

Position available at Sciences Po
Assistant Professor (tenure track) in Political Science
Ecological Transitions in/of Europe and the EU

JOB DESCRIPTION

Status: Private sector employment as Assistant Professor with tenure track

Discipline: Political science

Profile: Ecological Transitions in/of Europe and the EU

The Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics at Sciences Po is seeking to recruit one Assistant professor in the department of political science to strengthen its research and teaching capacity in the **politics and/or policy of the ecological transitions in/of Europe and the European Union**.

The successful candidate will contribute to (at least) one of the four research clusters of the CEE: 1) capitalist transformations; 2) cities, borders and mobility; 3) the state and public policy; 4) tensions in representative democracy. They will conduct empirical and theoretical investigations to explore ecological transition politics (climate, energy, biodiversity, pollution, circular economy) in a comparative perspective, focusing especially on Europe. We welcome applications from highly qualified candidates with a strong profile, an international record of publications, and well-grounded expertise in comparative methodologies and analytic strategies, be they qualitative, quantitative, or mixed. The appointee will be fully integrated into the Sciences Po Interdisciplinary Research Programme on the Environment [AIRE].

The successful candidate will be required to teach courses on the politics and/or policy of ecological transition and, according to needs, introductory courses in political science (e.g. public policy or comparative politics).

Annual duties comprise teaching (the equivalent of three courses of 24 hours each for tenured faculty) and pedagogical/administrative service (to the Centre and to Sciences Po more broadly). Teaching and service obligations are reduced during the first three years of the tenure track. At least one course will be delivered at one of Sciences Po's regional campuses at *Collège universitaire* level (in Reims, Le Havre, Dijon, Nancy, Poitiers or Menton), the others in Paris (whether at undergraduate or at graduate level in one or more of Sciences Po's Schools, such as the School of Climate). The specific workload will be agreed annually with the Head of the Department of Political Science, in consultation with Sciences Po's Academic Affairs Department. A preference will be given to candidates with the ability to teach in English. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite, fluency in French is not a requirement.

Sciences Po is an employer that respects equal opportunities and is committed to ensuring a balanced representation of gender, geographic areas, and minorities. Applications from women are particularly welcome.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Applications from candidates holding a PhD in political science or cognate disciplines must be electronically submitted before February 5th, 2026 (4 pm Paris time) to the following email address: recruitment.cee@sciencespo.fr.

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The application must include the following documents:

- A **cover letter** setting out the research projects and priorities of the applicant were they to be appointed;
- An **analytic curriculum vitae** containing a complete list of publications;
- Copies of **3 publications** showing the range and quality of the research of the applicant;
- The **syllabi of 2 potential courses linked to the needs mentioned above**, which the applicant might credibly teach (1 at Bachelor and 1 at Master level) and, if possible, student evaluations of courses already taught;
- **Doctoral degree certificate** (the PhD must have defended at the time of application).

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The selection committee will check applications and establish a short list of candidates who will be invited to present their research to the academic community at Sciences Po during a 'Job Talk'.

The expected start date is September 1st, 2026

UNIT OF AFFILIATION

Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics (UMR 8239)

<http://www.sciencespo.fr/centre-etudes-europeennes/en>

The CEE is a multidisciplinary laboratory dedicated to Comparative Political Analysis.

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