

## TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

**Sciences Po's Department for Studies and Partnerships is seeking, for the Fall semester 2025-2026:**

A PhD student in 2025-2026, interested in a **teaching assistant position** for the in-depth lecture course, "**The Economics of Poverty**", taught in English by Professor Jack WILLIS.

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

### Course description

This course considers the economic forces shaping the lives of the poor in developing countries. The goal is to begin to understand, at the micro level, why poverty perpetuates and how carefully designed policy can break the cycle. We start with the big picture: how poverty is defined and measured, how it varies across countries, and theories for why it varies so much. We then zoom in on the economic lives of the poor: the constraints they face, how markets work (and fail) for them, and how poverty affects their decisions. We cover multiple topics – including health and education, risk and investment, rural markets and institutions, migration, and gender – and throughout we study examples of real policies designed to reduce poverty, as well as methods used to evaluate their impact.

### Calendar

This course will meet every **Monday from 17:00 to 19:00 pm**, on the Paris campus, in the Fall semester 2025-2026.

Courses will start on Monday, September 1, and end on Monday, December 2, 2025 (Vacation from Monday, October 27 to Sunday, November 3 // Mid-term exams: on Saturdays in October, 11, 18, 25 and November 8 // Final exams: session from December 11 to 17).

Student grades will be submitted by mid-January 2026.

### Activities

The teaching assistant' mission, in support of the professor, takes place in Paris, on-campus, 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;
- Following up with students by email: answers to questions, bibliographic and methodological advice, reminders of instructions, logistical assistance, etc.;
- Offering collective methodological tutorials, prior to the mid-semester and end-of-semester assessments (4 hours in total);
- Coordinating with the professor the preparation, proctoring, organization and grading of the various assignments and exams.

This position requires an excellent level of English, as well as the requisite personal qualities (intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, punctuality, availability, ability to listen, analytical clarity, rigor, 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, per copy, after the end of the semester. The rate varies depending on the length of the assignment concerned. As part of a contractual teaching service, the compensation for this grading is calculated as 'TD hour equivalent'.

### Application

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application (CV and cover letter, in English) to Professor Jack WILLIS, by **Friday, July 11, 2025** to the following email address:

[formation.commune@sciencespo.fr](mailto:formation.commune@sciencespo.fr)