

# TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

**The Sciences Po Office of Academic Affairs and Pedagogical Innovation is seeking:**

**A teaching assistant** for the lecture course “Rationality, Expectations and Macroeconomics” given in English by Professor Wiederholt.

This course is part of the core curriculum.

## Course description

The goal of this course is to introduce students to a growing literature in Economics that emphasizes frictions in human information processing and decision making. Traditionally, most economists have assumed that decision-makers process all available information, form expectations about the future rationally, and take the best possible actions given their beliefs about the economy. A recent literature in Economics challenges this view. The first three lectures will give an introduction to this new literature. The following eight lectures will cover applications: stock prices, house prices, the recent global financial crisis, the European sovereign debt crisis, income inequality across countries, income and wealth inequality within countries, and discrimination in the labor market. Students will learn how human information-processing constraints affect the optimal design of macroeconomic policy.

## Schedule

This course will meet in the Spring Semester (from January 28, to April 29, 2019) on Tuesday at 10h15.

The final exam will take place during the period of 9 to 17 May.

Exam papers will have to be graded for the beginning of June 2019.

## Job description

The teaching assistant position entails the following responsibilities:

- Assisting the Professor in communicating with students.
- Serving as the primary point of contact for students and responding to their questions (by email in particular, in English and French); helping students with their work and readings and providing supplemental tutorials as needed, as well as methodological support.
- Coordinating with the Professor on the preparation, proctoring, organization and grading of the various assignments and exams.
- The position requires an excellent level of English and the requisite personal qualities (analytical clarity, dynamism, intellectual curiosity, listening skills, enthusiasm, availability, punctuality, seriousness, and a sense of responsibility).
- Preference will be given to doctoral students.

### **Number of hours and compensation**

The contractual number of hours is 16, and the current hourly rate for a TD is: 65.10 € (pre-tax).

For a teaching assistant, one contractual “TD equivalent” hour corresponds to 4.2 hours of actual work.

The grading of final exam papers is remunerated separately.

Within the framework of an adjunct teaching contract, exam grading is paid in “TD equivalent hour”, corresponding to 4.2 hours of actual work.

**This position is to be filled for Wednesday, December 12th 2018**

**If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application (CV and cover letter) to: Professor Wiederholt ([mirko.wiederholt@sciencespo.fr](mailto:mirko.wiederholt@sciencespo.fr))**

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