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The Open Institute for Digital Transformations at Sciences Po

Call for Applications for Visiting Faculty: AI & democracy Academic Year 2024-2025

Sciences Po is calling for outstanding applications for visiting faculty from around the world.

In the 2024-2025 academic year (Fall 2024, Spring 2025), Sciences Po will open two visiting faculty positions in the social sciences or humanities, for up to a semester-long stay (14 weeks maximum).

Sciences Po is an international research university, both selective and open to the world, ranking among the finest institutions in the fields of humanities and social sciences. Sciences Po stands out for combining approaches and confronting different worldviews. This tradition of diversity and its multidisciplinary approach makes Sciences Po a reputed player in academic research through its scientific production, an internationally recognized teaching university, an active participant in public debate, and a forum where thought meets action.

Detailed information about our [research units](#), [Undergraduate College](#) and [Graduate schools](#) can be found on our website.

Sciences Po has formed the Open Institute for Digital Transformations¹, with the objective of promoting a new institutional approach to research and teaching based on reaffirming the importance of social sciences and humanities to the field as well as collaboration between the social sciences and humanities and the natural and computer sciences.

Within this Institute, Sciences Po is calling for applications for visiting faculty from around the world on the **transformative role of AI in society and its potential impacts on democracy**.

Research proposals may focus on, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- The economic impact of AI technologies, including the future of work, inequality, productivity, markets and the rise of technology companies;
- AI and the transformation of industries (health, insurance, news, creation and entertainment, research and education, etc.);

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- AI law and governance: including regulation of AI technologies, algorithms and their use in social media, digital surveillance, rule of law and constitutional freedoms, challenges and opportunities of AI decision-making in government, geopolitics and global governance of AI, legal issues of generative AI productions, digitalisation of public services and governance, etc.;
- AI and politics, including the impact on political competition and partisanship; political communication and discourse; political participation, consultations, and elections; democratic innovations;
- AI and the information ecosystem, including fake news, narrative manipulation, personalized amplification, targeted news, and automatic content moderation;
- AI and public opinion, including measurement of public opinion dynamics and potential for deliberation;
- AI and society, including fairness and inequality, hate speech and discriminations, Participative AI and democracy

Visiting faculty will be hosted in one of the Sciences Po research units, and will benefit from a collaborative research dynamic between researchers with diverse disciplinary backgrounds in the Institute for Digital Transformations.

The Visiting programme is open to academics at any career stage and in any discipline. We encourage researchers from all around the globe, especially women, to apply.

CONDITIONS

Visiting faculty will receive an overall **monthly stipend of 4,000 euros (before taxes)**.

Visiting faculty are expected to teach **one full course** (12 x 2 hour sessions) with a digital/technological focus over the semester. They are also expected to contribute actively to the research community they will join, and to deliver at **least one academic lecture or seminar presentation during their stay** in line with the activities organized by the Institute.

Visiting faculty will be given access to an office space on campus, in the heart of Paris, to the Sciences Po library and other university facilities and to the research activities and events programme driven by the research unit in which they will be hosted.

The stay is to be scheduled between **late August / start of September 2024 and November / December 2024**, or between **January 2025 and April / May 2025**.

Sciences Po is a bilingual university (English and French); French is therefore not required in order to apply for this position.

APPLICATION

Applicants must be current full-time permanent faculty members of their home university or research institute, hold a doctorate (or equivalent university degree), and have teaching experience.

Application materials include the following and must be submitted **in English or in French**:

- A statement of interest for the position;
- A presentation of current and future research projects;
- A proposed course to be taught in English or French, and a two-page, session-by-session description of each course's content, for the [Undergraduate College](#) of Sciences Po or one of Sciences Po's [graduate schools](#);
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae, including list of publications;
- An invitation letter from one of the Sciences Po [research centres](#);
- A letter of support from the relevant head of department or dean of the applicant's home institution confirming their agreement for a one-semester residence at Sciences Po.

Applications should be submitted by email to Carly Hafner, Secretary General of the Open Institute for Digital Transformations: carly.hafner@sciencespo.fr.

Applicants should feel free to reach out to Jean-Philippe Cointet, Director of the Open Institute for Digital Transformations: jeanphilippe.cointet@sciencespo.fr.

DEADLINE

The deadline for applications is **19 January 2024 at 5:00 p.m. CET**.

A selection committee will meet in early 2024, and decisions will be communicated to applicants by Sciences Po shortly thereafter.