

# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Lela Macaire CMASAS Class of 2018



After completing her education at CMASAS, Lela transitioned to the Netherlands, where she pursued a bachelor's degree in international studies at Leiden University. She successfully graduated with Cum Laude honors in 2021, specializing in South and Southeast Asia.

Opting for a year-long break from formal education to broaden her perspectives, Lela engaged in diverse experiences. This included a three-month internship with a female empowerment NGO in Morocco and a five-month exploration of the culturally vibrant landscapes of Sri Lanka and Nepal.

In August 2022, Lela moved to Paris and began her master's degree in human rights and humanitarian action at Sciences Po. Currently, as part of her master's program, she is actively involved in an internship contributing to the mission of an NGO dedicated to facilitating the social and professional integration of refugees through sports.

Looking back on her educational journey, Lela values the autonomy she experienced at CMASAS. The freedom to choose and tailor her classes at CMASAS to align with her interests and aspirations

during her high school years, has proven to be invaluable in her college and postgraduate endeavors.

Lela's involvement in several clubs at CMASAS significantly enhanced her overall experience, with the book club emerging as her favorite. The opportunity to participate in thought-provoking discussions and debates alongside classmates and teachers from diverse backgrounds made this particular club a uniquely enriching experience.

In Lela's perspective, CMASAS provides a platform for highly motivated students to excel in their passions, fostering growth not only within the academic realm but also in extracurricular pursuits. The strong foundation she gained at CMASAS has equipped her with the skills and confidence to navigate the varied and dynamic paths of higher education and beyond.

