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SciencesPo

Associate Professor

Position on Environmental Inequalities

Sciences Po is an institution of higher education and research in the humanities and social sciences. Its permanent research community – 270 professors and researchers – is built around 12 established and internationally recognized entities and is divided into 5 academic departments (Sociology, Political Science, History, Economics, and Law).

JOB DESCRIPTION

Full-time, Associate Professor position beginning no later than September 1st 2026.

The successful candidate will be affiliated to the Center for Research on social InequalitieS (CRIS).

The center is committed to theory-driven empirical research on social inequalities, drawing on a diversity of methods (qualitative, quantitative, experimental, etc.), adopting a variety of lenses (micro, meso, macro) and promoting interdisciplinarity for an integrated approach to the study of inequality in the social sciences. Our research program seeks to measure patterns and trends of inequality, analyze their underlying mechanisms, and inform policy analysis. Our faculty members are international experts on central social inequality domains, such as education, life course dynamics, labor market and economic inequalities, social mobility, urban segregation, migrations, cultural consumption, digital technologies, health, and environmental inequality.

This position is designed to reinforce and complement our expertise in the study of environmental inequalities. We welcome applications from candidates with an ambitious research agenda in the area of social stratification and inequality, targeting publications in leading disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals in the social sciences, and with a demonstrated ability to secure external research funding.

For this post, we are particularly interested in candidates with a research interest in environmental inequalities and public policies. Rising inequality and environmental degradation are two critical challenges of our time. Our knowledge about the interplay between socio-economic inequality, environmental degradation, and public policies remains limited. More research is needed to measure these inequalities, understand related micro-, meso- and macro-level mechanisms, and identify policies to address them. Three inequality domains are particularly relevant to this position: inequalities in contributions to environmental damage; inequalities in the impacts of environmental degradation; and inequalities in the capacities to impact environmental policies. More research is needed on the environmental consequences of public policies at all levels, ranging from international climate agreements and national decarbonization strategies to local initiatives on energy transition, housing renovation, urban segregation and urban mobility, and studying their unequal impacts across different social groups, areas or countries.

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DUTIES

The successful candidate will become a faculty member of CRIS and will be expected to play an active role in the center's collective activities: seminars, academic events, and participation in research networks. The candidate should also engage in responding to national and international calls to fund research projects.

The successful candidate will teach in Sciences Po's undergraduate programs (in Paris and in other campuses) and graduate programs, particularly at the Climate School of Sciences Po. The candidate will be affiliated with the Department of Sociology and will discuss their teaching responsibilities with the director of this Department. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite for this position; knowledge of French is not demanded.

Teaching load:

3 courses with 24 contact hours each per year, 56 hours per year of other academic duties.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Applications are due by January 19, 2026. Submissions must include:

- CV with a list of publications
- Motivation letter
- Research statement (2 pages)
- Short Teaching statement (1 page)
- The names and contact information for two academic referees
- Copy of diplomas

Applications should be sent to: linda.amrani@sciencespo.fr

Shortlisted candidates will present a research paper at the job talks that will take place in Paris, in February/March 2026.

Sciences Po is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to balanced gender, geographical, and minority representation. We particularly welcome applications from women, minority applicants and developing countries.

UNIT OF AFFILIATION

Centre for Research on Social Inequalities

https://www.sciencespo.fr/osc/en.html

CRIS is a joint Sciences Po / CNRS research Centre (UMR 7049), located in Paris, 7th arrondissement, on the Sciences Po Campus.

CONTACTS

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