



Lorenzo Ciaffi was born in Rome, Italy, and later moved to Verona. Growing up, he was exposed to different cultures through au-pairs from the United States, Canada, Wales, Australia, and New Zealand, which allowed him to learn English from an early age. This international upbringing, together with a lifelong fascination for history and politics, naturally nurtured his interest in international relations.

Lorenzo holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the University of Bologna, where he was also awarded the *Collegio Superiore* Scholarship. He is currently pursuing a cooperative Master of Arts in International Affairs at SAIS Europe, jointly with the University of Bologna's Master's degree in International Relations – European Affairs. His academic interests lie at the intersection of foreign policy, strategy, and financial diplomacy.

Beyond his studies, Lorenzo has been actively engaged in academic communities and youth networks. He was elected twice as student representative in the Joint Committee for Exchanges and International Mobility of the Collegio Superiore. He also served as the Collegio Superiore's representative within the Italian Network of Honour Programs' Students. As a Young Member of Villa Vigoni, the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue, Lorenzo contributed to *German-Italian Young Voices*, a campaign to raise awareness among young people ahead of the 2024 European Parliament elections. More recently, he has played a leading role in the Villa Vigoni–Treccani–Fudan University collaboration project.

His international experiences include a year-long Erasmus exchange at the University of Tübingen during his BA and a semester as a visiting student at the LMU's Geschwister Scholl Institute for Political Science thanks to a scholarship of the Maximilianeum Foundation in Munich.

Outside academia, he contributes to *Pandora Rivista*, a Bologna-based magazine on International Affairs, and has cultivated discipline and teamwork as a water polo goalkeeper, competing in regional, national, and international tournaments with both Italian and German teams.

At SAIS, Lorenzo plans to concentrate on International Economics and Security, aiming to bridge these perspectives to inform effective foreign policy and diplomacy. His career objective is to serve either within the European Commission or the Italian diplomatic service. During this year at SAIS, he hopes to gain a perspective also on private sector opportunities related to international affairs.

He is a native Italian speaker, fluent in English and German, and has a beginner's knowledge of French, which he intends to further develop during his studies.