

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

Sciences Po's Department for Studies and Partnerships is seeking, for the Spring semester 2023-2024:

A PhD student in 2023-2024, interested in a **teaching assistant position** for the introductory lecture course "The Law(s) of EU Security and Defence" taught in English by Professor Carolyn MOSER.

This course is part of the [Masters' Common Academic Curriculum](#).

Course description

EU security and defence is an intriguing but often unexplored area. In the wake of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, security and defence have gained prominence among policy-makers in Brussels and the national capitals of EU Member States, as well as across the Atlantic. As the geopolitical landscape becomes increasingly complex, can there be a better time to delve into the evolving dimensions of EU security and defence law and practice? Our course is a journey into the intricacies of security and defence matters at the EU level, offering students the opportunity to explore a subject likely to have substantial implications for the future of the EU and beyond. Throughout the course, we will illuminate the existing legal, political, institutional, and procedural arrangements for EU security and defence, with a particular focus on the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP). We will also study areas in which these arrangements exhibit shortcomings, and will strive to understand why these persist. In addition, we will analyse the impact of recent (external) developments, operational realities, and pertinent case law on the existing governance structures and integration patterns.

Students will acquire a deep understanding of the law and policy governing EU security and defence, essential for those aspiring to work in European affairs, international organisations, diplomacy, or security policy. They will explore the origins, evolution, and distinctive governance features of EU security and defence. The course will also enable them to understand the (changing) roles of the various EU actors in the field of security and defence. In addition, students will study the evolving policy context of European defence within the EU and the wider international sphere. They will moreover dive into the operational realities of EU security and defence, encompassing both civilian and military activities, providing practical insights that can be applied in real-world scenarios. Finally, students will examine current and future challenges and opportunities in EU security and defence, including defence industrial cooperation and joint procurement.

Calendar

This course will meet every **Thursday from 8 am to 10 am** (Paris time), in the **Spring semester**, from Monday, January 29 to Monday, April 29, 2024 (vacation from February 19 to 25), on the Paris campus.

Final exams will take place from May 6 to 13, 2024.

Student grades will be handed by the end of May 2024.

Activities

The Teaching Assistant role is to support the Professor and may include the following responsibilities:

- Assisting in the preparation of the course and bibliographic/pedagogical resources;
- Making course materials available to students on the Moodle platform or via other media (email, Google group);
- Following up with students by email: answers to questions (in English and French), bibliographic and methodological advice, reminders of instructions, logistical assistance, etc. ;
- Offer a collective methodological tutoring, before the midterm and the final assignments;
- Coordinating with the Professor the preparation, proctoring, organisation and grading of the various assignments and exams.

This position is proposed to PhD students. It requires an excellent level of English, as well as the requisite personal qualities (intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, punctuality, availability, ability to listen, analytical clarity, rigour, and a sense of responsibility). A good level in French is also appreciated.

Number of hours and compensation

The contractual number of hours is 16 for the semester, with a remuneration set to 65.10 € per hour (pre-tax).

The grading of exams is additionally remunerated, at the end of the semester. The remuneration of the copies varies depending on the length of the assignment. As part of a contractual teaching service, the value of this assignment is calculated as 16 hours of "TD equivalent time".

Application

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application (CV and cover letter, in English) to Professor Carolyn MOSER, by **Friday, December 15, 2023**: carolyn.moser@sciencespo.fr (CC) formation.commune@sciencespo.fr