

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2 Years - Postdoctoral Position Starting January 2027 (starting date can be negotiated)

1. Context

Dr. Diane Bolet (Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po Paris) invites applications for a three-year postdoctoral position within the ERC Starting Grant project (2026–2031):

“Lost in the Green Transition: Local Collective Green Loss Identity, Anti-Climate Attitudes, and Radical Right Support” (GREENLOSS).

The project analyses the attitudinal and electoral consequences of climate policies for fossil-fuel-dependent communities in France, Germany, the United Kingdom, and Poland. It relies on a mixed-methods design combining focus groups, interviews, surveys, survey experiments, and quantitative text analysis.

We seek to appoint a highly motivated empirical political scientist with demonstrated potential to produce innovative and methodologically rigorous quantitative research in political behaviour and climate politics, with strong expertise in quantitative methods. The successful candidate will hold a PhD in Political Science, Economics, or a related field.

The postdoctoral researcher will work closely with Dr. Bolet on the quantitative components of the project. They will benefit from the support of the CEE at Sciences Po, collaboration with the GREENLOSS research team, and integration into a broader international academic network.

Roles and Responsibilities

Research Agenda

Develop an ambitious and innovative research agenda in political behaviour, political economy, and/or survey and social science methodology, aligned with the themes of the GREENLOSS project.

Quantitative Research

Contribute to the design and analysis of cross-sectional and panel survey data, as well as local-level observational data.

Data Integration and Publications

Co-author academic and non-academic outputs from the project. Participate in the analysis of combined contextual and electoral datasets for project reports and publications.

Project Engagement

Present findings at international conferences, contribute to the organisation of workshops, and support team meetings and events.

Contribute to the organisation of workshops: Assist in the planning and execution of workshops that facilitate knowledge sharing, skill development, and networking among stakeholders.

Collaboration with cross-functional teams: Work closely with different departments and teams to align project goals with organizational objectives, fostering a collaborative environment that enhances project outcomes.

Teaching (Optional)

No teaching duties but possibility of teaching one 24-hour module.

2. Eligibility and Requirements

Academic Profile

- To have completed a PhD in political science, economics or related fields by Sept. 1st
- Strong background in comparative politics and electoral behaviour.
- Strong interest in European climate politics, climate policy, and comparative political research.
- Interest in the political economy of climate change is an asset.

Skills

- Strong quantitative background in survey analysis.
- Excellent understanding of causal inference techniques using contextual and panel survey data, particularly observational causal inference.
- Strong proficiency in R and/or Stata.

Languages

- Excellent command of English (written and spoken) required.
- Desirable: command of German and/or Polish

Professional Skills

- Ability to take initiative, work independently, and contribute intellectually to the project.

- Ability to collaborate effectively within a research team.
- Strong administrative rigor: Demonstrates attention to detail and adherence to administrative processes, ensuring compliance and accuracy in all tasks.
- Highly organized: Capable of managing multiple tasks and projects effectively, with a strong focus on prioritization and time management.

3. What We Offer

- Full-time employment working directly with the PI to develop and co-author research within the GREENLOSS project.
- Internationally competitive salary for 24 months
- Funding for international conference participation.
- Optional teaching opportunities.
- A stimulating academic environment.
- Workspace in Paris.
- A vibrant, international, and collaborative research community.
- Subsidy public transport
- Meal vouchers
- Health insurance
- Attractive subsidy for families (health insurance etc)

4. Assessment Criteria

Evaluation will focus on:

- Fit with the project's research agenda.
- Academic qualifications and writing skills.
- Relevant experience and methodological competencies.

5. Application

Apply directly online at recruitment.cee@sciencespo.fr

Application deadline: 29 July, 10am (Paris time)

Please make sure to include in your application :

- A CV.
- A cover letter detailing your skills and explaining how they align with the position's responsibilities.

- A two-page proposal outlining your first project idea in the field of political behaviour and climate politics, with a particular focus on the research puzzle, research question, and identification strategy (broadly defined).

Interviews of shortlisted candidates will be scheduled on zoom in early September.

CONTACTS

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