

JOB DESCRIPTION

Status: Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) – private law contract with Sciences Po
Discipline: Political Science

The [Centre for Political Research at Sciences Po \(CEVIPOF\)](#), in collaboration with the [Department of Political Science](#) at Sciences Po, is opening an assistant professorship position in Political Theory (or Political Philosophy) on the topic “Immigration & Democracy”.

The candidate's research work must clearly relate to political theory or political philosophy, whatever the approaches followed (normative theory, grounded theory, history of ideas, contemporary philosophy, applied philosophy, field philosophy, etc.). We will nonetheless prioritize candidates with a strong ability to combine theoretical and empirical research methods and topics.

Pertaining to the growing field of “Ethics of Immigration”, this assistant professorship position is designed to reinforce and complement our expertise in the study of how migration and its political management is challenging contemporary (notably liberal) democracy. Research on such issues may focus on migrants' experiences or on attitudes from the host society or public institutions. Candidates' research themes may encompass (and are not limited to): impact of immigration, integration or naturalisation policies on democratic citizenship; rights and duties of migrants towards citizens and the State, and vice versa; tensions between the rule of law and popular sovereignty regarding the treatment of foreigners; debates on welfare chauvinism; rising demand for a “right of cultural majorities”; new migratory challenges linked to the environmental issue, including reconciling climate justice and border management, etc.

Research

The successful candidate will conduct his/her research agenda within the CEVIPOF. S/he is expected to play an active role to its collective academic life (e.g. the Centre's scientific project, General Seminar, « Lundi du CEVIPOF »). As a member of the « Political Theory » team and focus of the [2023-2028 Centre's Scientific Project](#), s/he will actively contribute to its activities (“Atelier de Théorie Politique – Paris” - [ATPP](#) ; other seminars and academic events). We particularly welcome candidates able to demonstrate their potential to work in synergy with the two other focus teams (“Political Attitudes and Behaviours” and “Institutional Responses and Dynamics”) as well as the transversal focuses (“Emotions – Affects - Democracy”; “Trust”; “Methodological Issues”). Depending on the candidate's research topic, s/he could participate in Sciences Po's network and programmes, such as [MIDI](#) (“Migrations and Diversity”) or [PRESAGE](#) (“Gender Studies Programme”).

Teaching

- The first three years: 88 hours per academic year
 - 2 classes of 24 hours each
 - 40 hours of others academic duties (e.g. selection and admission interviews; supervision of Master's theses; end-of-studies jury)
- From the fourth year: 128 hours per academic year
 - 3 classes of 24 hours each
 - 56 hours of others academic duties.

The successful candidate is expected to teach at any of the three levels: B.A./“Collège universitaire”, Master's and PhD, and within programmes of a variety of Schools (e.g. Public Affairs, Media and Journalism, School of Research). At least one course will be delivered at one of Sciences Po's regional campuses (in Dijon, Le Havre, Nancy, Menton, Poitiers or Reims) and at B.A. level. Beyond her/his specific research fields, the Assistant Professor could also teach general BA courses in Political Science or Political Humanities.

The specific workload in teaching will be agreed with the Head of the Department of Political Science and the Director of CEVIPOF, in consultation with Sciences Po's Learning and Teaching Directorate.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Assessment Criteria

Candidates should demonstrate:

- their ability to conduct high-quality, innovative research within the scope of the "Immigration & Democracy" profile, as shown by their publication record and an original, credible research project for the 5 coming years;
- their ability to teach at different levels and to a variety of student audiences;
- their willingness to participate in joint activities within the CEVIPOF, the Department of Political Science and Sciences Po;
- their involvement in national and/or international scientific networks.

A proven active participation in national and/or international collaborative research projects will be an asset. Some experience in responding to call for projects and obtaining external funding (European Commission, ANR, etc.) as well as in managing this type of projects is considered an additional merit.

Candidates must have a sufficient command of English to teach in this language. A passive understanding of French is welcome.

Application

The application (in English and/or French) must include the following documents:

- a cover letter (max. 2 pages);
- a detailed CV with the list of publications;
- 2 prominent publications (pdf);
- a research statement (3000 words max.), briefly presenting the research project the candidate intends to carry on if recruited at Sciences Po and indicating how this project will fit into the "Political Theory" focus and the larger scientific project of CEVIPOF;
- a synopsis of a potential course, with a detailed session plan and the mention of the level and audience envisaged;
- if available, student evaluations of courses already taught;
- photocopy of PhD diploma (political science or philosophy).

Applications should be submitted via email to: recrutement.cevipof@sciencespo.fr, before 23 August 2024.

Position starting in January 2025.

The selection committee will examine all applications and proceed to a short list of a limited number of candidates. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to present their research project to the members of the Sciences Po faculty, at a "Job Talk" that will be held in Paris, 27 September 2024.

Sciences Po is an equal opportunity employer, and is committed to balanced gender, geographical, and minority representation. Applications from women and other under-represented groups are particularly encouraged.

REPORTING UNIT & CONTACTS

This Assistant Professor position will be attached to the Centre for Political Research at Sciences Po (CEVIPOF), joint research unit (UMR 7048) of the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). The CEVIPOF is a multidisciplinary research centre, founded in 1960. Drawing on a wide range of methodological resources, CEVIPOF's research focuses not only to the major political forces that shape political institutions and the factors that guide political behaviours and attitudes, but also to the concepts and theories giving the concrete aspects of politics its historical depth and theoretical thickness.

Should you have any queries about the position, please email the chair of the Recruitment Committee

Kevin Arceneaux, Professor of Political Science and Director of CEVIPOF (kevin.arceneaux@sciencespo.fr)

For questions regarding procedure, please contact the General Secretary of the CEVIPOF

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