



## **Amici di Bologna Fellowship**

*Academic Year 2016-2017*

**Khrystian Pereira**, from Brazil, obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degrees in International Political Economy and Diplomacy and in Religion and Politics from the University of Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 2016, and is now pursuing a Masters of Arts degree at Johns Hopkins University.

Khrystian's academic interests focus on International Relations and has an intent to pursue a career in the United States Foreign Service. During his undergraduate studies, Khrystian has focused on the Asia Pacific Rim Region and the Middle East North Africa. He completed his undergraduate Religion and Politics theses on gender studies in a research titled, *Gender Inequality in Algeria: How Women Are Falling Behind*. This research aimed to study all areas of everyday life for women in Algeria, from education, to healthcare, to property rights and other freedoms.

Since starting his undergraduate career, Khrystian has been the head of many organizations, including The Student Government Association, Alternative Spring Break, and Model United Nations. Khrystian led his MUN team to win first place in last year's National Model United Nations Conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic. His delegation won all outstanding awards, including best position paper, best delegate and best delegation while representing the hosting nation of Czech Republic.

Khrystian has done extensive traveling in order to improve his knowledge of different cultures. He has traveled to twenty-three countries in five continents and did this while learning new languages, taking classes and competing in academic competitions. Khrystian has spent some time in Amman, Jordan, where he worked as an intern for Al-Quds Center for Political Studies, where his most fulfilling work was assisting in the "Women Post-Arab Spring" conference, which gathered hundreds of women from nations in the MENA region. Furthermore, Khrystian also spent some time in South Korea where he took classes in Korean language and in North Korean Politics, Culture and Society.

Both in his excellence in academic performance and in professional experiences, Khrystian has been able to make the most out of all the opportunities he has been granted. Khrystian finished two B.A. degrees in three years and was able to graduate a year early from his undergraduate studies.

At SAIS, he would like to concentrate on General International relations to prepare for a career in the United States Diplomatic Corps.

Khrystian is fluent in English and Portuguese; Intermediate in French and Spanish; has basic knowledge of Mandarin Chinese, Arabic and Korean; currently studying Italian.

