plan for tomorrow; he just enjoys every day.

Christina Tashkevich

• London

Georgia



B.A. Journalism

M.A. International Journalism

•Tbilisi State University

M.A. Journalism and Media Management

•Georgian Institute of Public Affairs

- Go on tour with Pearl Jam and cover it.
- I went walking under the starry sky and it was divine.
- Write and publish a book. Maybe two.
- He'll scan my brain and know everything before I even open my mouth to say "hello."
- Kensington, Bloomsbury, South bank in London, Svaneti in Georgia

"I was stuck in a small world, Georgia is very local and I needed to get an international perspective, push myself out of that local circle" With that in mind, Christie, 32, from Tbilisi, Georgia, decided to go abroad and find new things about herself, her skills, and dive into the world of international media and journalism. For her the strength of this program is in bringing all sorts of people together, and enabling people to change, not only professionally, but also on a personal level. After a previous education in journalism and working as an online editor at RFE/RL radio, she was ready to start a new phase in her life. With her specialism year in London, she wants to gain more knowledge about world affairs, but her interests in music and arts could also lead to a future career.

Liu Chuchu

• Hamburg

China



B.S. Automation Engineering

•Beijing Institute of Technology

- I would like to write a novel based on the real life of the Chinese people who retired in the 1980s and 1990s because of the bankruptcy of state-owned corporations at the beginning of the enforcement of the Reform and Opening-up Policy. I want to show vividly how they struggled to make a living, how they set their own business successfully and the change they had to accept.
- One time in Aarhus I walked from the International Center to the School of Media and Journalism for over one hour in a rainy day and got lost but finally I did it.
- I want to get married with the man who loves me and whom I truly love.
- The Earth is going to be overwhelmed and destroyed by our activities.
- I feel inspired when standing at the top of a mountain looking at the spectacular landscape in the distance. It makes me feel I am so tiny in the space. I should show respect towards the nature and those who are superior to me so as to learn from them to improve myself.

Chuchu Liu majored in automation at the Beijing Institute of Technology. She has worked as an English teacher in China, preparing high school pupils for international exams, such as GRE and IELTS, and studying abroad. She loved the flexibility of this job. Her professional goal is to become a political journalist either in China or Europe. Alternatively, she also considers working for a humanitarian organisation in less-developed countries.

Daniel Isler

• Amsterdam

Israel



B.A. Political Science- Sociology minor

• Ben Gurion University

- I would like to document in several means (video, writing, recording and more) a few years in one ordinary family's life. My aim will be to examine if anonymous people's story are a valid journalistic topic. (hint: it is)
- Once in Aarhus I got shit-drunk. Wait, it was actually twice. Wait, actually, it was all the time. Shit, what was the question again?!
- Get to the point when I have no answer to this question, because I did everything I wanted already. Right now, I want to do EVERYTHING.
- RUN! Go back to your ship and run away! There is no hope here! Wait! Can you give me your full name so I can find you on Facebook?
- I think riding my bike basically anywhere, listening to music I love, and imagining I go faster than I actually do.. does it count as a place?

Daniel comes from a country small in size but loud by reputation – Israel. He was born and raised in Jerusalem, and after three years of army service as a combat-medic, he started his BA in Ben Gurion University. He majored in political science and minored in sociology. While studying, he worked in the university's cinema, produced and edited the political science student's magazine, contributed to several newspapers, magazines and websites in Israel and abroad, and took the role of the student's union spokesperson. He is interested in innovative journalism and the use of new media.

Daniela De Lorenzo

• Amsterdam

Italy



B.A. International Studies and European Institutions

•University of Milan

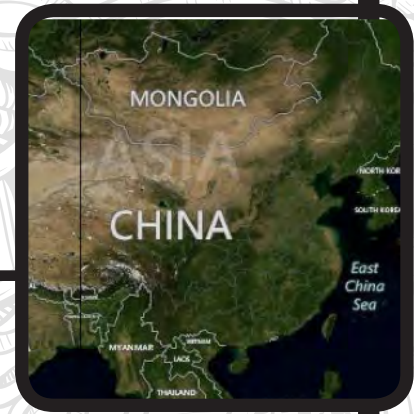
- I would write novels, mostly about themes that can reach everyone's interests or feelings.
- Once in Aarhus I was thrown in the university lake. So as the damage was already done, I decided to stay in it and swim around for a while.
- I would like to tell myself that the life I have been lived was the one I always wanted. So: see new places, new cultures and find my own place in the world.
- “What's the next stop, might I join?”
- The Street. The streets are the better place to look at people, people is interesting and inspiring, you can feel everyone's story by the streets. Especially by biking around.

Daniela De Lorenzo is a noble dreamer. She studied international relations with a focus in European Institutions, with an aim to be part of the solution to the problems of this world. She works as a writer for a Dutch design magazine, but she also writes about human rights. She wants to become a novel writer, change the world, and make a dime on the way!

Sun Denghui

• London

China



B.A. Television Photography

• Communication University of China

- Shakespeare, inventing new English words.
- One time in Aarhus will be the year I drink beer much more than ever before.
- Just simply stay with my family.
- Remember that Chinese food is truly delicious.
- The kitchen, definitely, many new thoughts could come up when I am cooking.

Denghui Sun studied Television Photography in Beijing. He is always travelling, making documentaries, and making new friends. In the fourth year, he did internships in some state-run media, during which he really learned about what Journalism means to him and what could be done for it. Right now, as a member of Erasmus Family, my dream is being motivated by the classmates from diverse cultures.

○ Dina Khamitova

• Amsterdam

Kazakhstan ○



B.A. International Journalism ○

•KIMEP University

- Dolphins.
- Once in Aarhus... I got lost with a GPS device in my hands
- Eat a good steak.
- Be careful little creature - there are people out there.
- Bed.

Dina is from the city of apples, Almaty, which used to be the capital of Kazakhstan. Her native language is Russian, but she also speaks French and English. In 2009 she graduated from KIMEP University with a Bachelor in International Journalism. Dina has worked with TV, online publications, and host-broadcasting of Asian Winter Games 2011. In ten years, Dina is confident she has developed professionally and will be wherever the world takes her.

Dominik Sipinski

• Swansea

Poland



B.A. European Studies

•Maastricht University

- If money and time weren't an issue, I would probably already be in Syria, Libya or other war-torn country in the region. Alternatively, I would love to write a reportage book about a trip across the former Soviet Union -- starting in Estonia and finishing in Kamchatka.
- Once in Aarhus, I arrived by train in the middle of the night and all I thought of was to get home as quickly as possible – and obviously I got lost on the way back.
- I want to visit every country in the world, even if only for a brief time. Airport-only visits do not count.
- Welcome to the potentially most beautiful planet in the universe, but get back to your flying saucer and look for a more decent place, because this planet is already overcrowded with people who are consistently proving how incapable they are of managing the limited resources of the Earth.
- There are two answers. First one is that there are four cities where I get inspired to think and write by wandering around, doing nothing and just absorbing their atmosphere: these are Cracow (Poland), Prague (Czech Rep.), Sarajevo (Bosnia) and Vilnius (Lithuania). Second answer is simple: new places always inspire me to think about new problems and new approaches. That's why I love going to places I've never been before.

Dominik Sipinski, a Polish young man, graduated from Maastricht University (the Netherlands) with a bachelor degree in European Studies. Five years ago, he started his career as a journalist and has worked for several media organizations, including a travel and transport magazine and an online news website. Meanwhile, the experience as a photojournalist and freelance writer mainly on war and conflict has also encouraged him to continue his career on a higher level in ten years.

Emilie Lukman

• Hamburg

Denmark



B.A. Social Anthropology

- Journalism Minor

• Aarhus University

- I want to backpack, and take my pen and paper and wander around to talk to people and write about their stories around the world. To retell their life stories, to connect their perspectives in reflecting and connecting to a bigger picture – a story of a global society that is built up by many individuals.
- “One time in Aarhus... I got up before dawn and went downtown to see what happened while the city sleeps. I bought myself a cup of coffee, and went to sit on a bench and waited for something to happen. As a garbage man passed by, I greeted him and went to talk to him while he was working. It turned out to be such a nice morning, experiencing the city slowly awakening.”
- I’ve promised to myself to go to China and learn Kung Fu. It fascinates me, because it teaches you to gain complete control of the mind and body.
- RED light – don’t walk, GREEN light you can walk. Then, when the aliens understand that they should be safe to explore the whole world on their own.
- There is a place on the Western coast of Denmark called Fanø. I go to that beach when I want to clear my head. The smell of the ocean and the feeling of sand under my feet give me a sense of a clear and calm mind.

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Emilie Lukman. She came to this earth 23 years ago in a city called Aalborg, north Denmark. She later moved to Aarhus - where she has been living and studying for many years. She holds a B.A. majoring in Social Anthropology and minoring in Journalism. After graduation, she enjoyed working for a company in charge of coordinating and communicating tasks. Months passed by, her adventurous heart told her that she needed a new challenge. She quit the job and took a leap of faith working as a journalism intern in Cape Town, South Africa for two months. After engaging in many activities and staying with a local family, she returned to her homeland. Her heart was fulfilled with peace and love for the world. “...That was the best thing I could have done for myself at the time. It was a great experience to live and work in another part of the world, so different from where I come from...” Now she is here joining a new family of ‘Erasmus Mundus Journalism’. What do you see yourself do in ten years from now? I don’t see my self as a busy news journalist at all. I’d love to do deep research, produce a thorough story, write or found a magazine that is published every month or so. I would like to link social anthropology and journalism, these two fields that I love, together.

Enrique Núñez Mussa

• Hamburg

Chile



B.A. Journalism & Literature

• Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- Fiction novels, non-fiction travel and interview books.
- Once in Aarhus, I realized how fascinating the sensation of being a student again is.
- I just want to never lose curiosity. With that working, life will be interesting enough to always have a new answer for this question.
- First I would ask him: "What do you want to know?"
- If the goal is to be inspired, it must be anyplace I can listen to myself; it can be a beach, in the middle of a forest, in a crowded street, in the bus or an airport. The place is not so important, if I'm able to establish a good communication with my inner voice.

Born in Santiago de Chile, Enrique studied Journalism and Literature in Universidad Católica where later he became a lecturer on Press Editing. He is also a fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar in Media and Global Change in Austria and of the Foreign Correspondents Programme in Finland. Enrique worked as Editor in Chief of MSN Latam website "Km Cero" and has written in several publications like Domingo Travel Magazine of El Mercurio and the Chilean edition of Rolling Stone. He also wrote the travel book "Atacama Living Desert". Enrique started working as a journalist in radio and written media when he was a 19 year old student and his goal for the next ten years is writing long term projects and continue teaching.

Erika Thompson

• Amsterdam

Canada



Bachelors of Journalism

• Political Science Minor

• Carleton University

- I would like to write from a bureau in Africa and work as a correspondent. When I studied Journalism and Political Science in my Bachelor, I got more interested in African countries.
- Once in Aarhus... I paid more for a cab than for a pair of boots.
- I would like to go trekking in Nepal and do a Everest base camp trek there.
- Eat as much cheese as possible!
- The ski hills inspire me the most. It's so freeing to be there.

Always smiling and cheerful – that is the first impression one gets of Erika Thompson, 22 years old. This Canadian with a Swiss background grew up in a small town near Toronto and actually wanted to become a doctor. Somehow, she ended up studying Journalism and Political Science in Ottawa as she loves Canadian politics. She collected first experiences as a city hall reporter for a local newspaper and did sports journalism for a local TV channel. Sporty as she is, she likes to run marathons and plays soccer, but also loves cooking and has an obsession for cheese – probably due to her Swiss heritage.

Fanny Chays

• Amsterdam

France



**B.A. Political Science
& English Literature**

•University of Lyon

- Probably a novel. About Los Angeles. This place is a magnificent social arena.
- Once in Aarhus... I went to the industrial harbor thinking I'd find a nice beach there !
- Grow old.
- Come on...I'll ask how his/her/its planet looks like before bragging about mine !
- The Californian coastline.

22-year-old Fanny Chays, talented and full of spirit, was born and raised in Chamoin, in the wonderful surroundings of the French Alps. She has a joint Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and English Literature/History from the University of Lyon, where she also took the first year of a Master's Programme in Political Science. During her B.A. studies, she has been an exchange student at UCLA University in Los Angeles, which deepened her knowledge in the political field. In addition, she gained international experience while working for the "International Telecommunications Union", a United Nations agency in Geneva. She has also been writing for a local newspaper, an experience that comforted her in becoming journalist, and a communicator to a larger extent. She believes that the job she will be doing in ten years doesn't exist yet, but she has faith in the future of reporting.

○ Frank Kagabo

• Swansea

Rwanda ○



B.A. Journalism

• Makerere University

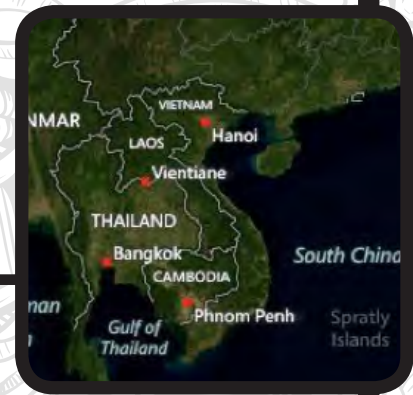
- I would write my autobiography
- One time in Aarhus, I went to class in African style sandals and just a T shirt thinking it was a lovely sunny day, but all of a sudden it rained and it was so cold, I was shivering.
- Be a millionaire... and something else I will not say!
- Nothing, maybe I would just stare.
- Ideas inspire me, not places, and I do not know why.

Francis Kagabo likes to be called Frank by his friends and in his byline as a journalist. For the last five years Frank was working for a Rwandan Newspaper called The New Times accomplishing a "3 in 1" position, being a journalist, reporter and editor in the same time. Frank majored in Political Science at Makerere University in Uganda. As for the future, his goals include but are not limited to- the media since he intends to start his own media business for the reason that journalists should be able to own media businesses and not just be employees who are subject to the interests of detached media owners.

○ Nguyen Khac Giang

• London

Vietnam ○



B.A. International Economics ○

• Hanoi Foreign Trade University

- What appears on my mind is the life of Eskimos in the North Pole. I'm really curious about people living in corners of the world. I'm not sure whether this topic is of public interest or not, but I think it's worth mentioning those who have made "our globe" become "our world."
- I would prefer leaving it blank until next September.
- Travel and see life enough.
- Welcome to the jungle.
- I love remote areas, where I could feel the nature at its purest. If I have to choose one, it would be Mongolian grasslands.

Nguyen Giang Khac is from Vietnam and he did his bachelor in International Economics. He worked almost three years as a business journalist and freelancer for some Vietnamese magazines before landing in Aarhus. Ten years before, Giang never expected to be a journalist. Ten years from now, it is more suitable to think about professional dreams instead of professional goals. He dreams to write a book on the lives of the people along the Mekong River.

Li Hangwei

• London

China



B.A. Business & Media Management

•Communication University of China

- I would like to write about my mom. It seems I'm always so busy with studying, working, travelling and hanging out with my friends. I feel like I rarely have time to stay with my mother, to listen her stories and get to know a different side of her. Now that I'm in Aarhus far away from my mom, I really hope that in the future I can spend more time with her.
- I saw the beautiful sunrise in Aarhus for the first time, when I just put the exhausting journey behind me. I knew that my new life had begun, full of challenges and adventures, and I knew I would enjoy it.
- Before I die I hope not to have any regrets to leaving this world. At that time, I hope I have trekked to Everest base camp and have done the Annapurna circuit: both are fantastic treks and have the best scenery in the world.
- Hey, welcome! If you want to have fun on Earth, just go to Beijing, China. If you want some horrible experience and do something different, I also suggest you to go to Beijing.
- Inner Mongolia. When I was there, I got up very early, around 3 am, in order to photograph the sunrise. The weather there was extremely bad, but I was in a good mood. I loved the beautiful scenery and the friendly ethnic Mongolians there.

“There’s no point to being shy”, Hangwei says. There’s certainly nothing shy about this family loving girl, who is always dressed to impress. Hangwei’s ambitions have brought her far: from her hometown Guilin to Beijing, where she finished her double BA in Business and Media Management. Excited as she is to trade China for Aarhus and London, there is no doubt that in ten years’ time we will find Hangwei as a key TV business reporter and a supermom, all in one!

Hanna Gjertsen Pincus

• Amsterdam

Norway



B.A. Human Geography

- Russian Studies Minor

•University of Oslo

- If time and money weren't an issue I would go back in time and cover the Big Bang. It is weird that there is no live coverage from this great event...
- One time in Aarhus... I punctured my bike tire and lost a pedal while respatializing myself from home to the centre.
- Before I die there is a lot of things I want to do, but here are some; live in 15 different cities (only six more to go), speak 5 languages (one and two halves to go), have a couple of kids and about 10 grandchildren, write a book and produce a documentary film. And I want to learn how to wiggle my ears.
- If I met an alien I would tell it to get back in its spacecraft, leave Aarhus and go somewhere warm where there's a beach. And remember to wear sun screen!
- Places that inspire me a lot are music and film festivals. Annually I work at, and attend from five-seven different ones mostly in Norway, but also Russia and the US. The feeling of leaving the real world behind, getting new inputs with every new film or band I see, gives me a great feeling of satisfaction and happiness. Besides this, taking part in organizing these great events also gives me a feeling of taking part in something that is a lot bigger than myself.

Hanna hails from both Norway and the United States. She has a Bachelor in Human Geography (major) and Russian Studies (minor), with additional courses in Film, Genocide and Mass-violence studies, Spanish language and Philosophy. She has worked as a trainee at the Norwegian Embassy in Washington DC in the communication and culture department, as a freelance journalist, as well as many, various jobs within the music industry and several festival organizations. Her goals are to work within media research, investigative journalism and documentary filmmaking.

Hannah Wallace Bowman

• Amsterdam

United Kingdom



B.A. English & Politics

•University of Leeds

- Time isn't an issue? Does that mean I could time travel? I would have loved to have been on one of the boats that set off on their explorations across an unknown sea to an unknown land.
- Once in Aarhus, I fell off my bike. Pretty standard behavior I think, and considering the current state of my bicycle and my alarming lack of coordination, I would guess it won't remain an isolated incident for long.
- I try and avoid thinking about dying, really. And if I had to list everything I would like to see, be, eat and experience in the next XX amount of time, it would get pretty tedious for anyone reading... But, as a general rule, I want to make the most of every opportunity available.
- This place is pretty bugged mate, you'd be better off hopping back on your spaceship.
- Being anywhere listening to someone talking about something they are really passionate about, and connecting with them for a minute. It is in this moment, I find the place of true inspiration.

Hailing from Britain, Hannah grew up in Oxford. After finishing school and travelling, she took her Bachelor degree in English and Politics at the University of Leeds, while hosting and producing a show on student radio. Graduating in 2007, she found herself in London, first of all at non-profit TV channel, and then peddling her wares as Publicist, representing different brands, artists and celebrity talent. But being a PR gal wasn't her style, so she left it behind her in favor of Guatemala, where she learnt Spanish and worked for an NGO in the capital city. After a year and a half in Central America she relocated to Turkey to work for a national newspaper based in Istanbul before going freelance. It was at this point she decided she wanted to hone her skills as a journalist and applied to Mundus program. She has no idea where this journey will take her, and has learnt that the plans you make often bear no relation to the route you end up stumbling upon, so dream instead.

Irene Broer

• Hamburg

Netherlands

B.S. Cultural Anthropology & Non-Western Sociology

- Conflict Resolution Minor

•Utrecht University



- I would travel back in time and make an in-depth documentary of Captain James Cook on his ship the “Endeavor”, so that viewers around the world could join in on his experiences in Oceania.
- Once in Aarhus, I was biking home, up the hill, from a night out. Halfway, I felt lost and decided to ask a Dane where to go. He told me I was completely wrong: I needed to go downhill again, then turn left and right. So I did, only to find out the Dane had been pointing me in the wrong direction, and I was actually near my house the first time I stopped ...
- Before I die I want to learn Mongolian and spend a few months traveling with the Nomads.
- Yes, all Earthlings are the same species, but don't tell them that or they get angry. Also, if it smells a bit, don't worry – it's just pollution. And do try a Dutch thing called “oliebol”, it's quite delicious!
- Amsterdam Airport. It amazes me how so many people from everywhere come together and connect in one place, and then hop on their planes and fly away again.

Chatting with Irene always makes you happy. Irene is such a beautiful and smart Dutch girl. She has a soft appearance, without losing her inner strength. She is genuinely interested in other people, in meeting them, knowing them and finding out about them. Having a nice personality, nice eyes and a bright mind, Irene is a likeable girl who is definitely worth getting to know better.

Jesper Ernlund Lassen

• London

Denmark



B.A. Journalism

• Danmarks Medie- og Journalisthøjskole
(Danish School of Media and Journalism)

- Investigative reports about places where people are being oppressed or maltreated.
- Once in Aarhus... I wanted to live elsewhere.
- Live in a house at the sea.
- I don't believe in green men from Mars.
- Nature, especially the sea, I feel it's there for me and my mind can fly away.

Jesper Ernlund Lassen studied Journalism at The Danish School of Media and Journalism and at The Utrecht School of Journalism specializing in European political and economic affairs. This specialization gave him the possibility to report about the debt crisis from Italy and about politics from Germany. During his education he interned 18 months in all at "DEMO" Germany's biggest magazine for municipality politics in Berlin and in both a regional newspaper and a television station in Denmark.

Johanna Sebauer

• Hamburg

Austria



B.A. Political Science

•University of Vienna

- I would buy a time machine and travel back to concerts in the late 60s and write a personal travel report/concert review.
- Once in Aarhus... I was craving sweets but I had nothing at home so I had the brilliant idea to put some cocoa powder on a slice of bread. I am usually not very picky when it comes to food but this...was just...no.
- Learn how to play the drums, travel Latin America and make a movie. A really good one.
- Have you tried cheese yet?
- It's mostly people rather than places that inspire me. I could be in the unsexiest town in the world; if I was there with the right people I'd feel inspired.

Johanna Sebauer comes from Austria. She studied Political Science at the University of Vienna. She is interested in music, traveling and the wonderful world of food and cooking. She loves to discover and learn new things and that is one of the reasons why she feels so comfortable in the field of Journalism. As a journalist you deal with new situations, new ideas and new faces every day. That is challenging of course but so rewarding in the end. She has worked for local newspapers, travel magazines and an English newspaper in Vienna. Since she loves writing she hopes to stay in the print sector in the future.

Josh Aden

• London

California (USA)



A.A. Journalism

•Orange Coast College

B.A. Globalization

•Humboldt State University

- If time and money were no object, I would start a non-profit news organization. Make some documentaries maybe.
- Once in Aarhus... I was forced to give a drunken audience an impromptu ukulele performance on a late night bus.
- Before I die I want to learn to play as many instruments as possible. Also, hopefully my impact on the planet and its people will be a net positive instead of a net negative by then.
- I will exchange all the information I have of human behavior and capabilities of you let me live... Or make me overlord?
- Right now, I am highly inspired by my Mundus classmates, they're an incredible mix of cultures, personalities and talents.

Even in his sleep, Josh dreams of journalism. He started studying journalism at his community college and from there landed a job as a local reporter for the Los Angeles Times. After two years there, the 26-year-old native of Southern California studied Globalization in a small town known as the barefoot-hippie capital of California in hopes of someday becoming an international radio reporter. This benevolent bearded brute may just be on his way to that goal.

Kait Bolongaro

• Hamburg



Canada/Italy



B.A. French & African Studies

•University of British Columbia

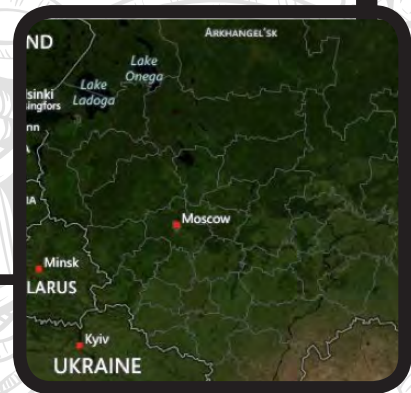
- Make documentaries about women around the world and write historical fiction novels.
- Once in Aarhus, I was running down a dark street with two good friends to catch a bus at night being chased by three guys on bikes.
- Visit every country in the world; have my photos published in National Geographic; never lose my sense of wonder.
- Welcome! Maybe you can govern this place better than we can!
- Being lost in the wilderness in a high mountain in summer-time.

Kait has always found it hard to answer she is from. Born in Vancouver to Italian parentage, she grew up between two cultures. She has been blessed with wanderlust from a young age and is at home anywhere she finds good company. She studied French and African Studies at the University of British Columbia before heading off to Montpellier, France to teach English at a high school. She has also lived and worked in Uganda as a primary school teacher. Kait is a writer and photographer. Her previous work experience includes blogging, culture and news writing from a feminist perspective. In ten years, she will have her own television show focused on international issues on a major television channel. For now, she is content to explore.

Karina Sventitskayte

• London

Russia



B.A. Journalism

- Periodical Newspaper Specialization

•Russian Social State University

- I would like to participate in creation of amazing BBC documentary films.
- One time in Aarhus there was a day without chilly wind.
- To see the whole world.
- This place is a wonderland!
- My home which is full of love and warmth

Karina Sventitskayte finished her bachelor at the Russian Social State University in Moscow. Her specialization is periodical newspaper. She worked as a freelance journalist in some local newspapers in her hometown and in corporate newspaper of Russian State Pension Fund. She has also participated in courses of business journalism organized by the Vedomosti, a newspaper established by Peter I. Her goal is to become a good journalist with professional background.

Katharina Frick

• Hamburg

Germany



B.A. Italian Language & Economics

•University of Mannheim

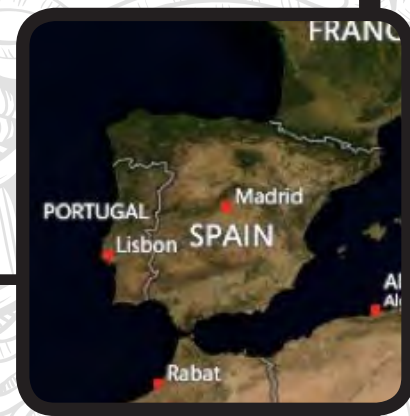
- I would like to do research on the clothing industry in India or Bangladesh. Less to do with fashion and more to do with sustainability and a 'green' focus.
- Before I die, I will put all my travel photos in photo albums.
- One time in Aarhus, I forgot where I had left my bike.
- In my pessimistic way, I would say, 'Leave as soon as possible!'
- The world—traveling it and then coming home again.

At the age of 25, Katharina (Kathi) Frick boasts a résumé more impressive than people twice her age. Born and raised in Germany, she speaks four languages and has a Bachelor's degree in Italian language and economics. She is a cat-obsessed travel junkie, with trips abroad spanning three continents, a 6-week stay in Indonesia and a year-long placement in Italy. Inspired as a daughter of two journalists, Kathi was driven to journalism and has experience writing for various newspapers throughout Germany. Her passion in reporting is centred on traveling, meeting people and sharing their stories with the world. When she's not jet-setting around the globe, Kathi spends her free time listening to music, running and practicing yoga.

Laia Gordi i Vila

• London

Spain



B.A. Journalism

•Autonomous University of Barcelona

- I would like write about highland conflict and I would like to look for a positive perspective, for people who are fighting in this conflict. I would like to actually getting involved in it, whether I am successful or not.
- One time in Aarhus, upon my arrival at the central train station and while I was waiting for my mentor, a creepy guy who looked drunk and poor came up to me. I thought he was asking me for money so I told him that I didn't have any money. To my surprise, the guy handed 100 kroner to me. It was a bit surreal that somebody with a lot of luggage and well-dressed was getting money from somebody who looked poor and drunk. That is the first contact I had in Aarhus and with the Danish.
- I want to have children and work for them to have a better world.
- Go home. You don't want to stay here believe me.
- The most inspiring places for me are Koriama, Japan and Nablus, Palestine. Koriama is close to Fukushima. It is a city that has been affected by radiation and still affected by the Fukushima incident while Nablus is a city that has suffered a lot from the war.

Piercingly beautiful, savvy with a stellar conviction. These are three words to describe Laia Gordi i Vila. The 28-year-old proud Catalan who hails from Barcelona, Spain studied journalism at Autonomous University of Barcelona before writing for Trivuna Catalana, a news portal focused on Catalan politics. Her experience combined with her various stints in international journalism, after two years, landed her a job as a correspondent in China for a leading Barcelona-based Catalan newspaper El Punt Avui where she worked for three years before joining the Erasmus Mundus programme. On her goal for the next 10 years, Laia, who will head to City University, U.K. next year to specialise in Business and Finance said she is still contemplating between journalism or to venture into advocacy.

Lakshmi Eassey

• Hamburg

California (USA)



B.A. Global Communication Studies

•Pitzer College

- I would probably write on rural India, about the people who live there, their spaces and the absurdity of large dams, which are a big problem. The stories of women from rural areas of the world are important for shaping the future of the world. The struggles that rural farmers face are a problem for the future. I know that writing about these stories and getting the desired attention depends on who you are and where you publish it. The NY Times would not take the story now, but I'd like to publish it in a paper where the story would be credible and empower people to do something. Perhaps more importantly, I would like to empower people to tell their own stories.
- Once in Aarhus, "I went to see a play called Mozart." Full stop. (laughs)
- Finish a book of poetry, paint walls in some different cities around the world and teach students - but I can't get decide exactly what. Maybe media?
- Since they wouldn't probably speak English, I would maybe show them something cool around town. But it depends on the context and place which I am at and where they are coming from. If it's a city alien, I'd bring them to the country, if it's a country alien I would bring him/her to the city.
- Probably somewhere in nature. A river, a forest, up on a hill? I depends on what I'm thinking about, but generally nature inspires me the most.

"My name is Lakshmi, but you can call me Laki". And Lucky she is. Owner of a pure and lovely smile, this American girl with strong roots in India, where her father was born, gives a peaceful feeling to whomever is interviewing her. This is also because her story is much about peace and empowerment. "I am interested in community-based journalism. I want to empower people who do not have access to technology". Knowing she's from the West Coast and that she was born and raised as close to the Silicon Valley as one possibly can be, makes it immediately clear that she wants people to feel at home with technology. Or even: close to her home. 27 years old, BA in Global Communication Studies, she's ready to face Aarhus' weather and a year of studies in Hamburg. Ready for the study experience she was looking for: a Masters in transnational media. She is luckily and happily ready.

Laura Vilaça

• Hamburg

Portugal



B.A. Communication Sciences

•University of Minho

- If time and money weren't an issue, I'd chronicle the evolution of a country's culture.
- One time in Aarhus (plus twenty others) I got proof of my terrible sense of direction.
- Make a positive impact in the world.
- Mind the gap(s).
- Airports.

This sassy up-and-coming journalist from Portugal has a razor-sharp sardonic wit and sense of fashion that puts any grandmother's style to shame. Now 21 years old, Laura hopes to use journalism to creative positive change in the world. Perhaps it's naive, she admits, but pursuing that goal is what she finds fulfilling. Her favorite word in Portuguese is after all "desenrascanço" which is used to describe the ability to solve problems creatively. She may someday found a new journalistic style- Desenrascanço Journalism.

Christine Lehner

• Hamburg

Germany



B.A. Media & Communication Studies

•University of Passau

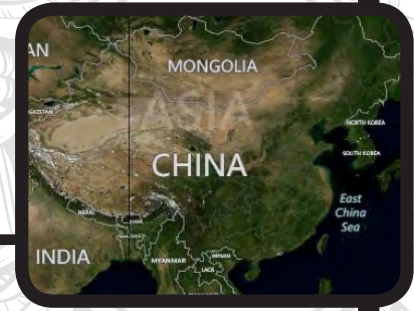
- A collection of biographies covering the most successful female journalists of our time.
- One time in Aarhus... I took the train to Germany. In the train, a Dutch, a Spanish, a Norwegian-Swiss and a Bulgarian guy were sitting next to me. After explaining what I did in Aarhus, I suddenly found myself in the middle of a heated discussion about “globalization.” Believe me, I gained more insight to the topic as never before.
- Learn to speak Italian and how to drive a Vespa. Go swimming in Fontana Di Trevi, with a little white baby cat sitting on my head.
- How to find the way to Munich.
- Venice and the Lido.

Christine (or Tine) is a 25 year-old gorgeous woman from Munich, Germany. She completed her Bachelors Degree in Media and Communication Studies at the University of Passau in Germany, where she has also been working as a local TV news presenter for two years. The combination of academic knowledge and professional training made her realize how much she wants to be the one saying « Guten Abend meine Damen und Herren » (Good evening ladies and gentlemen) in the main German TV-news show “Tagesschau” of ARD-Television. She has already made her first move towards this, interning for the ARD branch “Bayerischer Rundfunk” and completing an editorial internship at “Sueddeutsche Zeitung”, both in Munich. She hopes the Erasmus Mundus program will provide her with crucial knowledge to be a good journalist and will give her the tools to realize her dream soon.

Shao Lingwei

• Hamburg

China



B.A. German Language & Literature

• Zhejiang University

- If time and money didn't matter, I would be Virginia Woolf. I love her idea that every woman needs a room of her own.
- One time in Aarhus, I enjoyed the sunshine for 24 hours.
- Open a bookstore with a furnace in Iceland.
- Hey man, you live on a the nicest planet.
- A second-hand bookstore.

Shao Lingwei got her bachelor degree in the German Language and Literature from Zhejiang University, China. As a literature fan, she has interned as a journalist covering cultural news reports at Shanghai Daily, the largest regional English newspaper in China. She wants to travel all over the world and becomes a freelance writer introducing interesting events from different spheres of life to Chinese readers.

○ Linn Helene Løken

• Swansea

Norway ○



B.A. Rhetoric ○

•University of Copenhagen

- If time was not an issue (I interpret this my way), I would have liked to interview Aristotle in 2012 and hear his perspectives on today's mad world. His theories are relevant for mankind even today, and I am sure his wisdom would have major impact on the way we live our lives on the entire globe.
- Once in Aarhus... I will not need any water-repellent clothing when leaving the house.
- Be vibrantly alive every day.
- Watch out for those Danes!
- Anywhere near the blustery weather and raging sea.

Linni comes from a small town in Norway with the romantic name of Sandefjord, but she has lived in quite a few countries. Before graduating with a degree in rhetoric from the University of Copenhagen in 2010, she studied and worked in Costa Rica, Mexico and Vietnam. She also worked in communications at the Norwegian Foreign Ministry and the Nobel Peace Center. Linni's role in communications is similar to one of a potato in culinary art – they both work well with many things, but in the next 10 years she wants to become a foreign correspondent.

○ Marcel Van Hattem

• Amsterdam

Brazil ○



B.A. International Relations

•UFRGS Brazil

M.S. Political Science

•Leiden University

- I don't see time and money as an issue. I see them as an obstacle that you have to get overcome, but they shouldn't be in your way, if you really want to do something. I like to talk to ordinary people. It is good to have a specialist view on things, but, the voices on the street, what people say, really do matter. This I have especially understood as a politician. Public opinion may be different from published opinion and this we need to be aware of, when we are writing.
- A rainy day. Continuous rain as I have seldom seen in my life. But it starts with good weather, when I am pleasantly biking downhill, and going to the train station to check the train schedules and prices to different places in Europe. No, they are not available on the internet. Walking out, I go through the commercial street, randomly choosing some stores to see the cute decorative Danish stuff. Passing the bridge, I see nice cafes down near the river, passing the cathedral and ending up at Café Love's, the most cozy café I have seen in the world (so far), with a good book and maybe a nice chat. Then I look outside and its raining and I remember I have to bike uphill back home. In the rain. But that's ok, because it's Aarhus.
- I want to continue to surprise even myself with last-minute, sometimes strange decisions, but which aim, in the end, always to broaden my own understanding of the world; and to help make people around me also understand what is going on in the world and what this world is about.
- First of all, I don't think I'll meet an alien anytime soon. I don't believe there is another life somewhere else. I think life is too special to be repeated. But, just in case, I probably would invite him out to a drink somewhere, ask if he's got a translator and, if not, we would have to figure out some way to communicate with ET's on planet earth. I would first try to communicate with hands, I guess and then... If he doesn't understand, I'll start a business!
- Any place where there is at least one other person that is passionate about what they are doing inspires me. Any place — in the water, the sky, at work or at school. What I need to get inspiration are people who are passionate about what they are doing.

Born and raised in Dois Irmãos, in southern Brazil, Marcel van Hattem has already served as a City Councilor of his hometown and completed his first Masters degree in Political Science from Leiden University. Van Hattem got an early start serving as a paper boy when he was 15 years-old and then working as reporter, at age 17. In the end, as he says, "I was getting better payment for being a paper boy than for being a reporter". After his stint as a journalist - "which I enjoyed to the fullest and made me learn so much" - he was elected as City Councilor and served a 4-year term. Within the past few months he has also started a company for translation and international business. With dual citizenship (Dutch and Brazilian) he helps business leaders and CEOs coming from Brazil to the Netherlands and vice-versa. "I am passionate about journalism, politics and international relations. That's why I find this programme so awesome", says he who's going to Amsterdam to specialize in Media and Politics.

Maximiliane Koschyk

• London

Germany



B.A. Chinese Regional Studies & Social Sciences

•University of Cologne

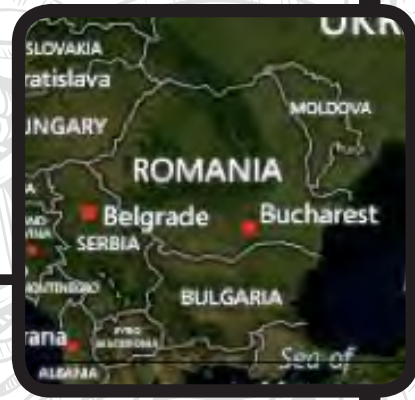
- The World Peace Cookie.
- Once in Aarhus, I learned about the Northern Lights.
- Lived a good life.
- Don't panic and always know where your towel is.
- Where people do not feel the need to talk.

Maximiliane Koschyk is from Germany. She studied Regional Studies of China and worked as a Music Editor for her local student radio and as a freelancer for a News Agency and Magazines. Her professional goal for the next ten years is to get a job she can be happy with.

○ Melinda Visan

• Hamburg

Romania ○



B.A. Sociology ○

- I would write about cultural events across the globe.
- Once in Aarhus, in a shopping-window I saw a reflection of a girl riding a bike. Then I realized it was me.
- Live... and dance. "Life is a dance-floor. We are the music."
- Mind the gap!
- Different places inspire me in different ways. My way of making a difference is to let myself inspired.

Melinda is from Romania, but she is 50% Hungarian, thanks to her mum. She has a BA degree in Sociology and ever since she graduated from university, she has embraced the global spirit by living abroad for the past four years. Along the way she has been involved in social media projects and lately she has worked as a reporter. As for the future she would be happy to find a way of combining journalism with her passion for cultures, linguistics and art.

Michael Seckler

• Amsterdam

Germany



B.A. History/German Language & Literature

- University of Cologne

- About the things I see while travelling around the world.
- Once in Aarhus... we had a party in a cab.
- Before I die I want to see as many different places as possible.
- "Respatialisation of social life."
- Places in the nature, in the middle of nowhere, especially mountains.

Michael Seckler is 24 years old and he comes from Cologne, Germany. He has a Bachelors in German Language & Literature and History. His work experience consists of working as an intern for Kölner Express Radio: Radio Köln, his hometown's local radio. He also worked for NDR (Norddeutscher Rundfunk) and the University's channel Kölncampus. He doesn't want to work as an intern anymore. Instead, Michael is going to do different things and work in all kinds of places to achieve his dream job.

○ Mitchelle Mulemi

• Hamburg

Kenya ○



B.A. Journalism & Mass Communication ○

- Muliro University of Science and Technology

- I am interested social issues. I would write about children rights. Especially vulnerable children living in urban slums.
- Once in Aarhus, I forgot the name of a coffee shop and I had to walk in the rain for an hour to locate it!
- I wish to demystify myths that the rest of the world have about Africa and the notion of failed states in Africa, and it being a needy continent. I hope to interview Koffi Annan! This will be a dream come true in my journalistic career!
- Despite the global warming, planet Earth is worth saving!
- Africa is my greatest inspiration, with so much to give and so scarce opportunity. But, am confident that I have a chance to show the world what a great continent Africa is and what it has to offer.

At her 23 years old, Kenyan Mitchelle Mulemi has worked as a reporter for a university radio, a news agency and an online television channel of Hot Sun Foundation, which she coordinated. She studied Journalism and Mass Communication at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology where she graduated in November 2011. Mitchelle prefers working with NGOs than mainstream media, as she believes that it is where she can develop a more freely reporting about the social matters that concern her. As a passionate reporter, Michelle is currently working on her own foundation to involve Kenyan children with low resources in journalism.

○ Nawal Al Ali

• Swansea

Jordan ○



B.A. Journalism & Mass Communication

-Jordan University

B.A. History of Art

-Blaise Pascal University

- I would write about the women in the Middle East. Media doesn't reveal the reality and truth about women there. Cli-chés are being reported over the years.
- Once in Aarhus, I spent a year learning new things about the world between 70 journalist from different nationalities.
- I want to lose ten kilos.
- Don't even think about it – we are being fucked here.
- A place in my mind where real places combine to be a new imagined one. It would be like my room in Jordan in the building of Beirut at my neighborhood in Paris and near the beach in Århus.

Nawal originates from Jordan and she has been a journalist for twelve years. She has been working at the newspapers Al Ghad in Jordan and Al-Akbar in Lebanon and others, her profession has taken her all around the Middle East covering different stories through the years. However Nawal, who both studied journalism and art history, does not only stick to writing news, she is a novelist, poet and a playwright.. Her plays such as "Black and White" (2007) and "The Mask"(2008) have been played in Tunisia, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Her novel "Autobiography of a Sleep-walker" was published in 2006, and some of her poems were translated into German in the Swiss Magazine "DU". She was also a researcher among others who conducted a research for the EU about cultural policies in the Arab world in 2010. A PhD in journalism in wars is the long-term goal for Nawal.

Nayomi Chibana

• Hamburg

Ecuador



B.A. International Journalism

- Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo

- I would write about the daily lives, struggles and aspirations of the poorest people in different parts of the world, from South America to Africa and Asia. My goal in doing so would be to make known the plight of those who are very much invisible to governments, authorities, corporations, middle and upper class people and readers in general.
- One time in Aarhus, I spent nearly 100 dollars on two bags of groceries...
- Touch the lives of as many people as I can with the love of Christ.
- That it is in serious danger of being destroyed if we humans do not change our ways.
- A bright green grass-covered park on a sunny day.

Nayomi Chibana, who was an editor at a newspaper in Ecuador, felt like she was missing something. "I did not have the theoretical background and I think it is important to have if you want to grow as a journalist," she said. So Nayomi decided to study again. With a multicultural background like hers it was no surprise she ended up applying for the Erasmus Mundus program. Nayomi was born in Ecuador and she is half Japanese, half Ecuadorian. She left Ecuador for the United-States at the age of 3 and only went back to her country when she turned 21. She began to study a Bachelors of Religion in Florida, but changed her mind and decided to study Journalism in Ecuador, she felt it combined everything she likes. After her studies she worked from 2007 until 2012. Nayomi, now in her early thirties, hopes that after these studies she will work an international news agency and she wants to go back to writing in English.

○ Nina Lex

• Hamburg

Canada ○



Bachelor of Journalism ○

-Ryerson University

- I would go to North Korea and shoot a documentary about North Koreans living in cultural isolation and the politics surrounding the mysterious country.
- One time in Aarhus, I haggled with a nine-year-old Turkish boy for a bicycle.
- Travel overland from Cairo to Cape Town
- You're just in time for the finale
- An art gallery

Growing up in Collingwood, Canada and Oaxaca, Mexico, Nina earned her Bachelor of Journalism at Ryerson University in Toronto. She has since interned at CTV in Halifax and Reuters' Canadian Bureau, and worked as a business journalist for the Toronto Stock Exchange. She also completed an extensive web design and development program at Humber College. In 2010, she took a break from the fast pace of journalism and moved to South Korea where she discovered her love for teaching as an elementary school teacher in a small border village. For the last year Nina has been working at the Malawi Institute of Journalism for Journalists for Human Rights and for an AIDS/HIV NGO. While working in Africa she was able to combine her three passions: journalism, teaching and traveling. Ready for a new challenge Nina applied to the Mundus program to gain a new perspective as a journalist in Europe. After graduating Nina hopes to follow her wanderlust and see where life takes her next.

Noort Bakx

• Amsterdam

Netherlands



B.A. Communication Sciences

-University of Amsterdam

- If time wasn't an issue, I would respatialize myself back in time and interview Napoleon or Audrey Hepburn.
- Once in Aarhus... Johanna told our cab driver "Life's a struggle."
- Make dreams, change dreams, live life to the fullest. And go paragliding.
- After rain comes sunshine.
- Any place where I can be amazed.

Good news comes when you don't expect them. It proved to be right for Noort, who got her admission letter to the Erasmus Mundus Media, Journalism and Globalization program while sitting on a beach during her two-month long trip to Asia. 23-year old Noort from the Dutch city of Maastricht, says she did not want to study for a regular MA degree in journalism. To be a part of the Erasmus Mundus program, she adds, gives a chance for not only meeting fellow students from different parts of the world, but also a unique opportunity to go international in terms of the career perspective. "I'm so ready to take chances," says Noort, explaining that she's ready to try herself in different aspects of journalism, print, broadcast, or new media. But producing a TV show seems to her an ideal place to try her skills in the future. And again, there are so many things to explore in the world, and Noort is a great young explorer, open-minded, bright, eager to learn. "I'm proud to be here," Noort concludes. She walks off to the rain in the downtown Aarhus to fix lights on her bike, a young journalist ready to shine.

○ Nfor Edwin Tamfuh

• Hamburg

Cameroon ○



B.A. Journalism & Mass Communication

-University of Buea

- The masses in the third world living in the enclaved areas in abject poverty, hunger and disease.
- I got on a wrong bus without knowing. I found myself at one end of the city. Being finally alone in the bus, the driver was surprised to find me. He had to ask my direction. When I told him he made me to understand that I was on the wrong bus. He then dropped me off where I could get the bus to my right direction. I got so angry with myself.
- I want to travel to at least one hundred countries in the world. Exchange with peoples and cultures. I want to write books on Media, train media professionals in my country. Finally, if I die having succeeded to preach to the gospel bringing at least 10 000 people to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, my life would have been successful.
- Planet Earth is a place where people of diverse origins and cultures live. What makes it particular is the ability for these people to exchange different ideas about their different areas of origin.
- The library. It is a place of diverse knowledge about diverse topics from where you can carve out a niche for yourself.

Nfor Edwin Tamfuh is a Cameroonian. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication from University of Buea in Cameroon. After University studies he worked as a news reporter and anchor at Equinoxe Television in his country from Feb 2010 to August 2012. Edwin's goal is to become a professor of media studies, a media consultant and a preacher of the gospel.

Nurul Huda Jamaluddin

• Amsterdam

Malaysia



B.A. Mass Communication-Journalism

-Universiti Teknologi MARA

- I would like to report about conflicts and the people who are involved. After having work experience abroad, I want to make a difference in Malaysia.
- When I arrived in Aarhus, I was very tired after flying for 15 hours. My mentor came to pick me in the station and take me to dinner at her home, she was very nice but I was exhausted. When it was time for me to go home, I insisted I wanted to take a taxi. We went together to pick it and while she was explaining the address to the driver, who was outside the car, I just put my luggage inside and jump in the front sit, on the left site! The driver start yelling at me. I couldn't understand what was happening, then I looked in front and realized I was on the driver's seat... I don't know what he thought I was going to do...
- A lot of things! I'm a Muslim, and I would like to become a better Muslim... I also hope to be able to tell to the people that matter to me that I love them.
- Please, put something on!"
- Bali, why? I don't know... maybe because the people is very welcome and warm; the place, the history it has, the architecture, all the spiritual meaning behind it.

Nurul is from Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. She studied her Bachelor in Journalism and worked as an intern for The New Straits Times. Afterward, she freelanced for a while before getting a job in an important English paper, The Malay Mail. After more than one year working there, she decided to try the branding world. She found a job in PR but it wasn't what she expected. "I understood marketing and I realized my passion was not PR." She found a Masters degree to relaunch her career: the Erasmus Mundus Program. In the next ten years, she wants to be a "decent" journalist and write about people and politics -that's why she chose Amsterdam as her specialization-. "In my country politics are not about people," she explains, "they play with racism, religions... it's very dangerous." That's why she would like to make a difference.

Nyoman Widia Anggreni

• Amsterdam

Indonesia



B.A. Mass Communication

-London School of Mass Communications- Jakarta

- If time and money weren't an issue I would write about every beautiful city in the world, work for nobody and just write about cuisine, places, cultures, and everything that I see.
- One time in Aarhus, I drank while bicycling downhill on my way to the biggest Friday Bar night and ended up with bruises because I fell from my bike. Lesson learned, DON'T DRINK while BIKING!
- What would I do before I die is bungee jump. I have a fear of heights but I love to face my fear by going to high places, as long as it's safe. Jumping from a high places is another story, even though it is "sort of" safe. With all the rope and safety equipment. But the problem is...when will I found the courage to walk to edge and JUMP?
- If I meet an alien I will tell them about Bali. I will tell them that Bali is a beautiful island and it is part of Indonesia. It is not an independent country. And it is the land where most exotic people came from.
- The place that inspire me the most is....all places inspire me, people inspire me. But if I need some boost up to get inspiration, I go the bathroom. Haha-hahaha... Enjoying the calm hot water and just relax.

One needs more than one paragraph to talk about Reni. She has a really interesting background. Not only has she worked for several years at the Indonesian media, but she is also a single mother with three little children. She is highly educated and has many interests, music and cinema but –surprise!- not football. She believes that this program is a great opportunity to meet new cultures.

○ Péricles Carvalho

• Swansea

Brazil ○



B.A. Social Communication-Journalism

-Federal University of Goiás

- If time and money weren't an issue I would love to interview Aung San Suu Kyi. She is such a brave woman who has sacrificed so much to fight for her country. Her story is very interesting, and her drive and activism fascinates me. I would love to go deep in her history.
- One time in Aarhus, I looked in the mirror and said to myself: "good boy, you made it abroad once again".
- Well I think my goals are similar to most of people wishes. I want to find love, have a kid, travel all five continents, write a book, work for something I believe in, that is fulfilling and makes me happy - I was not born to do something repetitive and boring; maybe that's why I'm a journalist! I also want to live in New York City for at least one year.
- If I met an alien, the first thing I'd tell them about planet Earth would be that despite all the destructiveness on earth, the human race is inherently good. I still believe it!
- The places that inspires me the most is: Corcovado in Rio (Christ the redeemer) because one can see Brazil in a nutshell from here - the poor favelas next to the rich neighborhoods, you see the sea, beaches and the forest. Despite all the differences, this view reminds me that Brazil is such a wonderful and varied country. Abroad it is roof of The Museum of Natural History in NY, from where you can see the amazing landscape of the city and also the Central Park. This place makes me think of my life, the future, and this sense of being a world citizen.

With a Greek name, Péricles Carvalho is a typical Brazilian, talkative and open-minded. He studied Social Communication – Journalism at Universidade Federal de Goiás and also did an exchange for six months in Toronto, Canada, at York University, where he took Political Science classes. He worked for a newspaper in Brazil and also to his university radio station. He wants to work with International Journalism, covering big events around the world or engaging himself in humanitarian causes.

Philippe Stalder

• Amsterdam

Switzerland



B.A. Journalism & Communication Science

-University of Zurich

- I want to make a documentary about a world trip.
- Once in Aarhus, I met a lot of interesting people and made many good friends.
- Before I die I want to have at least 10 grandchildren.
- Don't believe the hype.
- Sitting on top of Aletsch Glacier in Wallis, Switzerland.

Phil is originally from Zurich, Switzerland. He studied at the University of Zurich with a major in Media Science. He worked as journalist for two local newspaper and one magazine called Vice. Currently, Phil is an M.A student in the Erasmus Mundus Journalism, Media and Globalization as well as a drummer in an independent band called Drunken Shrimps. His ambitions are to make video documentaries in next 10 years. Phil believes that "one picture is more than thousand words" and he wants to give a voice to minors to report what the mainstream media has not covered.

Roop Gill

• London

Canada



Bachelors of Journalism

-Ryerson University

- I have been working on a documentary on shark finning for a few years. If time and money weren't an issue, I'd continue to work on that project on a bigger scale and other projects about sustaining marine life.
- Once in Aarhus... I received a noise complaint... for walking too loudly.
- Visit every continent .
- I'd tell them that Canada is the most amazing place on Earth and don't listen to anyone else who says otherwise.
- The Indian Himalayas are the most inspiring place I have ever visited.

Born in India and relocated to Canada when she was 15, Roop Gill never spares her enthusiasm to experience the world. She enjoys a lot in traveling along with challenge and change; this is what brings her to Europe. So far she has been to 25 countries including Vietnam, Spain, Costa Rica, Panama and Peru. Roop is going to spend her second year in London, and she would love to do broadcast journalism as a professional pursuit.

○ Rūta Činkaite

• London

Lithuania ○



B.A. Business Management ○

-Vilnius Gedimino Technikos University

- Fashion, food or traveling. Or psychology. These are my favorite topics.
- Once in Aarhus, I found this wonderful flea market. On its day of closing!!! How much worse can it get???
- Learn how to horseback ride, take a trip around the world (or at least half of it), work as a dance teacher, open my own shop... Ah, it's a lot..
- If you land somewhere close to Denmark, get a raincoat!
- Small coffee places in big cities like London or Barcelona. I haven't been to NY yet, but surely the effect would be the same.

This lady is a global player: in her 26 years, Ruta not only managed to learn five languages (Russian, English, Spanish and French besides her mother tongue Lithuanian) while studying Business Management and living in France and Spain for a few years. She also has been working as a freelance journalist, Salsa teacher and project manager – and plans to do so again in her future career. Hopefully for another global player: at one of Google's international teams - "and teaching Salsa in my free time!"

○ Santiago Sáez

• London

Spain ○



B.A. Journalism ○

-Autonomous University of Barcelona

- If I had all the time and money I wanted, I would write about life in a wonderful tropical paradise somewhere in a Polynesian island. First person, of course.
- Once in Aarhus... I met a bunch of wonderful people.
- I would like to do many things before I die, but one of my dreams is to travel around the world without flying.
- "Fly, you fools!"
- Bars where friends get together for a beer after a long working day.

Santiago's life is already enviable. Starting from the Mediterranean country of Spain, where he studied Journalism, he touched the edges of different regions, ending in Vietnam, where he worked as language teacher. His dream of being a communicator already started as he worked in various newspapers, but he is now looking for the perfect place to continue his journalistic career. Possibly with a late 70's rock music background.

Wang Shigang

• Amsterdam

China



B.A. European Literature

-Focus on Italy

-Universita per Stranieri di Perugia

- I would interview my grandfather. He died when I was 9 years old and I wanted to ask him what he hoped for me and I wanted to learn more things about his life. But I won't have the chance.
- I want to get really really drunk in front of our classmates.
- I want to publish my autobiography.
- The most amazing thing on our planet is football. If you have feet you should learn how to play it.
- Chenzhou and Milan.

Originally from Chenzhou, China, Shigang is a very friendly and interesting person. He is an expert in Chinese tea culture and loves Italian football. He has a Bachelor's Degree in European Literature with a focus on Italy. He studied abroad for one year in Milan. Shigang has worked as a sports journalist for a newspaper in China. He wants to write about Italian football for a Chinese media company. His goal in ten years is to be a freelancer who spreads Chinese culture to the whole world.

PawPaw

• Amsterdam

Thailand



B.A. Mass Communication (Journalism)

-Chiang Mai University

M.A. Southeast Asian Studies

-Chulalongkorn University

- I would write about the heart of politics. I believe that political issues are the key explanation to the suffering and corruption that people around the globe experience. My aim is, to connect the dots and paint the bigger picture in which both governments, politics and people are connected.
- Once in Aarhus... I had trouble finding postcards. And this made me think: "today we all type – nobody writes anymore." That, I think is a shame and I find, that technology, however indispensable it is, cannot replace the unique sense of paper and handwriting.
- Working as a journalist has made me realize the value of honesty. My goal in life is, to be honest to myself about what is good for me, and people around me... And not to eat cake, when I don't need cake.
- I would tell him, to go and talk to as many human beings as possible. And tell them that humans are so tiny compared to the universe surrounding them, tell them to be more humble... and that they are not the center of the universe, there is so much more to learn out there.
- My mom's kitchen. This place symbolizes security, unlimited love and care. What I like about my mom's kitchen, is the atmosphere of sharing food and giving/taking instructions from each other. The sharing of information and thoughts always makes me realize the importance of openness –in your private life as well as in the public sphere.

Paw was born 29 years ago in Chiang Rai, which is in the Northern part of Thailand. Growing up in Thailand, Paw experienced the restraints the Thai system was capable of putting on her and her surroundings. This however, has only encouraged Paw to take action, and voice the problems surrounding her: "I actually feel lucky, to be born in Thailand, because it has given me an insight into corrupted systems and their effects on the people they govern". So, instead of yielding, Paw began to question the society in which she lived. This inspired her to study journalism – an opportunity to become a voice of the voiceless, as well as an opportunity to travel and explore the world. After graduating as a journalist in 2006 Paw worked for 3 years at a non-profit web-based news agency in Thailand. Yet again, Paw decided that she needed to learn more about the cultural and social aspects of the region she lived in. And so, from 2009 to 2011 Paw took a Master's degree in South East Asian Studies. As for her future goals, Paw wishes to pursue a career in journalism in Thailand. So in 10 years time we'll find Paw busy "fighting on her fingertips" and dedicating her time, to connect the stories of the small people with the bigger global picture.

○ Sonja Nikcevic

• Hamburg

Serbia ○



B.A. English Language & Literature ○

-University of Belgrade

- Honestly, I'd divide my time between writing book reviews and a very subjective sports blog.
- One time in Aarhus, I pronounced the name of my street correctly.
- Before I die, I want to: learn to surf, try all the different types of chocolate in the world, have a family and kids and travel as much as possible.
- I'd tell them that the weather in Denmark is horrible
- A football stadium filled with fans is probably the most inspiring thing in the world for me.

Sonja Nikcevic is a study in contradictions. She's a self-proclaimed "girly-girl" and her obsession with pink and an enviable nailpolish collection stand as proof. Yet this Serbian bibliophile can only be described as fanatical when it comes to sports. Sonja got her first taste covering sports working for the daily Serbian sports newspaper Sportski Zurnal and dreams of reporting on international football as a career. If you're not into sports, Sonja is content to talk about literature for hours. She's a Shakespeare devotee, a connoisseur of fine chocolate and a mighty fine barista. Clearly, the talented Miss Nikcevic is going places.

○ Sophia Karadima

• London

Greece ○



B.A. Economics

○ -National & Kapodestrian University of Athens

- About travelling the world, my experiences in different countries, about culture, human rights, way of living maybe about food too..
- One time in Aarhus, we met each other.
- Still buffering...
- Oh man, respatialization really exists..send me a friend request on facebook...
- The harbors, especially the industrial ones.They have always to do with travelling and new experiences.

Describing Sophia Karadima can be done in no less than two words : “Good, good!” This girl is the kind of person who is able to turn a simple expression into a new trend and spread it through the whole Mundus community. Before joining this program, Sophia studied economics in Greece. “We use money in all transactions. Studying economics is a way to understand how the system is constructed,” said Sophia. “If you want to be a business journalist, this is the best background you could have”. No surprise then that she picked London as her specialism year. After this Master, Sophia would like to travel more and get a job abroad in order to meet different people and civilizations. “I am hoping for a job where I would be really happy to go everyday”, she added laughing. Learning new things, leaving different experiences everyday. Those were some of the reasons why Sophia turned to journalism, a choice she considered when she was 12. “It doesn’t have the routine that the majority of jobs have, you always get involved with different things and news”, she said. “And I also like the lifestyle of journalists, it is always about coffee and investigations”. Good, good.

○ Sophie Michielse

• Amsterdam

Netherlands ○



B.A. Journalism ○

- Fontys Hogeschool Journalistiek Tilburg

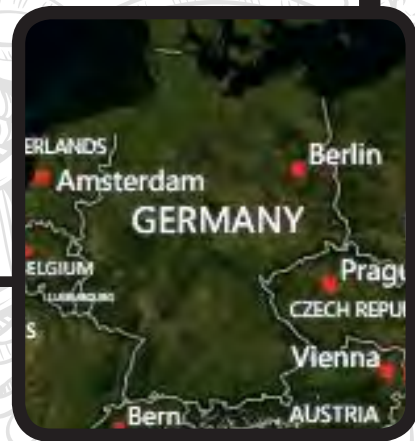
- I would work on a documentary about young Zionist Jews leaving their home country to settle in Israel. Who are they and what drives them to move to a country where there is a conflict going on, before the state of Israel was established. It is not just an ideology, there is so much more. I did some research, but I still have so many questions without answers.
- Once in Aarhus, Anne and I took the bus to go downtown. When we passed Ikea after at least twenty minutes we started wondering where this bus was going to take us. Somehow, we ended up all the way in Lystrup. A tiny village we would have never seen if we didn't get lost with the bus.
- I want to do what I love, and do this often. Whatever that may be. I guess it means think less, do more...
- In order to answer this question properly, I should either be drinking or using drugs. I will give it a try without any of those things. I would convince the alien how great it is to live on planet Earth; peace, love, nature, those arguments I'd use. If I'll tell all kinds of beautiful stories to the alien, maybe we can arrange an exchange so I can discover his planet.
- Without a doubt Jerusalem. I could write an essay on why I am inspired every time I go to Jerusalem, but I won't bother you with that here. Just ask me in real life and we'll discuss it.

If you introduce Sophie there's always a "but". Her name is Sophie Michielse BUT her actual name is Sophie Adriana Helena Michielse. She was born in the Netherlands BUT she prefers to call it "Kroket-Paradise". She did "Journalism" as a Bachelor and an internship at a Dutch newspaper BUT print journalism is not her dream job. In ten years she would like to do documentary films. Since she already started working for Dutch public television, there is no "but" in sight.

Stefanie Brüning

• Amsterdam

Germany



B.A. Journalism

-TU-Dortmund University

- I will one day – as soon as I have either the support or the money to do it on my own – reconstruct the way of a precious piece of jewellery is made beginning with the worker who is digging the gold for it and ending with the person who is finally buying the diamond ring.
- Once in Aarhus... I started this global study programme which changed my perspectives; regarding the world, my work and my life.
- To write a good book, to travel the world and to achieve something remarkable that will still be remembered positively when I'm gone – if only by my future children or in best case by non-related persons as well.
- Please be careful!
- Places with an "endless" horizon, like the ocean or city skylines seen from a hill.

Stefanie Brüning, is a real future journalist from A to Z. After graduating a BA degree of Journalism, an ambitious German lady has been working one year at a regional daily newspaper "Neue Ruhr" (Germany). Stefanie has also had 3 internships: at a magazine in Hamburg "Stern View", radio station "Radio Kiepenkerl" and newspaper "Ruhr Nachrichten"! Obviously there is no need to ask what Stefanie wants to be when she grows up: "Hopefully, I will be writing profound stories about global issues for a quality magazine. Both, daily or website version, sound good!"

Wang TingChao

• Hamburg

Taiwan



B.A. Journalism

- My aspirations for the future include helping the general public in Taiwan to identify with their society, connect Taiwan to East Asia and to the world by doing community reports. I have a sincere desire to improve the local media industries because Taiwanese viewers need a more disciplined media system with more positive / progressive news outlets.
- One time in Aarhus, I found strolling alone in the city an unforgettable experience: for the excitement of the hustle and bustle of the city, for the unique architecture, and for the language I don't know.
- Being who I really am will definitely be my answer.
- A place with a bunch of incredible and crazy people. Watch out.
- I found the Aran Islands located at Galway Bay, the west coast of Ireland amazing. The Aran Islands are isolated from mainstream print and electronic media, and thus adapted to the absence of luxuries that many parts of the western world had enjoyed for decades and centuries. Visiting there will be an absolutely must if you are looking for a peaceful mind.

TingChao Wang, 22, studied English literature and language in Taiwan before heading over to Europe. An aspiring music journalist and a rock-and-roll lover, she is going to Hamburg for her second year. She did an exchange in Germany for her undergrad, and the language skills learned during that time will definitely come in handy for her specialism year.

Veronica Sanchez

• Hamburg

Mexico



B.A. Communication

-Universidad Panamericana

- I would like to write stories about migrants around the world and their journeys from their home country to another.
- I found my bike with a lock in the rear tire that was not mine. I had to manage to carry it to the bike shop where they cut it off. I look as if I was stealing it!
- Go to Tibet.
- Despite all the problems here, this is a place that is worth experiencing.
- The sea, especially in Lima, Peru.

Mexico is known for its sandy beaches and telenovelas. Before meeting Veronica Sanchez, a graduate from Pan American University in Mexico City, with a BA in Communication, it is easy to imagine her as a protagonist in a Mexican soap. Meeting Veronica in person has been wonderful! She is all that: smart, kind, strong-willed and independent. At 28, Veronica has accomplished so much in her journalistic career. She has worked as a reporter for REFORMA, a Mexican daily newspaper in Mexico City, and wishes to work for NGO's and report more on social and human interest issues.

Liu Wenwen

• Hamburg

China



B.A. English

-Hebei University of
Economics and Business

- I would like to write a novel about an invisible person that can only be seen by other people when he wears his nice coat.
- One in Aarhus... I met a lot of interesting people and made many good friends.
- I want to write songs for the people that I love. I like poems, paintings and singing.
- Try some chinese food, hot pot (traditional, very spicy southern chinese dish)
- Pokhara in Nepal or a beautiful snowy mountain.

Liu Wenwen is a 25 years old journalist from Kunming, China. Her name 'Wenwen' means colourful cloud, knowledge and culture in Chinese. After she finished her BA-degree in English, Wenwen went to Biratnagar in Nepal to work as a Chinese volunteer teacher. After one year she returned from Nepal to work at China Daily's Yunnan bureau, where she interviewed local politicians and made translations into English. In the next ten years Wenwen wants to become a cultural and ethnic journalist. Since Yunnan is a border province, Wenwen got to know a lot of different cultures and ethnic groups, so she has a lot of resources to explore. That's also why she decided to study abroad, to widen her horizons and to see local issues from an international perspective.

Guo Yao

• London

China



B.A. Journalism

-Minzu University of China

- I would like to write the life stories of all my special Mundusians.
- One time in Aarhus, I appreciated this small town's tranquil midnight. I always remember the day I arrived in Aarhus. It was in midnight and I walked in the moonlight-paved path with my three heavy suitcases.
- I want to open a café in my hometown Beijing and put my whole collection in it. There can be books, postcards, maps, music and recipes in the menu.
- Earth is a global village with love and hope.
- Tibet.

Yao was born in Beijing, lived and studied there. Writing and photography have always been her passions and she thinks this may be the reason why she chose to study Journalism for her Bachelor's degree. During her undergraduate studies, she took charge of her university's student newspaper, which was published twice a month. Besides that, she did internships in a national new agency, local evening newspaper and also wrote for a local English weekly newspaper as a freelance writer. In the future, she hopes to do something benevolent to improve human rights and give confidence to people who are in terrible conditions.

○ Chang Yuan

• Amsterdam

China ○



B.A. Journalism ○

-Minzu University of China

- The democratization process of China, Cuba, North Korea and all the dictatorship countries which still alive in this world
- Once in Aarhus, I got drunk and kissed by a girl(s) at a party.
- Experience all the interesting things that I haven't done yet.
- It sucks, but vividly.
- On the road.

Yuan Chang with his eternal smile is 25 years old. He graduated from university two years ago and his Bachelor's degree is related to Journalism. Yet social science, especially political science is what he is really interested in. He wants to affect and change young people. Yuan is very active on the Chinese Internet, and is an opinion leader. He wrote column, organized salon and established web magazine with his companions. His work experiences were not only in the media owned by the Communist party but also has been worked for the liberal magazine. Now he is a political reporter (Europe Bureau) for a media house in Hong Kong,. This magazine focus on the political truth of China covered all the sensitive events of politics in China, which the media in mainland are, not permitted to cover. Their aim is push the democratization process of China! In the next ten year Yuan wants to go back to China, report the big change in this country, fight for the freedom of press and the right of vote, even totally change in this country; fight for democratic, free, normal and blissful country.

Yulia Bodnar

• Amsterdam

Ukraine



B.A. Television

-Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko
University, Institute of Journalism

- About people who discovered their unique mission in the life and do what they love without chasing the glory or money.
- We have found a beautiful deer park, where people can feed the animals, touch them and just have a nice stroll. So far it is my favorite place in Aarhus, where you stop feeling yourself divorced and separated from nature.
- To make people I love happy. That's the best way to do something worthwhile.
- No, Earth is unsuitable for living, but we wouldn't mind to visit your planet and to have a look at your inventions.
- The places, where you can see the mightiness and beauty of nature: whether it is the mountains in Scotland, or the forests in Ukraine. Of course, the sea will always be one of the strongest inspirations.

At age 15, Yuliya Bodnar already knew she wanted to be a professional journalist. After being selected to present a TV program in her hometown of Chernivtsi, Ukraine, she discovered her passion for reporting news. Therefore, she studied Journalism at the Institute of Journalism in Kiev. For the meantime, Yuliya tried to have as many experiences as possible in different fields, in order to figure out the best topic and media (TV, newspaper or internet) for the journalistic practice. So far, Yuliya has not yet decided which media she would rather work for. However, she surely knows which topic interests her the most: domestic politics and the ability of citizens to make changes in their country. That is why will do her specialization year at the University of Amsterdam, in the Netherlands. Besides Journalism, Yuliya is also a big fan of traveling, reading books, especially classical literature, and watching sports.