



Hi! My name is Prachi Adhikari, and I will be joining the MAIA program at SAIS this fall. I am originally from Kathmandu, Nepal - born and raised! At 18, I moved to the U.S. for my undergraduate studies. I hold a dual degree in Economics and Mathematics, and I also spent a semester abroad at DIS Copenhagen, where I studied Globalization and European Economies.

After graduating from Smith, I moved to Austin, Texas, where I spent 2 years at PIMCO Investment Management in their client servicing team. Working with large corporate clients and managing their portfolios not only gave me exposure to investment strategies but also to the broader global economy, macroeconomic issues, and most importantly international relations.

With strong ties to home and family, I returned to Nepal in 2023 and transitioned into impact investing sustainability. This career shift introduced me to an entirely different world than traditional investment. The scale of investments was smaller, but the impact was more personal. At Dolma Impact Fund, I lead impact initiatives by measuring and analyzing both quantitative outcomes and human stories. This experience reinforced my belief that profit and purpose can go hand in hand, and that responsible investment drives long-term, sustainable success. At the same time, it also revealed gaps in policies and strategies, as well as Nepal's lack of integration into the global market.

This guided me toward my next step: pursuing a master's in international affairs. Through this degree, I am eager to deepen my expertise in international economics and policy, while acquiring skills to address the challenges faced by developing nations. I have been fortunate to live, study, and travel across the world, but at the core of my interests and aspirations is my upbringing in Nepal. My long-term goal is to pursue a career in diplomacy, advocating for Nepal in the global economic arena and influencing policies that foster sustainable growth.

I am excited to return to an academic and research-focused environment, and, of course, to live in Italy. Outside of academia and work, I am passionate about art, especially acrylic painting, and reading. I speak Nepali, English, and Hindi fluently, and I look forward to learning French during my studies.