

## Seminar\*

### **Inward Conquest: Public Services and the Nineteenth Century's Revolution in Government**

**Wednesday 13 November 2019**

12.30-2.30 pm

Sciences Po, Salle du Conseil  
13 rue de l'Université, 75007 Paris

*Inward Conquest, or The Origins of Public Services* studies the political history of seven public services in nineteen countries in Western Europe, North America, and the Asia-Pacific region between 1880 and 1939. The first objective is to account for the sheer expansion of public services over this period. The second objective is to analyze political conflicts over how public services should be provided, and by whom. It shows there were two paths to centralization: under governments in authoritarian states, which were often politically conservative, or, later, fascist, and under liberal or socialist governments in democracies. The book also studies the mix of public, church, and private provision of services, and shows that this mix was largely a result of the religious composition of the population. The talk will introduce the book as a whole and provide empirical examples from two chapters: policing and vaccinations.



#### **Speaker**

**Johannes Lindvall**, Lund University, Department of Political Science

The academic work of Johannes Lindvall is concerned with political institutions, public policy, the role of interest organizations in political decision-making, and, more generally, the relationship between states and markets. He also teaches comparative politics and research methods.

#### **Discussion**

**Patrick Le Lidec**, Sciences Po, CEE, CNRS

**Paul-André Rosental**, Sciences Po, CHSP

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\*Key Theme: *The state as a producer of public policies*