



Karina Asbjørnsen (28), from Norway, obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in Comparative Politics in 2015 and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 2012, both from the University of Bergen. During her semester abroad, she studied International Conflict, Political Economy, and Development at the University of California, Berkeley.

In May 2018, Karina graduated with honors from the MA program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), concentrating in International Development and International Economics. Upon graduating, she was inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa chapter of Johns Hopkins University.

Before joining SAIS, Karina worked for four years in politics, at the Norwegian Embassy in Malawi, and in news media. Her social engagement led her from working as an investigative journalist, to trying to make a difference in one of the world's poorest countries, to joining politics in her home city of Bergen to fight economic and social exclusion.

In September 2018, Karina will join the Norwegian Foreign Service as a diplomatic trainee. She will spend the first two years of her service in Oslo, working on UN policy and completing courses in international affairs and languages. Afterwards, she will serve Norway abroad.

Both while working and studying, Karina has dedicated a significant amount of her time to voluntary work. While at SAIS Europe, she took part in founding the Net Impact club at campus. She has also volunteered with the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association, a network of young professionals interested in international security, and the Bergen Student Society, hosting debates on international issues.

Karina speaks English and Norwegian fluently, studied Italian in Bologna, and is currently learning Portuguese.