

## **Postdoctoral position: ANR-funded research project on central banking**

The Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics at Sciences Po invites applications from postdoctoral researchers in Social Science for the project **Central banking in hard times: Knowledge, legitimacy, and politics** (KNOWLEGPO). The French-German research project is led by **Prof. Matthias Thiemann** at Sciences Po Paris **in collaboration with Dr. Benjamin Braun** at the MPIfG

**Research project description:** Central banks have been drawn into debates over how to address the challenges of the 21st century, namely inequality and climate change. In the process, they have become increasingly contested, both among experts and in the broader public sphere. How do these technocratic organizations navigate this newly politicized landscape? How do monetary theory and practice evolve under these new pressures? To answer these questions, KNOWLEGPO will use a mixed-method approach, combining quantitative text analysis with qualitative process tracing, covering the three-decade period since the consolidation of the inflation targeting paradigm in the early 1990s. Through a focus on central banks, KNOWLEGPO will study broader political conflicts over the future macro-financial order.

**Tasks:** The successful candidate will work closely with the two principal investigators and with a second postdoctoral researcher hired at Max Planck to carry out the research project. This includes all steps of the research process, from data collection, to data analysis, to drafting. The team will produce a small number of high-quality research articles for academic journals.

**Requirements:** A PhD in social science, with research experience on central banking, macroeconomic policy, financial policy, or a related topic.

**Desirable skills:** Qualitative methods, with a particular emphasis on process tracing

Successful candidates are chosen on the basis of scholarly excellence and a job interview in person or via video conference. Sciences Po advocates diversity and equality. In particular we welcome applications from women and applicants with disabilities.

### **Contract details**

Type of contract: Fixed-duration contract **three-year**, preferably starting on **June 1, 2023**.

Gross salary: Salary of between €2,700 and €3,000 per month (depending on qualifications and experience) for a full-time position (bruts mensuels).

Other contributions: partial contribution for transportation card within Paris (Passe Navigo) and restaurant tickets.

### **Application procedure**

Please send (1) a cover letter outlining your experience and qualifications for the role, and how you feel you meet the requirements for the position, (2) a CV and (3) a sample of single-authored written piece of work in English to [Matthias.thiemann@sciencespo.fr](mailto:Matthias.thiemann@sciencespo.fr) (copy [audrey.ferreira@sciencespo.fr](mailto:audrey.ferreira@sciencespo.fr)) by 5 pm on **March 5th**.

Applicants will be notified whether or not they will be invited for an interview by mid March

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