



My name is Gael Fostier de Moraes and I am from a French and Brazilian family and was born in Campinas, Brazil. I obtained my Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from State University of São Paulo – UNESP, in 2015. I continued my studies at Political Sciences for one year in Sciences Po Lyon in 2016, and recently finished the first year of my Master's degree at Sciences Po Lille. I am currently enrolled at Johns Hopkins SAIS Bologna Master's program for my second year.

I was raised in Brazil but frequently visited France to see family. Growing up, my parents always emphasized the importance of traveling and getting to know new countries and cultures. During my high-school studies, I had the opportunity to study in New Zealand for six months. By that time, I could speak French, Portuguese, English and Spanish. Because of the multicultural environment I was raised in, my areas of interest in school, and the passion I had for new cultures and countries, I decided that International Relations would be the best fit to my goals.

Since my first year at university, I was actively involved in extracurricular activities. In 2011 I was accepted in the University's Junior Company where I worked with import and export consulting. The following year I was chosen to be the Manager of the environmental and social project of this company and was also elected by my undergraduate class to be the president of the alumni commission. In 2012, I was accepted to work as an intern at the International Relations Office at the University of Campinas. In 2013 I was a research assistant to Professor Eloisa Pait at the State University of Campinas, for an internationalization program of the campus. In 2014 I accepted an internship at the National Assembly of France, which was the most amazing opportunity I have had so far. I was able to work closely with the people who would enable deputies to vote for various laws in the assembly. I also had the opportunity to learn about politics, law, and public policy. Later that year I was also accepted as a Brazilian delegate in the World Bank and IMF annual meetings in Washington DC, where I also went to the Youth Summit. Finally, I was a member of the campus Samba band from 2011 to 2015.

After finishing my Bachelor's degree, I studied for one year at Sciences Po Lyon in 2015 which enabled me to narrow my fields of interest as I pursued a French Master's degree. I had the opportunity to learn a great deal about international economy, international trade, international security, and conflicts. The fields I was most interested in were International Security and International Finance. In 2016 I was accepted at Sciences Po Lille to a Master's degree called "Strategy, Intelligence and Risk Management," with a focus on International Security and conflict management. However, for the second year of my Master's I decided to focus on my other area of preference: International Finance. For this reason I applied to SAIS Bologna, a program well-known for its excellence in international economy.

For my area of concentration at SAIS I chose International Finance and would like to eventually work with investments directly in order to aid developing and underdeveloped countries and areas of risk, where there is low quality of life for local population. My ideal job would be an analyst position at the World Bank, UNDP or a major NGO.

Today I can speak fluent French, Portuguese and English. Advanced Spanish and basic Italian and Arabic.