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Chiara’s academic interests focus on International Political Economy and European Studies, concentrations which will advance her ambition of contributing to the field of political economy. She recently did a six-month internship in Brussels at the public affairs office of two Dutch manufacturing companies, which further fuelled her interest in the European Union. From September 2015 to February 2016 she lived in Istanbul, Turkey, to study at Koç University as part of the Erasmus exchange program.

Throughout her studies, Chiara challenged herself not only academically, but also practically by taking place in several committees and part-time boards. From 2014 to 2015, she directed human resources on the board of AIESEC Groningen; a student-led organisation which facilitates volunteering opportunities and professional internships abroad.

In addition to her MA, Chiara currently works with *Nederlands Wereldwijde Studenten* (NWS), an organisation representing Dutch students doing a Bachelor, Master or PhD degrees abroad. Her role involves working with the Dutch government to support students studying abroad, and covers funding and political research.

Chiara speaks fluent Dutch, Italian and English, and will reach proficiency in French during her MA program.