JOB DESCRIPTION

Context
Sciences Po is an institution of higher education and research in the humanities and social sciences. Its permanent research community – 270 professors and researchers – is built around 12 established and internationally recognized entities (including 5 units jointly run with the National Center for Scientific Research – CNRS) and is divided into 5 academic departments (Sociology, Political Science, History, Economics, and Law).

Full-time, Assistant Professor (tenure-track) position beginning on January 1st 2025. The successful candidate will be affiliated to the Center for research on social inequalities (CRIS). The center is committed to theory-driven empirical research on social inequality, drawing on a diversity of methods (qualitative, quantitative, experimental, comparative, etc.), adopting a variety of lenses (micro, meso, macro) and promoting interdisciplinarity for an integrated approach to the study of inequality in the social sciences. Our research program seeks to measure patterns and trends of inequality, analyze their underlying mechanisms, and inform and contribute to policy analysis. Our faculty members are international experts on central social inequality domains, such as education, life course dynamics, labor market and economic inequalities, social mobility, urban segregation, migrations, cultural consumption, digital, health, and environmental inequality.

This assistant professorship position is designed to reinforce and complement our expertise in the study of environmental inequalities. We welcome applications from candidates with a recent PhD in the social or environmental sciences and with an ambitious research agenda in the area of social stratification and inequality, targeting publications in leading disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals. All disciplines are welcome as far as the research has strong connections with the social sciences.

For this post, we are particularly interested in candidates with a research interest in environmental inequalities. Rising inequality and environmental degradation are two critical challenges of our time. Our knowledge about the interplay between socio-economic inequality, environmental degradation, and environmental policies remains limited. More research is needed to measure these inequalities, understand their micro-, meso- and macro-level mechanisms, and identify policies to address them. Three research domains are particularly relevant to this position: inequalities in contributions to environmental damage; inequalities in the impacts of environmental degradation; and inequalities in the capacities to impact environmental policies.

This position will contribute to strengthening environmental research and teaching in the context of the Sciences Po TIERED project (Transforming Interdisciplinary Education and Research for Evolving Democracies), organized into two institutes : the Open Institute for Digital Transformation and the Institute for Environmental Transformations.

Working in close partnership with the project partners (CNRS, INSERM, INRIA, IFREMER, INED, Université Paris Cité, INALCO, and IDDRI), the Institute for Environmental transformations aims at mobilizing and strengthening its expertise in SSH to address environmental challenges and to establish lasting interdisciplinary dialogue with researchers from the natural and exact sciences.
DUTIES

The successful candidate will become a faculty member of CRIS and will be expected to play an active role in the center’s collective activities: seminars, academic events, participation in research networks. The candidate should also engage in responding to national and international calls to fund research projects.

The successful candidate will teach in Sciences Po’s undergraduate and graduate programs (in Paris and in other campuses). The candidate will develop research and teaching on environmental inequality also in the context of the TIERED project, working with its partners, especially INED and CNRS, and with the Institute for environmental transformations of Sciences Po.

Teaching load
For 2025-2028: 2 courses with 24 contact hours each per year, 40 hours per year of other academic duties;
From 2028-onwards: 3 courses with 24 contact hours each per year, 56 hours per year of other academic duties.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Applications are due by September 30, 2024. Candidates should have a PhD (or should complete it before September 30, 2024). Submissions must include:

- CV with a list of publications
- motivation letter
- Research statement (2 pages)
- Short Teaching statement (1 page)
- Up to 2 significant publications chosen by the candidate
- The name of two academic referees

Applications should be sent to: linda.amrani@sciencespo.fr

Shortlisted candidates will present a research paper at the job talks that will take place in Paris, in December 2024 (public auditions). The position is expected to start on the 1st of January, 2025.

*Sciences Po is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to balanced gender, geographical, and minority representation. We particularly welcome applications from women, minority applicants and developing countries.*
UNIT OF AFFILIATION

Centre for Research on Social Inequalities

https://www.sciencespo.fr/osc/en.html

CRIS is a joint Sciences Po / CNRS research centre (UMR 7049); located in Paris, 7th arrondissement, on the Sciences Po campus

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