

The Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) is looking for

A teaching assistant for the lecture course « **F1HH 4100 - Introduction to International Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Principles** » taught by **William SCHABAS, Katharina RALL, Sylvain AUBRY, Elodie ANDRAULT**.

This course is offered as a Core course in the Master Human Rights and Humanitarian Action in Fall 2026. The course is mandatory for all our students in the Master Human Rights and Humanitarian Action (140 students).

Format: 36-hours lecture course, MON & TUE 12:30am-2:30pm.

Course description:

This course is a general introduction to international human rights law (and practice) and humanitarian action. It is structured in 3 parts:

Part I. International Human Rights Law, William SCHABAS

1. Introduction. A history of international human rights law: The view from the Global South
2. The right to life and abolition of the death penalty
3. Equality and non-discrimination
4. Freedom of expression
5. Human rights in armed conflict
6. Freedom of movement
7. Minority rights and rights of indigenous peoples
8. International criminal justice

--> written take-home exam, format TBC. Exam around October 15, grading done by November 15.

Part II. Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights, Sylvain AUBRY, Katharina RALL

- 9-10. ESCER methodology & obligations
11. ESCER and sustainable development
12. An examination of specific rights

--> on-table written exam, format TBC. Exam around October 15, grading done by November 15.

Part III. Humanitarian Action, Elodie ANDRAULT

- 13-14. Humanitarian Principles, Norms and Dilemmas
15. Aid Architecture: Actors
16. Aid System: Coordination; Evolving Policies and Practices

--> written take-home exam, format TBC. Exam around December 10, grading done by January 10.

Tasks

- Assisting in communication with the student group; answering student questions, mostly by e-mail or through the Moodle platform, in English.
- Assisting the Professors for each class; helping in making course materials available to students on the Moodle platform.
- Coordinating the preparation, proctoring, organization and grading of the various assignments and exams. There will be 3 exams. The teaching assistant will be grading around 40 papers per exam; other copies will be graded by other graders. Grading is paid separately at the end of the semester (the rate varies on the length of the paper from 4.51 to 6.86 € gross per copy).
- Liaising any questions or concerns from the students with the Professor and PSIA Academic team.

Profile

- To be a 3rd or 4th year PhD candidate (2nd year with experience possible) (an enrollment certificate will be requested) and to have a background in the topics of the course.
- Or to hold a Master's degree with a working experience (payslips of your current employer will have to be provided) and to have a background in the topics of the course.
- To have a C1 level in English.
- No need to be based in Paris as it is not required to participate in the lectures.

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).

Application

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application (CV + cover letter) by email to anastasia.apukhtina@sciencespo.fr and to li.demarthonxu@sciencespo.fr by August 18.

(If you are not interested in being a **Teaching assistant** for this course but could be interested in being a **Grader**, please send your application and specify this in your cover letter).