

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

Sciences Po Paris, Collège Universitaire is seeking: A teaching assistant for the undergraduate lecture course: “Comparative Social Policy in Europe,” taught in English.

Professor: Nathalie MOREL

Course description:

This course delves into the multifaceted landscape of social policies across Europe, examining the diverse approaches taken by various nations to address social welfare challenges. The course begins by providing a foundational understanding of social policy concepts and theories. It then transitions into an in-depth analysis of the evolution of welfare systems in Europe from the post-war period to the present day. Emphasis is placed on understanding the historical legacies, institutional frameworks, and ideological underpinnings that influence the design and restructuring of social policies in different European countries. The course finally delves into the comparative examination of key areas of social policy, including family policy, labour market policy, healthcare and long-term care.

Pedagogical format: Lecture course

Calendar:

The course is taught in the Fall semester, in the 2025-2026 academic year, on a weekly basis and 2-hour sessions over 12 weeks, from September 1st to December 5th, 2025.

Activities:

The Teaching Assistant's assignments support course delivery and may include the following responsibilities:

- Assisting in communication with the student group; answering student questions,
- Following up with students for bibliographic and methodological advice, reminders of instructions, logistical assistance, etc.;
- Liaising any questions or concerns from the students with the Professor and the academic advisor;
- Assisting the Professor for each class; helping in making course materials available to students on the platform or via other media (email, Google group);

- Coordinating the preparation, proctoring, organization and grading of the various assignments and exams
- Any grading done will be paid extra.

Profile:

- To hold a Master's degree in Social Science (with prior knowledge of European politics and policies; comparative politics is a plus);
- To be a PhD candidate (2nd year with experience possible);
- To have an interest and background in European politics;
- To have a C1 level in English. Working and research experiences related to the topic are appreciated. The position requires an excellent level of English (written and oral), work autonomy, social skills and the requisite personal qualities (intellectual curiosity, enthusiasm, punctuality, availability, ability to listen, analytical clarity, rigor, and a sense of responsibility).

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 and cover letter, in English) to Academic Advisor Sara Tonsy (sara.tonsy@sciencespo.fr).