

***“Success is important, but kindness matters. Pay it forward!”***

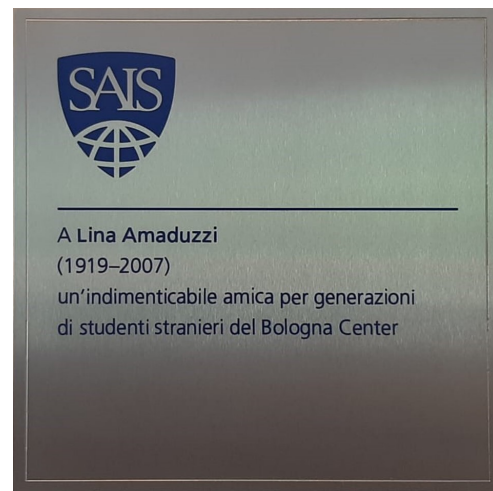
## The Amaduzzi and Aragno Student Internship Fund at SAIS Europe Established November 2020

Four SAIS Europe alumni have established a new perpetual fund to support student internships at SAIS Europe. The alumni, Daniela and Ajay KAISTH (B’89) and Erika and Hasan TEOMAN (B’82 and B’80-81), have named the fund in memory of Lina Amaduzzi and in honor of Hannelore Aragno, two women who helped shape generations of students in Bologna.

Each year, the Fund will provide funding for students with financial need so that they may pursue formative internship experiences to help them kick off a successful international career. The Kaisths’ and Teomans’ contributions will be fully matched by the program established by Johns Hopkins and SAIS Bologna Trustee James Anderson, reaching the \$100,000 needed to open the new Amaduzzi and Aragno Student Internship Fund at SAIS Europe.

To join the effort and help more students access internships each year, and to benefit from a unique matching opportunity, please contact the SAIS Europe Office of Development at [sais.eu.development@jhu.edu](mailto:sais.eu.development@jhu.edu)

**“Mamma Bologna,”** as Lina Amaduzzi was called by the many Bolognesi she hosted in her home from 1982 through the late 1990s, provided a sense of family for many students who were far from home and low on funds. She not only cared for them like a mother but also tirelessly advocated for them, writing to many famous people around the world to further the case of her ragazzi and to share her frank opinions. A year before she died, in 2006, her ragazzi had honored her with a gift in her name for the Center’s building renovation, and commemorated with a plaque which still hangs in the Center’s Student Lounge. Ajay, who she hosted, remembers her fondly for taking such good care of him when he was a Bologna Center student – making fresh pasta, folding and ironing his clothes, allowing to make costly “trunk” phone calls to his parents from her phone, and even screening his girlfriends!





**Hannelore Aragno** started at the Bologna Center as a German instructor in the early 1960s and stayed on as the school's Registrar until 2010, when she retired after 46 years of committed service to the support of students and faculty. Having spent her own childhood in post-war Germany and having witnessed the creation of the European Union, her greatest joy was to see students from so many different countries studying together. Her mark remains embedded in the life of the school. Hannelore went out of her way to assist Ajay in completing his Bologna stay – in addition to work-study, she found him jobs as a window-washer for the penthouse windows and as a server at Center events, to help make ends meet. She was also very helpful to him in transitioning to a Master's Program at NPSIA, Ottawa.

*"Based on the need expressed by Mike Plummer in our Amici di Bologna virtual event, and the generous match by James Anderson, we felt that this is the right moment to give back and pay forward the kindness shown to us by two remarkable, kind Bolognese – Lina Amaduzzi and Hannelore Aragno – who helped numerous Bologna Center students over many years. We couldn't be more thrilled to be making this gift jointly with Hasan and Erika Teoman, whose friendship and advice we treasure and appreciate deeply. We hope to inspire our fellow alumni in contributing to this Fund, which will enable current students with financial need to take advantage of career-enhancing internships. And we also hope to inspire recipients to give back and pay forward in future years."*

**- Daniela & Ajay Kaisth**

*"We are delighted to be able to join this thoughtful initiative by Daniela and Ajay Kaisth to start a much-needed endowed internship fund and to recognize our dear friends Lina Amaduzzi (RIP) and Hannelore Aragno for their extraordinary support of SAIS students in Bologna for many years."*

**– Erika & Hasan Teoman**