

CALL FOR PAPERS
Joint Doctoral Workshop : SPOK 2017
Paris - 29 and 30 of May 2017

Topics

The two days' workshop will cover the following topics

- 1- **Mobility in the world:** refugee crisis, solidarity crisis between states and regarding migrants- national-regional and global approaches (Europe, India, China, US, Australia, Brazil, Middle east and Africa)
- 2- **Security-surveillance and Human Rights:** transformations affecting intelligence services cooperation, antiterrorist collaborations (5 eyes, China, Russia, intra-Eu relations, transatlantic relations), cyber activities, forms of resistance: hacker activisms, legal challenges, artists protests
- 3- **European Union and the United Kingdom:** political continuities in terms of visions and policies, sectorial cooperations, diplomatic cooperations (brexit negotiations, cooperation and Nato, security industries, antiterrorism and radicalization policies cooperation, environmental and energy cooperations)
- 4- **Non confidence regarding political institutions?** Re-enactment of sovereign or populist narratives, effective sovereignties in an interdependent world, development and transformation of EU policies and structures, political attitudes, geographical urban divides

Candidates

The workshop is open to all **doctoral students** engaged into a PHD at the doctoral school of Sciences Po or at King's College London and its DTP programme. We expect the students to have a clear idea of their research question and to have already some results. From that background, we will ask students to engage into their theoretical standpoint and originality within the topic they select as relevant for a future post-doctoral research, as well as to precise the link between their specific objects and the kind of method(s) that they employ, how they combine them, what techniques they use to implement their methodology, and how confident they are that these methods are coherent with their proposed epistemology and critiques of standard account of academic knowledge.

Applications to the selection committee

- 1- Applications have to be sent by **27th of March**
- 2- Contents: **submission of an abstract of 300 words - A short vitae of 2 pages - a letter of motivation** explaining the relation between the PHD argument, the choice of workshop topic, the transdisciplinary dimension.
- 3- All applications have to be sent by email at seminaire.ed@sciencespo.fr

The joint committee for the workshop will select among the applications 12 PHD students: 6 coming from each university.

They will decide on the pairing allowing an in-depth discussion between students, according to their research themes (see below)

Decision by the **3rd of April**

Papers

The selected participants are expected to deliver by **May 15th** short and sharp papers (between 3 000 to 5 000 words max) for a presentation in order to be circulated **before the conference** to their “paring mate”, their staff discussant, and to everyone.

FORMAT of the workshop

The SPOK doctoral workshop is a space where selected doctoral students can present their work and benefit from discussions with, and feedback from, both their peers and the members of faculty acting as discussants on their papers.

PHD students who are ready, before their completion, to **test their hypothesis and results** in front of an audience of their pairs coming from a different country and prestigious staff of both KCL and Sciences Po cannot dream of a better environment than the KCLSCPO doctoral workshop.

Specificity of the doctoral workshop dynamics and organisation

To answer the aims of the workshop, we will use a successful formula tested from the IPS doctoral workshops from 2012 onwards and that we borrow from the new KCLSCPO doctoral workshop.

Students will be paired according to the broad themes of their research and each student will present the other’s paper, **not** his or her own.

In doing so, each student will have to engage critically and fairly with the other’s paper in order to engage the discussion. It implies that you write your paper having in mind the clarity of your thesis as it will be presented by someone else, and that you insist on the added value of this thesis regarding theoretical and methodological questions larger than the thesis itself and related to the topics selected in order to engage into a dialogue. Subsequently, each paper is commented upon by an invited faculty member.

We believe this formula creates stronger academic ties and encourages an engagement, which is even more thoughtful and productive. The dynamic is planned as follows:

- a) Student A presents and comments on Student B’s paper (15min)
- b) Student B presents and comments on Student A’s paper (15min)
- c) Discussant 1 comments on A’s paper (10min)
- d) Discussant 2 comments on B’s paper (10min)
- e) Student A’s general reply (10min)
- f) Student B’ general reply (10min)
- g) We open the floor for discussion (20min)

The author of each paper will then

First: present his/her pairing mate’s paper, engaging critically with the main arguments.

Second: He/she will have to answer to the questions on his own paper having a chance to answer to both comments (his pair and the comments of a professor from the other university) and to explain the core ideas and methods that he or she considers central, not only for his or her paper, but also for the session more broadly.

Third: He/she will have to read all the papers to participate to the general discussion.

FACILITATIONS

Fees- Travel and Accommodation – Grants- Follow up

Fees

The generous support of the two doctoral schools allows that there are **no participation fees**.

Location

Sciences Po/King's College London: Joint Doctoral Workshop 2017: SPOK 2017

SPOK 2017 will be held in Paris at Sciences Po on the 29 and 30 of May

The workshop language is English

Travel and Accommodation – Grants

The Sciences Po doctoral school will take care of the organisation and will provide meals during the workshop. A common dinner will be organized for the 29th.

KCL will open an application scheme where students of KCL would have to apply in order for their travels London-Paris-London and accommodation for one night to be covered or reimbursed. Indication about the procedures will follow.

FOLLOW UP

This initiative financed by the two doctoral schools represents an attempt to enhance and structure the ongoing partnership between these institutions, and to **create a core network of PHD students** and staff of both institutions promoting a different way to do and to study by emphasizing the necessary denaturalisation from methodological nationalism and the importance to decolonize the political, to displace statist and inter-statist categories that dominate current reflections on world societies.

The organisers consider that to enhance collaboration between Anglophone and Francophone traditions of thoughts and methods, will allow having a better **reflexivity about the frame of the different arguments in a PHD** and the pathway to alternative lines of thoughts or methods. Students will be exposed to a more **trans-disciplinary** and trans-cultural environment than in other classical workshops.

In addition to a very stimulating environment to present their research, the doctoral students attending the workshop will also benefit from the help of the staff to facilitate their research and publication abroad, to better find relevant bibliographies and specific dataset in other languages, and they will also find the ideal place where they can develop a **collaborative network** for their future career.

If finances allow, and depending on pro-bono engagement of the students, the SPOK doctoral workshop will receive the help of the two doctoral schools in order to have a **specific webpage or-and a Facebook page** permitting a follow up and a platform for discussion, exchange, and common projects disseminating research themes.