



Sannidhi Srinivasan, originally from Mumbai, India has also studied in Singapore and the US and recently finished a 3 year stint, working in New York City. She has thoroughly enjoyed her experience living in such disparate cities and cultures. She looks forward to having similarly enjoyable and educational experiences in Bologna.

In 2015, she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree with a minor in Business at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She enjoyed learning about the various useful applications of technology, from Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing to Distributed Systems and Information Security and Privacy. She even spent a summer involved in a research project aimed at automating the verification of declared privacy features of all Android applications.

Since completing her undergraduate education, Sannidhi was based in New York City while working at AQR Capital Management, a leading quantitative asset manager in the US. There, she worked on the development of portfolio construction and optimization applications as well as tools to generate performance attribution. She found this experience rewarding through its demonstrated impact of technology on factor-driven financial investment. Sannidhi also had the learning opportunity to work on large, fast-changing systems specifically focused on the quick analysis of data used for investment decision-making.

Sannidhi speaks fluent English and Hindi as well as conversational French and Spanish. At SAIS, she hopes to become a proficient French speaker and pick up conversational Italian.

Her interest in International Relations is one that evolved over time through various experiences she had over the course of her studies. First, at her international boarding school – UWC, in Singapore, she had various cultural exchanges and was also able to participate in organizations focused on the upliftment of various conflict-ridden and less-developed countries such as Timor Leste and Cambodia. Following this, she had the opportunity during her undergraduate education to take courses focused on International Security. These were very educational and even allowed her to understand the India-Pakistan conflict, one that she had always grappled with, in a new light. Lastly, through summer IR courses at Columbia University’s SIPA, she was able to better understand her specific academic interests with the discipline.

At SAIS, she would like to focus on the study of International Development, with a particular interest in the interaction of conflict and development. Her academic interests include exploring the various ways that technology can provide the scale to achieve development at a large scale. With her education at SAIS, she hopes to work on the above issues in both, Sub-Saharan Africa as well as the region of South-east Asia she grew up in.