

RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITION

Time period : 12 months (from July 2020)

Supervision : Dr. Sylvain Brouard and Dr. Martial Foucault

Salary: 1,500 euros net/month (full-time position)

Education: Master in social sciences

Language : French (and proficiency in English)

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

The Centre for Political Science Research of Sciences Po (CEVIPOF) based in Paris is recruiting for a postdoctoral position for a ANR research project “REPEAT: Representations, Perceptions and Attitudes under COVID-19: A comparative study”.

The project investigates representations, attitudes and reactions among the general public in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic in a number of countries exposed to the coronavirus. Scientific objectives are broadly summarized below:

1. To measure the dynamics of perceptions and (social) representations among different groups of people, based on stratified representative samples.
2. To explain the reasons why people are more or less likely to comply with public recommendations under certain circumstances (to be investigated by online survey and randomized experiments).
3. To address causal mechanisms by which people perceive the salience of how the virus disseminates differently and react to the discourse of public authorities and other public opinion leaders in their community accordingly.
4. To study the conditions under which the post-COVID-19 period is likely both to increase fragmentation within societies and to affect social cohesion. The survey will provide information on how citizens' expectations are shaped on the transformations and economic disorders they will have to deal with in the post COVID-19 era.
5. To investigate how people respond to the crisis in terms of economic well-being, tax implications, preferences on the role of the State, economic choices related to the national context and supranational environment (cooperation vs. self-interest).

The postdoc will work with REPEAT's principal investigators, Martial Foucault and Sylvain Brouard, political scientists, helping to 1- craft research memo based on each country covered by the project 2- prepare descriptive statistics from survey's responses and 3- co-write scientific report for the project's stakeholders. While the research assistant will be mainly involved in writing draft papers, s/he will also be involved in bringing support to the coordinator of the project and, depending on his/her expertise and interests, may also be involved in other aspects of the project. Demonstrated experience of graduate research and interest in social sciences is a prerequisite for this position, as are the ability to work with others and to communicate with French and international scholars.

REQUIRED PROFILE

- Excellent writing skills in French and, if possible, also in English.
- M.A. in Political Science or allied discipline, with a specialty in Political behaviour or political sociology.
- Good knowledge of public opinion literature.
- Skills in quantitative methods.
- Interest in and, preferably, knowledge of debates in empirical political science about voter choice, political behaviours, and attitudes
- Flexibility, the ability to work under pressure and to firm deadlines
- The ability to work at multiple tasks and with different groups of people.

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Please send your dossier electronically to martial.foucault@sciencespo.fr. A complete dossier will include a CV including publication list; a letter of motivation written in English and containing links to two articles/ chapters, published or unpublished. The names and contact information for two referees should be included in the CV.

Closing date for applications:

- Review of applications will begin on **July 15, 2020**.
- Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.