

Sciences Po develops its "Living Archives" with SAM Network: a new online educational resource based on its audiovisual heritage

Sciences Po joins "Living Archives" a platform designed and developed by SAM Network, to provide a new educational tool that exploits the audiovisual archives of its major conferences. This new online resource will be available free to all.

As a privileged forum for debate, Sciences Po regularly hosts many individuals of international standing- politicians, business leaders, and researchers...- for masterclasses, inaugural lectures or seminars. All of these interventions amount to many hours of audiovisual recordings. Most of them are destined to remain unexploited, despite being scarce and valuable resources for both teachers and students.

By joining SAM Network's "Living Archives" platform, Sciences Po intends to restore this content's educational value. The videos are cut into accessible sequences for easy and quick search, and are enriched by additional resources: bibliographies, articles, quotes. Currently 500 video sequences from Sciences Po conferences are available on a dedicated online channel (<http://www.sam-network.org/channel/sciences-po>). Students can re-discover the intervention of General Petraeus in 2010 entitled "Counterinsurgency Strategy in Afghanistan" or that of Condoleezza Rice in 2005 on "Freedom and Democracy". The archives will gradually grow, and benefit from the platform's participatory principle. Students and the general public will also have the opportunity to become contributors and share publicly accessible videos and documents.

"After the wave of MOOCs, SAM Network offers a new approach to the exploitation of existing content. All actors in education face a similar challenge: what to do with the many hours of lectures and filmed master classes? We believe that these are first-rate educational materials that can be made accessible and usable. We want to participate in a wider dissemination of knowledge. Our partnership with Sciences Po is therefore an important step", says Karim Amellal, co-founder of SAM Network.

According to Frédéric Mion, President of Sciences Po, the partnership is fully in line with the institution's digital strategy: *"To be a pioneer in innovative pedagogies, we must be creative and experiment with new technologies that allow us to rethink teaching tools. We will continue creating MOOCs but we must not stop there. The increasing use of online videos opens up numerous opportunities for learning that we need to explore. »*

Watch the video: <http://vimeo.com/123311474>
SAM Network's « Living Archives » : <http://www.sam-network.org/>

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About Sciences Po:

Founded on the values of openness and excellence, Sciences Po is a selective research university of international standing whose unique model combines specialisation in the social sciences, a multidisciplinary approach and professional training to educate actors capable of understanding and transforming society. As diversity is central to its identity, Sciences Po has 46% of international students from 150 countries. Nearly 30% of students receive financial aid, versus 6% in 2000.

About SAM Network:

The SAM Network platform is a new encyclopedic project that facilitates the movement of "Living Archives". Using video assets, the SAM Network offers direct and efficient access to resources, allowing users to deepen their understanding of any topic. Karim Amellal and Maxime Marzin founded SAM Network in 2010.

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