

Sciences Po is recruiting a Junior Chair / Earth Jurisprudence

JOB DESCRIPTION

The School of Law seeks to enhance its research and teaching in the fields of ecology and climate change by recruiting a scholar whose research addresses the legal framing of ecological questions in the epoch of the Anthropocene. This involves exploring both the role of law as a mode of production of norms and as a mode of governing nature, and the process of transformation, in which law, in view of our new relation to the Earth, has acquired a new ecological imaginary and a new conception of the roles of economy, technology and society. The person appointed will be engaged in research that reconceptualises fundamental legal conceptions, such as person, thing, property or liability, with a view to apprehending the multiple dimensions of the current planetary crisis (for example, climate change, environmental litigation, new modes of mobility or migration, ecological prejudice, land use and planning, rights of nature, extractivism and the appropriation of nature). Their research will therefore be interdisciplinary in nature, and in conversation with disciplines such as the Earth sciences, anthropology, sociology or geography. Being alert to emergent perspectives, the research of the person appointed will be particularly attentive to the global South and to pluralist understandings of law.

The post will contribute to the development of the new legal discipline of Earth Jurisprudence, which has become a key research field within law schools. This discipline goes beyond the descriptive analysis of positive law and the conceptualisation of new modes of legal regulation so as to situate ecological crisis as a core factor in the production of law, in epistemological, pragmatic and interdisciplinary terms.

The person appointed will be able to work as part of a research team, and will have, through their publications, demonstrated an ability to develop rigorous theoretical work while at the same time engaging with scholarly and professional relevant communities. They will already have achieved a certain degree of recognition through their publications, their individual and collaborative research projects, their involvement in research networks, and their familiarity with the professional and civil society actors concerned with the ecological crisis. Participation in European and/or international networks is also desirable.

Sciences Po is an equal opportunities employer, which is committed to equity in terms of gender, geographical provenance and belonging to minority groups. Applications from women are particularly welcome.

FUNCTIONS

The post will be at the level of a Junior Chair within the terms of Decree no 2021-1710 of the 17th of December 2021 specifying the contractual terms of a Junior Chair, and will be a tenure-track post. After an initial term of six years, the person appointed will be progress to a post of full university professor, subject to a review of research quality and professional service by a tenure committee. It will be a condition of tenure that the candidate obtain an Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches. The programme of Junior Chairs is designed to promote research, so the holder of the Chair will benefit from funding package that provides for the recruitment of a doctoral student over a three-year period, the recruitment of a research assistant, and funding for travel and the organisation of conferences.

Research

The person appointed will carry out their research within the School of Law and within the context of its research networks, through active participation in the collegial activities of the School, such as seminars, doctoral supervision, and other modes of collaboration, and by assuming editorial roles within the discipline.

Teaching

The person appointed will be expected to teach a general course in Earth Jurisprudence as well as courses and seminars on more specific questions such as climate justice, rights of nature, environmental law, or the global governance of climate change. Teaching may be either in **English or in French, and might be delivered to students in one of Sciences Po's**

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undergraduate campuses, in the context of their cross-disciplinary education in ecological questions, or to students in the Masters programme in Economic Law or in other graduate schools of the Paris IEP. They will also participate in the clinical programme that is offered to students in the M2 Masters in Law, more specifically, the programme in Environmental and Ecological Transition (Justice Environnementale et Transition Ecologique (JETE)), by delivering the course in law and ecological transition that is a prerequisite for participation in clinical work, and by supervising the work of students engaged in clinical projects in this field.

The person appointed will be required to teach 48 hours of lecture or seminar courses per year (or the equivalent) in the first three years of their contract, and 72 hours (or the equivalent) in the second three years.

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate their ability deliver both introductory and specialised courses, and their willingness to contribute to the supervision of doctoral students.

Management and administration

The person appointed will be able to contribute the management of existing programmes as well as the creation and management of new teaching programmes within the School of Law.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants must have been awarded a doctorate. Applications must be lodged via the [Galaxie website](#) of the Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche by 16.00 (Paris time) on MAY 13th 2024

In addition to the information required for a recruitment via Galaxie, applicants should send the following documents (in electronic form) to zina.osmani@sciencespo.fr as well as to the academic pole of Sciences Po: drh.poleacademique@sciencespo.fr

An application letter presenting the candidate's current and prospective research projects;

- A letter of application specifying how the candidate meets the selection criteria ;
- a CV and a full list of publications;
- three representative publications;
- two outlines of courses on law and the ecological crisis, one aimed at undergraduate students, the other a more specialised course for law students of master level;
- where possible, teaching evaluations for courses taught by the candidate;
- the names of three referees who would be contactable by the appointment committee.

On the basis of its deliberations, the appointment committee will compile a shortlist of appointable candidates. Those selected will be invited to come to Sciences Po in September 2024 to present their research in the form of a job talk given to the academic community and for interview by the appointment committee.

The post starts on the 1st of December 2024.

SCHOOL OF APPOINTMENT

Sciences Po Law School : <https://www.sciencespo.fr/ecole-droit/en/>

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