Prof. Jerzy Buzek is a Polish politician and Member of the European Parliament from Poland. He has served as Prime Minister of Poland from 1997 to 2001, since being elected to the European Parliament in 2004, he has served as President of the European Parliament between 2009 and 2012.

Kuba Wygnanski is sociologist by training. He started his public activity as Solidarity activist. He was participating in historical Round Table talks. After 1989, he became deeply involved in numerous initiatives aiming to support civil society in Poland and other countries. He has started several NGOs including KLON/JAWOR Association (main support, research and information centre for Polish non-profit centre incl. www.ngo.pl) and Forum of Nongovernmental Initiatives (FIP) which plays key role as representative of Polish Third Sector. FIP has initiated series of sector wide debates and meetings including six national forums of several hundred organisations. Kuba was one of the authors and main advocate for Law on Public Benefit and Voluntarism in Poland. Kuba was initiator and coordinator of multi-year systemic project of Polish Model of Social Economy. For over 25 years Kuba is deeply involved in research field of non-profit sector in Poland. In 2003 he was Yale University – World Fellow.

For several years, Kuba was a Board Member of Stefan Batory Foundation, Board Member of Civicus (Global Alliance for Citizens Participation) and currently Board Member of TechSoup Foundation.

Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć is a Programme Director of the Citizens Network Watchdog Poland. The organisation aims at building a grass-root social movement aiming at transparency of governments and accountability of decision-makers. In her work she focuses on preparing on-line and off-line tools to get people engaged and to educate themselves in civic oversight and influence on governance. Currently her organisation works with more than 300 activists, bloggers, journalists, organizations and groups all over Poland. It also advocates for better legal solutions concerning openness of governance, monitors transparency of legislative process, litigates, takes part in the public debate and provides above 2000 legal consultations annually for those who want to execute their rights. For this vision and bottom-up strategy she was named a social innovator by the Ashoka – Innovators for the Public and awarded a Knight's Cross of Order of the Rebirth of Poland.

Elżbieta Korolczuk, PhD is a sociologist, commentator, women's and human rights activist. She works at Södertörn University in Stockholm, and her research interests involve: social movements, civil society and gender (especially motherhood, fatherhood and assisted reproductive technologies). Her current research includes conservative mobilization against “gender”, social activism of parents and political cultures of knowledge. Most recent publications include two edited volumes on motherhood/fatherhood and politics in Poland (with Renata E. Hryciuk), the books Civil Society Revisited: Lessons from Poland co-edited with Kerstin Jacobsson (Berghahn Books, 2017) and Rebellious Parents. Parental Movements in Central-Eastern Europe and Russia co-edited with Katalin Fábián (Indiana University Press, 2017). For over a decade she was a member of Warsaw based informal feminist group Women’s 8 of March Alliance organizing yearly feminist manifestations on the 8th of March. Currently, she is engaged in the activities of the Association “For Our Children” fighting for the changes in the Polish child support system and serves as a board member of “Akcja Demokracja” Foundation.
Karolina Stubińska, political scientist, graduate of Gdańsk University, vice-president of Immigrant Support Center association in Gdańsk. For the past 5 years she has been working with refugees and migrants in Gdańsk region offering legal assistance, consultancy and mentoring. She was involved in developing Gdańsk Model of Integration of Immigrants as well as the development, promotion and implementation of Pomeranian Migration Management Strategy.

Katarzyna Szymielewicz is a lawyer specialised in human rights and technology. Co-founder and president of Panoptikon Foundation – a Polish NGO defending human rights in the context of contemporary forms of surveillance. Vice-president of European Digital Rights – a coalition of 33 privacy and civil rights organisations. Board member of Tactical Technology Collective and Amnesty International (Poland). Graduate of the University of Warsaw (Law) and the School of Oriental and African Studies (Development Studies). A member of Ashoka – international network of social entrepreneurs.

Dr. Karolina Wigura studied sociology, philosophy, and political science at University of Warsaw, and Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. She is assistant professor at Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, and co-director of the programme "Knowledge Bridges between Poland, Britain, and Europe" at St Antony's College, University of Oxford. She is an editor of /Kultura Liberalna - /a Polish Thinktank and NGO, as well as an influential online journal, and the head of the Kultura Liberalna's Observatory of Public Debate, which gathers and analyses radicalisms in Polish and European public debate. She is the author of the book “The Guilt of Nations. Forgiveness as Political Strategy.”

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Dorota Warakomska
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Brendan Cox is an international campaigner and activist. Brendan started his work in the aftermath of the civil war in the former Yugoslavia working with children affected by the conflict and has a long standing interest in refugee policy. He was Chief Executive of Crisis Action from 2006 to 2009, a charity that works behind the scenes to address armed conflict. After this Brendan served as Special Advisor to the British Prime Minister before joining Save the Children as Director of Policy and Advocacy. Brendan has spent the last 18 months developing an initiative to build open and welcoming communities in the UK and around the world. Brendan is the husband of the late Jo Cox MP and lives with their two kids on a boat on the river Thames.

Janis A. Emmanouilidis is Director of Studies at the European Policy Centre (EPC) in Brussels. He has published widely on the EU's overall political and institutional development, the perspectives of differentiated integration in an EU 28+, the Union's foreign, security and defence policy and on EU enlargement. He has been an advisor of various governments, EU institutions, European parties and NGOs on a broad range of issues related to European integration and has commentated widely on EU affairs in the media. Between 2007-2009 and before moving to the EPC he was Stavros Costopoulos Research Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens, Greece. Between 1999-2007 he was a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Applied Policy Research (C-A-P) in Munich, Germany. Before that he worked as a Research Fellow at the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) responsible for the research area on the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP). Janis is also member of the Scientific Council and Research associate at ELIAMEP and EU Institutional Development Advisor of the Polish think-tank demosEUROPA - Centre for European Strategy in Warsaw. He has studied international relations and strategic studies in the UK and economics in Germany.

Catherine Fieschi

Alberto Masetti-Zannini is Strategy Director at Impact Hub King's Cross in London. He founded in 2009 and remains the Chair of the Advisory Board of Impact Hub Milan, Italy's first centre for social innovation and social entrepreneurship. He is one of the leading Makers of the Impact Hub Network, the leading global organisation supporting social entrepreneurs who want to start-up and scale ventures. He has championed social entrepreneurship and social innovation across Europe for 10 years, a passion that has led him to set-up and direct the BENISI / Impact Hub Scaling programme, an initiative co-funded by the European Commission and 4 philanthropic foundations that supported the scaling of 110 social businesses across 8 European countries: Sweden, Austria, Romania, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, the UK and Greece. Alberto co-manages the European Social Innovation Competition with an international consortium of organisations led by Nesta (UK) and is one of the main architects of the Social Challenges Innovation Platform, an EU-funded portal creating an online ecosystem to match pressing social challenges with innovative solutions, a programme run in partnership with the EBN Network.

Prior to working in the social enterprise sector, Alberto worked for several years for leading UK international NGOs, including Christian Aid and International Alert. He holds a BA Hons in Contemporary History from the University of Bologna, and an MSc in Global Politics from the London School of Economics. He shares his spare time between his 4 main passions: going cycling, seeing movies, exploring London and watching his two lovely sons grow.
Lisa Jordan is Senior Director of Strategy and Learning at Porticus. She is well known in the field of philanthropy for leading foundations toward greater impact. Ms. Jordan has a long history in creating social change by strengthening the voice of civil society; creating systemic change for young children; and linking legislators across the globe on sustainability challenges. As a committed social activist, Ms. Jordan's career spans government, NGO and foundations. She is a well-known speaker and author on creating systemic change. She has lived and worked in New York, Washington D.C., Amsterdam, Tokyo, Brussels and is currently based in Amsterdam. She previously served for five years with Bernard van Leer Foundation as Executive Director and for nine years with the Ford Foundation as Deputy Director of the Governance and Civil Society Unit. At the age of 25 she was the Founding Director of GLOBE, the largest environmental parliamentary organization in the world. She has also served as the Executive Director of the Bank Information Center, a non-profit in Washington D.C that champions the rights of local communities in development. She is an applied specialist on impact assessment and has built impact frameworks for large foundations. She has a long list of articles in Dutch, English and Spanish on changes in the field of development, globalization, NGO accountability, and on the multilateral development banks. She is co-editor of the book 'NGO Accountability: Politics, Principles and Innovations'. Ms. Jordan graduated cum laude in 1992 with a Master's Degree in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. A U.S. national, she is married with two children.
### Closing Plenary: Building Bridges Not Walls – Philanthropy’s Contribution to Solidarity around the World

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<th><strong>Amitabh Behar</strong> is the Executive Director of the National Foundation for India. Amitabh’s areas of interest are governance and civil society. Over the years he has worked on issues promoting governance accountability and social action. He is one of the leading experts of people centered advocacy and was the Executive Director of the National Centre of Advocacy Studies (NCAS). He is the Co-chair of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP), the Convener of National Social Watch Coalition and earlier the Convener of the Wada Na Todo Abhiyan (Don't Break Your Promises Campaign) in India. He sits on several other organizational boards including Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA), Navsarjan and mobile creche and is the President of Yuva.</th>
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<td><strong>Irũngũ Houghton</strong> chairs the Kilimani Project Foundation, a community foundation in Nairobi, Kenya. The foundation is committed to building a community of choice for all who live, work and do business in Kilimani. Irũngũ works at the Society for International Development having recently completed a decade of service with Oxfam. Irũngũ is also widely known as a skilful change campaigner and inspirational facilitator. He has been recognized with awards from Oxfam, New Partnership for Africa’s Development and the African Union. In 2013, he received the AU Award for a decade of service to women's rights.</td>
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<td><strong>Bolor</strong> is a feminist, social entrepreneur, fundraiser with 20 years of experience in social development and social change initiatives. Bolor has over 15 years of experience in legislative and policy advocacy, change leadership, institutional development and management of NGOs. Since 2006, Bolor has worked to strengthen women’s movement building in Mongolia and initiated the establishment of several national and rural networks of women’s groups. She currently works as a Program Director at Mongolian Women’s Fund, the only feminist philanthropic organization in Mongolia that provides financial support to women’s NGOs and groups for advancement of women’s human rights. In the past 10 years Bolor has promoted the development of culture of philanthropy in Mongolia and, through combining theory, practice and culture, leads the evolvement of feminist philanthropy in the country. She is currently a co-coordinator of Asian Network of Women's Funds and Board member of Prospera International Network of Women's Funds.</td>
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<td><strong>Felecia Lucky</strong> is the President of the Black Belt Community Foundation in Selma, Alabama. The Black Belt Community Foundation was established to support community efforts that contribute to the strength, innovation and success in Alabama’s 12 poorest counties—the Black Belt. As Executive Director of the Foundation, Felecia values regular input from the communities and works diligently to strengthen the communities in the areas of the environment, health and human services, education, youth, arts and culture, and economic and community development in an effort to transform Alabama's Black Belt. Born in 1969 in the indigent neighborhood of Livingston, Alabama, Felecia continues to exercise her loyalty to excellence and the principles of hard work which have propelled her throughout her entire life. A product of the Sumter County, Alabama Schools, Felecia excelled in academics including earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Tuskegee University and Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Alabama. Prior to serving as President of the Foundation, Felecia worked as an Internal Auditor in Minneapolis, Minnesota and as an Accounting Supervisor in Memphis,</td>
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Tennessee for Cargill, Inc. Felecia then returned home to Alabama to serve as Executive Director of the Sumter County Industrial Development Authority. This position provided a tremendous opportunity for Felecia to affect positive change in her home county. With a sincere desire to improve the quality of life for Sumter County citizens, Felecia worked with Auburn University to spearhead Sumter County's first leadership development program. Fueled even more by the passion to provide opportunities to the youth of the region, Felecia partnered once again with Auburn University to launch the Inaugural Black Belt Legacy Camp. In an effort to paint an accurate picture of the region that is often described as desolate, she partnered with the University of Alabama to launch the Black Belt 100 Lenses Project where the culture of the Black Belt was depicted through the eyes of its youth. Through her work, Felecia believes strongly in building stronger community with residents of the community, not for residents of the communities.

Felecia is very active in community development, serving on a variety of committees and boards, including the Council on Foundations Community Foundation Leadership Team, Black Belt Commission, and Southeastern Council on Foundations. Further, Felecia is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Felecia is a graduate of both Leadership Alabama and Leadership Sumter County. Felecia is also 2006 Southeastern Council on Foundations Hull Fellow, a 2013 Aspen Ideas Scholar and a 2016 graduate of the Delta Regional Authority's Delta Leadership Institute.

As a member of First Baptist Church in Livingston, Alabama, Felecia serves as Minister of Music. Felecia is married to David Lucky and they have one daughter, Amber.

Jenny joined the Global Fund for Community Foundations in January 2007. She has worked in the field of local philanthropy development in the former Soviet Union, sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia for the last ten years. From 1998 to 2000 she was Co-Director of the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) representative office in Moscow. While based in Nairobi, Kenya, she worked as a consultant to CAF, the Ford Foundation office for Eastern Africa and Allavida. From 2004 to 2006, she worked as a consultant to the Ford Foundation's International Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy (IIISP), the European Foundation Centre, the Singapore National Centre for Volunteering and Philanthropy, the Barrow Cadbury Trust and WINGS.