Position vacancy / December 2017

Sciences Po is recruiting an Assistant Professor in Sociology / Inequalities, uses and consequences of digital technologies

GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Full-time, private sector contract: Assistant Professor (tenure track).
PhD degree is required, in sociology would be preferred.
The successful candidate will be attached to the Observatoire sociologique du changement (OSC) http://www.sciencespo.fr/osc/en and to the Department of Sociology http://www.sciencespo.fr/departement-sociologie/en for her/his teaching duties.

Discipline: Sociology

The Observatoire sociologique du changement is a broad-based, comparative research centre in sociology, focusing on the dynamics of contemporary societies, using both qualitative and quantitative methods, and comparative approaches. The OSC is actively involved in the supervision and training of graduate students.

The position is designed to reinforce OSC’s expertise on social inequalities, and to broaden its research through a focus on (non) uses of digital technologies and their effect on social change. The uses of digital technology contribute to the reproduction and transformation of social inequalities understood from different angles: age, gender, disability, social background or country origin. Social inequalities influence digital access and the ability to understand digital contents but also to acquire a critical understanding of these issues. In turn, this unequal access to digital technologies increases social inequalities to access online content and digital services and goods (education choice, social support, job search, health care, ...). Another important aspect is that digital technologies also play a role in accessing public services (i.e. governmental information, e-administration, public participation, ...).

International and comparative dimensions of research and teaching activities are also appreciated.
Publications in peer-reviewed French or international journals in sociology are an additional asset.

DUTIES

Research

The successful candidate will conduct her/his research at Observatoire sociologique du changement.
He/She will have a good knowledge of recent theoretical and methodological developments of sociology and a proven competence in empirical research.
He/She is expected to integrate her/his research into international networks, and to play an active role in the OSC’s collective activity: academic events, participation in research networks, answering French, European and international calls for research grants.

Teaching

The successful candidate will teach in Sciences Po’s undergraduate programme (Collège universitaire, in Paris and in other campus), and will contribute to the training and supervision in the graduate programme in sociology (Master and PhD). Beyond her/his specific research fields, the successful candidate could also teach general sociology in the Collège universitaire.

Teaching load

2018-2020: 2 courses with 24 contact hours each per year and 40 hours per year of other academic duties.
2020- : 3 courses and 56 hours per year of other academic duties.
The successful candidate will contribute to develop teachings on digital humanities, according to the ongoing undergraduate programme’s reform at Sciences Po.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Candidates should submit their application file electronically. The file should include:
- A statement of purpose, with a presentation of the research project
- A CV with a list of publications
- 3 significant publications selected by the candidate.

Applications before 31 January 2018 should be sent to: marie.ferrazzini@sciencespo.fr.

Applications will be examined in March 2018.

Auditions of the selected candidates will take place in Paris, on April 19th 2018 (to be confirmed).

The procedure will consist of two phases: the first of these will be open to the public and will consist of a presentation of the candidate’s research work, followed by a discussion with the members of the recruitment committee and the members of the public present; the second part will consist of an interview with the recruitment committee alone.

Start date: 1 September 2018

Sciences Po is an equal opportunities employer and particularly welcomes applications from women.

CONTACTS

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