Mostafa Adnane, The 2020-2021 Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley

Born in Morocco, Mostafa has been a resident of International House for the past two years. International House was a refuge and a field of intercultural experiences for him and for many other Ph.D. students. He is immensely grateful and honored by the consideration of the Joan and Egon von Kaschnitz Gateway Fellowship, especially during the hardships presented by the Covid-19 pandemic.

I-House wasn't Mostafa's only refuge, as Mathematics has been his field of research for the last few years. After graduating from École Polytechnique (Paris, France) in 2018, Mostafa joined the mathematics department of UC Berkeley as a Ph.D. student. As he is going into his third year of the program, he cannot be more excited to learn from the outstanding mathematics faculty and the dynamic intellectual environment. His goal is to study topological field theories and expand on his knowledge in mathematical physics.

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