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Mina Baghai (26) is from Saarbrücken. She studied law in Saarbrücken, Exeter and Berlin and holds a master's degree in international law and human rights. During her fellowship year, she will explore the role of the international community in the area of sexualised violence in Iranian prisons. She is particularly interested in the work of the human rights institutions of the United Nations, European foreign policy and the role of international criminal jurisdiction.

Jann Böddeling (27) is from Cologne and currently living in Ramallah, Palestine. After an apprenticeship at Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, he studied economics at the private Witten/Herdecke University and spent semesters abroad in Israel and Russia. During the Mercator Fellowship programme, he will focus on the possibilities and problems of establishing structures to promote bi- and multilateral development cooperation especially tailored to the needs of social businesses.

Sebastian Boll, 27, is from Kassel. He discovered his enthusiasm for international assignments while doing his alternative civilian service in Tanzania. He subsequently studied European and international studies in the Netherlands and Denmark, during which time he embarked on additional study and work trips to Mexico, India and Vietnam. He will use his fellowship year to address the problem of human trafficking in South-East Asia.

Nicola Blum, 27, lives in Zurich and is currently pursuing a PhD in mechanical engineering and technology management in the area of sustainability and technology. During her Mercator year, she will look at ways of increasing the efficiency of cooperation between the public and private sector with a view to creating a sustainable market for renewable energies in rural regions of developing countries. In this context, she will focus on financial mechanisms such as microfinance, corporate financing and the deployment of public monies.

Sebastian Fellhauer (27) grew up in Weil im Schönbuch near Stuttgart and, after leaving school, studied business in Koblenz, Bangkok and Buenos Aires. Today he lives in Berlin and in the past three years has worked for private enterprises such as an online mail-order firm for glasses. During his time at the Mercator Fellowship, Mr Fellhauer will explore the subject of "one-euro glasses for Africa", designed to help a billion people who need spectacles but cannot afford them.

Alexandra Jarotschkin (24) from Bad Arolsen studied international economics and development in Berlin, London, Bologna und Washington DC. Her project will explore the difficulties of reconciling private sector development with the battle against poverty.

Konstantin Kosten (29) from Berlin studied ethnology, peace and conflict research and the history of religion in Munich, Marburg and Teheran. He worked for the German Council on Foreign Relations' (DGAP) North Africa / Middle East program as well as the International Diplomats Training at the Federal Foreign Office. He plans to spend his Mercator year to devise further integrative strategies in European and transatlantic Iran policy and to evaluate their potential for implementation.

Annika Kovar (26) from Böblingen studied public administration and European studies at the universities of Münster and Twente (NL), after which she graduated with an MSc in global politics from the London School of Economics. Having spent time working and gaining experience in sub-

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Saharan Africa, her Mercator project will explore forms of traditional justice in African post-conflict societies, with a particular focus on Uganda.

Lukas Krienbühl is 25 years old and lives in Zurich. He studied international relations in Geneva and international security and conflict studies in Dublin. His project will be devoted to the prevention of violence within the framework of international election support.

Christian Ksoll, 29, graduated with master's degrees in public policy (MPP) and public affairs (MPA) from the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore and the Sciences-Po Paris, respectively. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Hamburg and the University of Växjö (Sweden), where he graduated with a degree in economics. During his studies, he focused on the area of trade and transport as well as development economics. While still at university, he gained practical insights into budget negotiations at Germany's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, in a public-private partnership at the HypoVereinsbank in Munich and at UNCTAD in Geneva and New York. Before starting university, he did his alternative civilian service at the German Seaman's Mission in Antwerp and twice took over as head of the Seaman's Mission in Douala (Cameroon) for a total period of nine months. Christian Ksoll speaks English, Dutch and French, and was born in Weiden i. d. Oberpfalz.

Dr Annika Kuhn (29) from Karlsruhe studied history and English philology at the universities of Heidelberg, Oxford and Princeton. After taking her Magister and state examinations in Heidelberg, she did her doctoral studies as a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford, where she received her doctorate in ancient history in 2010. During her Mercator Fellowship year she will be focusing on the question of restitution and mobility of cultural assets and the possibilities of international cooperation.

Ariane Lüthi is 27 years old, studied international relations in Geneva and lives in Zurich. During the course of her project, she will contribute to realising corporate due diligence with respect to human rights.

Tobias März (30) studied electrical engineering in Erlangen and Seville and most recently worked in the area of solar research at the German Aerospace Centre (DLR). During his fellowship year, he will explore the question of how solar energy projects need to be promoted in order to achieve a breakthrough particularly in newly industrialising countries. He will be focusing especially on the MENA region, where the most promoted projects in the area of concentrated solar power are currently to be found.

David Maleki is 26 years old and lives in Frankfurt. During his Mercator Fellowship year, he will be examining ways of involving newly industrialising countries more heavily in international climate protection efforts. He previously worked as a junior consultant for the GTZ in Eschborn. Mr Maleki graduated from the London School of Economics with a master's degree in international relations and from the University of Constance and the Universidad Complutense de Madrid with a bachelor's degree in political and administrative science. He has acquired practical experience in governmental and civil society organisations in Africa, the Caribbean and Europe.

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Florian Neutze is 28 years old and comes from Hanover/Berlin. He graduated from the University of Constance and the Universidad de Granada with a degree in political and administrative science, specialising in development, foreign and security policy. After completing his studies, he worked in the office of Frank-Walter Steinmeier during the European and German national election campaign. During his fellowship year, he will explore factors influencing the success of bilateral civilian development cooperation, with a particular focus on Germany's engagement in Afghanistan.

Dominik Paris is 27 years old and comes from Cologne. After attaining a bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Maastricht and acquiring some initial professional experience, he took a master's in international affairs at Columbia University. During his fellowship year he will focus on climate change adaptation, particularly in the areas of migration and urban centres.

Clara Rellensmann (27) from Berlin has degrees in European studies (B.A.) and world heritage studies (M.A.). While still at university, she acquired work experience both in the cultural sector and in economic and educational promotion, in countries such as Costa Rica, Laos and Bahrain. In her scholarship year, she plans to work at UNESCO Bangkok to focus on the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention in developing countries and the question of how it can contribute to sustainable development. By working closely with world heritage managers in South-East Asia, she intends to search for suitable management strategies for sustainability in the protection and development of historic urban landscapes.

Lenea Reuvers, 24, is from Hohen-Sülzen near Worms. She studied "Economics, Politics and International Studies" at the University of Warwick in Great Britain and later attained a master's degree in "International Relations and International Economics" – specialising in the Middle East – at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, DC. She speaks English, French, Italian and Arabic. In the coming year, she will explore the role of women in promoting democracy in the Middle East.

Bastian Richter, born in Celle in 1982, studied political science, modern history and media studies at the TU Braunschweig, the University of Leiden and the London School of Economics. In his project, he will look at ways of overcoming civil war and humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa.

Joshua Rogers (25) grew up in a German-American family in Berlin. After achieving a BA in history and politics at Balliol College, Oxford, he studied international relations in Berlin. In his project, he plans to explore international contributions to stabilising fragile states.

Juliane Sarnes (27) from Berlin initially studied sociology, economics, law and organisational psychology in Munich and Paris and then completed a double MPA (Master of Public Administration) at the London School of Economics and the Hertie School of Governance, Berlin. In her Mercator project, she will focus on public debt as the consequence of dysfunctional fiscal policy frameworks and on strategies to discharge and prevent growing public debt in the future.

Kristoffer Tangri (28) from Hamburg acquired his BA in political and administrative science at the University of Constance. He studied development policy and demography (M.A.) at the London School of Economics and then acquired another master's degree in international affairs at Columbia

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University in New York. In the coming year, he will explore the role of the EU in United Nations peace missions.

Julia Teyssen (24) studied economics, law and environmental system studies in Graz, Växjö and Lund. During her Mercator Fellowship year, she will focus on the regional integration of the European electricity markets.

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