

JOB DESCRIPTION

Status: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track – contract under private with Sciences Po.

Discipline: Political science

This position, focusing on Russian foreign and/or security policy, requires a dual academic expertise in International Relations and Russia. While the research theme remains open, Sciences Po seeks a candidate with specialized proficiency in International Relations (IR), capable of contributing to IR theoretical, empirical, and methodological debates, coupled with a robust regional expertise. The position will be based at Sciences Po's Center for International Studies (CERI), which has a large pool of researchers working on international relations and areas studies.

Candidates' research themes may encompass: Russian foreign and/or security policy: diplomatic practices and/or defense policy; bureaucratic politics of foreign policy; the role and/or style of foreign policy; conceptions of power projection from both material and ideational perspectives; international ramifications of national ideologies; the effects of Russian foreign and security policies on the Earth system; relations with major international groupings such as the US, NATO, the EU, China, and/or India; relations with Russia's near abroad from an international relations perspective; positions within or with regard to multilateral bodies, etc.

Through their publications, candidates must demonstrate their ability to conduct innovative and internationally recognized (or potentially recognized) research. They should also showcase their engagement in international academic networks and willingness to contribute to CERI's ongoing research programs.

CERI prioritizes candidates with publications in international academic journals and/or with recognized university presses, alongside the ability to contextualize their work within the broader field of social sciences and a solid understanding of Russia in terms of its history, language, and culture.

The capacity to secure external funding for research programs will be considered an additional asset.

Research and Teaching Duties

- The Assistant Professor is expected to develop her/his research agenda and publications.
- The Assistant Professor will actively participate in the General Seminar on International Relations and Planetary Politics, which convenes international relations scholars at CERI.
- The Assistant Professor is expected to perform his/her teaching duties at any of the three levels: college, Master's and PhD. At least one course will be delivered at one of Sciences Po's campuses at B.A./*Collège universitaire* level (in Reims, Le Havre, Dijon, Nancy, Poitiers or Menton), the others in Paris (whether for the *Collège universitaire* or at Master level, in one or more of Sciences Po's Schools). The specific workload will be agreed with the Head of the Department of Political Science and the director of CERI in consultation with Sciences Po's Learning and Teaching Directorate.
- At the Master's level, his/her courses will be particularly relevant to the curricula of Research Master (IR speciality) and at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA).
- The teaching duties will be as follows:
 - 2025 to 2028 (88h per year):
 - * Two classes of 24 hours
 - * 40 hours of other academic obligations (juries, theses supervising etc.)
 - From 2028 on (128h per year):
 - * Three classes of 24 hours
 - * 56 hours of other academic obligations

RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE

Assessment criteria

The committee will base its assessment on the following criteria:

- The candidates will be evaluated primarily on the basis of the quality of their publications and should demonstrate an ability and a potential for carrying out innovative, high-quality research on Russian foreign and/or security policy;
- The ability to connect his/her field of research to the theoretical, empirical and methodological debates in international relations;
- Involvement in national and international research networks;
- An original and credible research program for the coming years;
- Significant teaching experience in a variety of contexts;
- The ability to participate in the academic life of Sciences Po, at various levels (Department, research axes/programs, research centers, etc.);
- Dissemination activities are considered as an additional merit;
- Some experience in the management of research and teaching is considered an additional merit.
- Candidates should be fluent in English, language in which they will also be teaching;
- A doctorate in political science.

Application

The application must include the following documents:

- A cover letter specifying how the candidate meets the selection criteria (max. 3 pages);
- A detailed CV with a complete list of publications;
- Copy of doctoral diploma;
- 3 prominent publications (PDF);
- A synopsis of 2 potential courses that the applicant might credibly teach (at Bachelor and Master level) and, if possible, student evaluations of courses already taught;
- A description of the research project the candidate intends to carry on if recruited at Sciences Po (3.000 words max).

Applications must be submitted via email by **May 15, 2024**, to recrutement.ceri@sciencespo.fr.

The selection committee will examine all applications and proceed to a short list of 3-4 candidates who will be invited to present their research at a "Job Talk" before the members of the Sciences Po faculty.

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.

REPORTING UNIT & CONTACTS

Centre de Recherches Internationales / Center for International Studies (CERI)

CERI (UMR 7050) concentrates on the study of world politics through a double approach: international/transnational relations and area studies. It brings together about 60 scholars from various disciplines in the social sciences. It fully participates in the training of PhD students as well as in the various teaching programs at Sciences Po at the bachelor and master's levels.

CONTACTS

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