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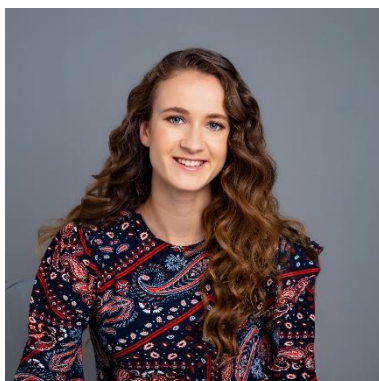
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Ms Kelsey GRAY

Australia

Senior Project
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Department of
Climate Change,
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Kelsey is currently a Senior Policy Officer in the Australian Government, representing Australia in multilateral climate negotiations at the UNFCCC Conference of the Parties. Previously, she was an adviser at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet where she focused on Australia's international climate policy. Kelsey started her career in law after graduating with a Bachelor of Science/Law (Honours). Throughout her undergraduate degree she worked internationally with a range of organisations including the United Nations Asia-Pacific Headquarters, the Superior Tribunal of Justice in Brazil, and the National University of Singapore. She has recently returned from the University of Oxford where she completed a Masters of Environmental Change and Management, graduating with Distinction. Kelsey is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Ms Mayabee ARANNYA

Bangladesh

Project Coordinator -
PASCH &
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Mayabee is a Project Coordinator for PASCH & Educational Services (BKD) at Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, where she manages partnerships with educational institutions and creates international exchange opportunities for students. She is a feminist activist, leading Kotha, a youth organisation fighting the root causes of gender-based violence in Bangladesh. She is the Founder of Shompreeti, a trauma-informed peer support and care network for survivors of violence in Bangladesh. She and her team facilitate the country's first fully youth-led comprehensive sexuality education programme, Kotha At School. She is the co-author of Bangladesh's first youth-centred Peer Education Training Manual, winner of the Share-Net International Small Grants. She was selected as a LeadNext Fellow: Ambassador for a Global Future by The Asia Foundation, and named a Visionary Leader by Vital Voices and the Estée Lauder Emerging Leaders Fund. Mayabee is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Mr Maxim VANDEKERCKHOVE

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Attaché

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Maxim started his career as Professional Development Officer for the Master students Interdisciplinary EU Studies at the College of Europe in Natolin, Poland. After that, he shortly worked at the Flemish Government on international biodiversity matters before joining the Belgian Ministry of Social Security and subsequently the Belgian Ministry of Science (Belspo) where he is an Attaché, Risk Officer and follows up on the STI strategy. Next to that, Maxim is the coordinator of the expert group on Technology, Science and Innovation Diplomacy at the Brussels Diplomatic Academy, which is part of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Maxim is an ASEFEdu Alumnus and gained experience within ASEF as participant of ARC7 and ASEFYLS4, as well as a speaker at ASEFYLS5. Recently he was the country informant for the Asia-Europe Science & Technology Diplomacy Report.

Ms Rachna THIM

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Graduate Student
University of Kiel



Rachna is a communication specialist and independent writer from Cambodia with an interest in sustainability and social equity. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Communication Management and currently pursuing a Master of Science in Sustainability, Society, and Environment from the University of Kiel in Germany. She has gained extensive experience in strategic communication, content creation, and project management across journalism, nonprofit, and private sectors. She has successfully collaborated with flagship organizations like UNESCO and USAID, working to address gender-based violence, STEM education, and mental health advocacy. As an independent journalist, she has authored over 40 articles on critical issues such as crime, culture, and sustainability, focusing on underrepresented communities in Southeast Asia. Rachna is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

**Mr Antonis
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Antonis is a lawyer with several years of experience at the European Commission and Frontex, where he coordinates strategic communications, digital campaigns, and high-level events for EU border security, engaging with EU Member States and other stakeholders. While at the European Commission's Spokesperson's Service, he crafted campaigns, speeches and content for Presidents Jean-Claude Juncker and Ursula von der Leyen. Antonis studied LLB Law, PGC International Business, MBA, and International Relations and Diplomacy. Since 2014, he has been a trainer and facilitator for youth projects, mainly under Erasmus+. Participating in several Election Observation Missions, he experienced the fight for democracy and crisis communication on the ground, often during intense conditions. Antonis is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

**Mr Nikolaj
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Denmark
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Nikolaj is a Political Officer (JPD) at the European Union Delegation to Cambodia. He holds a Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies from the College of Europe in Natolin and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Aarhus University. He specialises in EU and international law, geopolitics, diplomacy, and EU-Asia relations. Over the past decade, Nikolaj has studied and worked across Europe and Asia, making him highly adaptable, globally minded, and deeply appreciative of diverse cultures. As a former national board member and International Secretary of European Youth Denmark, he has facilitated and organised several international projects, study trips, partnerships, and events, fostering intercultural cooperation and dialogue among young leaders across borders. Nikolaj is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

Mr Jonas NITSCHKE

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Jonas is currently working as a Programme Manager for Democracy and Governance at the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Brussels where he works on youth engagement in political decision-making, the challenges for democratic actors, as well as on the fight against dangerous trends such as misinformation, disinformation and fake news in the Indo-Pacific, South Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, he is a board member at the grassroots think tank Polis180. He was an EU delegate for the Y20 Summit in India 2023 and volunteers as a youth ambassador for the campaign organisation ONE. Furthermore, he acts as Deputy Director of the Programmes Team at Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP) and participates in the European Academy of Diplomacy as a scholarship holder by the Casimir Pulaski Foundation. Jonas is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

Ms Maryli POULIS

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Program Officer

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Maryli is the Program Officer at Columbia University Global's Athens Center, where she leads strategic initiatives in education, research, and innovation. With over a decade of experience in the education sector across nonprofit, public, and international settings, she brings deep expertise in programme management, educational training, and workshop curation. She leverages her background in big data systems to support fundraising, grant management, and institutional partnerships. A contributor to the European Digital Education Hub, Maryli helps shape EU digital education policy with a focus on innovation, ethics, and safety. Her work centres on the intersection of education, technology, and sustainable global development. Maryli is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Ms Virág KEMECSEI

Hungary

Communications
Consultant

Virag has a diverse background in communications, project management and research. She graduated from a Master of Science programme in Conflict Resolution & Governance at the University of Amsterdam, and received a Master of Arts degree in International Relations at Waseda University in Tokyo. Professionally, she has worked at UN agencies and NGOs, aiming to enhance intercultural dialogues and to ensure human rights for all. Virag is also participated in the ASEFYLS4, where she advocated for Economic Diplomacy as an engine of growth and prosperity in Asia and Europe. Currently, she is an Internal Communications Contractor at an international organisation. Virag is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

**Mr Shabil Syach
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Shabil Syach, also known as Jau, holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree in International Relations with a minor in Asian Studies. He has enriched his studies through programmes at the ASEAN Studies Centre at Gadjah Mada University and the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, where he received an international delegate award from Harvard University. These experiences developed his skills in global engagement and youth development, which he now applies in his role as a management professional at the ASEAN Youth Organisation. He leads initiatives aimed at enhancing social mobility for ASEAN youth through strategic investments in entrepreneurship and development, as well as by creating platforms for youth collaboration with organisations to address pressing issues outlined in the ASEAN Youth Work Plan and Sustainable Development Goals. Jau is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

Mr Itsuki TSACHIDA

Japan

Bachelor's Student

Tohoku University



Itsuki is currently completing his bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering at Tohoku University, Japan. He has extensive academic interests, ranging from engineering studies to entrepreneurship education. Itsuki is the founder and the CEO of cottonobar Co., Ltd., which aims to enhance international cooperation among STEM field enterprises as well as student organisations. Alongside his profession, he is an advisor of the Tohoku University STEM Student Network, an organisation with over 390 members from more than 50 countries, and the founder/campus director of Hult Prize Tohoku University. Additionally, Itsuki works as an administrative assistant for the Global Learning Center at Tohoku University, where he leads a Japanese education team for international students and an event organising team for the campus. Itsuki is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

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Aliaskar is a cybersecurity master's student at the University of Aberdeen, a member of UNICEF on Campus, and a recipient of the Bolashaq International Scholarship. His professional journey began as a Chief Information Security Specialist at the State Technical Service of Kazakhstan, where he addressed national cybersecurity challenges. Internationally, he has contributed to global digital policy and youth development through programs such as the ASEFLS2024 and the in-person training in China, the Secure E-Governance Online Summer School in Estonia, and the World Youth Development Forum. Aliaskar has also led digital inclusion initiatives for underprivileged youth in Kazakhstan. His expertise lies in cybersecurity, digital governance, and technology-driven social impact. Aliaskar is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

Ms Zivile EINIKYTE

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Zivile is a seasoned event host, moderator, and communications strategist with over a decade of experience in the European tech and startup ecosystem. She is the creator of the Perception Paradox podcast and media platform, where she leads thoughtful conversations at the intersection of entrepreneurship, health, and philosophy. Zivile has worked across innovation, partnerships, and programme development, supporting international conferences, corporate events, and high-growth ventures. Known for her engaging presence on stage and her ability to guide meaningful dialogue, she brings both structure and spontaneity to every event she leads. Zivile is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Ms Elaine YEAP

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Elaine currently works as Senior Project Officer at Infineon Technologies AG. Her prior career experience spans across various roles in life sciences and consulting industries, including Sanofi, Bower Group Asia, MRCB, and Frost & Sullivan. Elaine is also an ASEFYLS5 Alumna and served as Country Informant for Malaysia for the Asia-Europe Science & Technology Diplomacy Report and a Rapporteur for Malaysia for the Asia-Europe Science & Technology Diplomacy Initiative Country Focused Workshop Series. She was selected as Vital Voices (VV) Visionaries Fellow in 2024, and Yenching Global Symposium Fellow in 2025. Elaine holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from USM, and a Master in Management from Technical University of Munich. She is pursuing her second Master in Politics and Technology from Munich School of Politics and Public Policy.

**Ms Namuun
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Namuun is the Executive Director of Faro Foundation Mongolia, a nonprofit organisation championing inclusive digital transformation. Fueled by a passion for education sparked during her freshman year as an ESL teacher, she shifted her focus toward public education and advancing digital inclusion. A certified DW Akademie media development trainer, Namuun specialises in curriculum development, capacity building, and strategic communication for advocacy. Under her leadership, Faro Foundation has empowered over 60,000 citizens with the skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. She is committed to leveraging digital technologies for positive social impact and works closely with international donors, government bodies, and tech companies to deliver measurable, community-driven change. Namuun is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Mr Si Thu WAI

Myanmar

Founder

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Si Thu is an educator and SDG advocate passionate about empowering teachers, students, and youth through quality education. As founder of TET Myanmar, he has led teacher training programmes that have impacted thousands of educators across Myanmar. With a background in aerospace engineering and a Master of Education in progress at the University of Melbourne, he brings cross-disciplinary expertise to education. He has contributed to global education efforts through the SDG4 Youth & Student Network, and previously served on the YSEALI NEXT Executive Steering Committee and participated in the 44th Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Program (SSEAYP). He currently leads EduSEA: Empowering Educators in Southeast Asia and Empowering Myanmar Through Online and On-Site Educational Development, collaborating with educators and youth across the region. Si Thu is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

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Project Management
Officer

Endava Romania



Cristian is a Project Management Officer at Endava Romania, a global technology company delivering digital transformation and agile software development services. In this role, he supports strategic decision-making through reporting and data analysis across multiple business units. Cristian previously served as President of ESN Romania, where he led national strategies and represented the Erasmus Student Network at international platforms. He has implemented inclusion-focused initiatives funded by EU and corporate grants. He holds two Master's degrees in Organisational and Programme Management from Babeș-Bolyai University and studied abroad through an Erasmus+ scholarship. Furthermore, Cristian creates learning tools and facilitates training sessions as a certified trainer and active youth leader. Cristian is an ASEFEdu Alumnus.

Ms Lucía MORENO-ARRONES LORIENTE

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Lucía holds a joint Bachelor's degree in International Relations and Political Science (Spain) and graduated from the MBA programme at Shizenkan University (Japan). Currently a Senior Consultant for International Organizations at NTT Data, she previously worked at the Spain-Japan Foundation, contributing to public diplomacy through the organisation of the Spain-Japan Forum in Takamatsu (2025) and the Spain-China Forum in Beijing (2025). With prior experience in the fintech industry and as an editor at the European Student Think Tank, Lucía brings expertise in project management and international relations. Her work is driven by a deep interest in how societies can ethically adapt to rapid change in today's evolving global landscape. Lucía is an ASEFEdu Alumna.

Ms Isabelle WARD

United Kingdom

Project Manager
City Climate Action

Isabelle is an international urban planner and geographer focused on peer-to-peer learning and collaborative city planning to address the impacts of the climate crisis. She enjoys bringing together diverse stakeholders to co-create inclusive and sustainable urban futures, and has worked on urban research and projects in Japan and the UK. Isabelle holds a Bachelor's degree in Geography (International) from the University of Leeds, including a year at the National University of Singapore, and a Master's degree in International City Planning from University College London. Isabelle is an ASEF Alumna, having participated in the Model ASEM Spinn-off in Singapore in 2015 and ASEFYLS4.

The [Asia-Europe Foundation \(ASEF\)](#) promotes understanding, strengthens relationships, and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions, and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges, and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, education, governance, economy, sustainable development, public health, and media. ASEF is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore.

The [Japan Hub for Innovative Global Education \(JIGE\)](#) is an educational and workforce development initiative promoted by Kansai University, Chiba University, and Tohoku University. This project started in 2023 and is promoted as a Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology - Japan (MEXT)'s Inter-University Exchange Project until 2028. Aimed at a diverse audience from high school students to professionals, the project offers specialized virtual learning spaces containing interactive COIL/Virtual Exchange modules.

The [College of Europe in Natolin \(CoEN\)](#) is an academic institution offering an advanced Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies programme, which attracts students from across Europe and beyond wishing to study new developments in the EU and neighbouring countries in a multicultural learning environment and prepare for international career opportunities. The CoEN is also a recognised provider of executive education programmes, expertly tailored to meet the specific needs of its participants through close collaboration with stakeholders and beneficiary institutions.

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