

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Liora Barba '09 was born and raised in San Francisco. She is a Geography major, and works in the East African Circle at the Jane Adams School in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is grateful for the opportunities she has had to explore the world during college. After spending the summer before her junior year in Nicaragua, the fall in Namibia, and spring semester in the Netherlands, she is happy to be back at school and eager to see where life will take her next.

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Jack Eisenberg '09 is a senior Political Science major from Downers Grove, Illinois. Before studying in Maastricht, he spent fall semester in Tokyo, Japan. His academic interests include political and social theory, international relations, and Japanese studies. In the future, he hopes to return to Japan as an English teacher, and then to enter graduate studies in political science or law. Outside of academics, he enjoys soccer, playing the drums, and creative writing.

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Anne Johnson '09 hails from rural northern Wisconsin. She spent her senior year of high school studying music as a Rotary exchange student in Zagreb, Croatia. Based in Beijing, she also enjoyed a semester of studying, traveling and working in China as the precursor to her involvement with the Maastricht program. Anne will graduate with majors in International Studies and Anthropology, and is most interested in issues of cultural globalization and the challenges and critiques of international development work. Outside of her academic life, Anne has been involved in a number of student cultural organizations and the Model United Nations, and she is an avid salsa dancer and kayak enthusiast.

Originally from New Delhi, India, **Kabir Sethi '09** now resides in Minnesota after living in Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Singapore. Majoring in Political Science and Economics, he is currently working on an Honors thesis that uses “New War” theory to understand contemporary jihadist violence. He also interns at Minnesota 2020, a non-partisan public policy think tank, and is a preceptor for Andrew Latham’s course, Paradigms of Global Citizenship.

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Urvashi Wattal '09 studied and grew up in Agra, India. An International Studies and Economics double major, she has also studied French. In the next few years she plans to work in economic consulting, and then return to graduate school to study International Relations and International Studies.

Eleni Zimiles '09 grew up in Brooklyn, New York, and is currently a senior Anthropology major at Macalester College. Before landing in Maastricht, she spent a semester in Northern Ireland, studying challenges of ethnic identity formation in post-conflict communities. Her time abroad has inspired her to develop a deeper understanding of her own and others’ expressions of home. After graduation, she hopes to continue crossing cultural borders and using her interests in ethnography and journalism to share these experiences.