



SCIENCES PO IS RECRUITING AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN URBAN SOCIOLOGY

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GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION

- Private sector contract: Assistant Professor with tenure track
- Discipline: Sociology
- Job description

This position is designed to reinforce one of the four main research areas at the OSC. The OSC specialises in spatial dynamics, social classes and social inequalities in an urban setting. It focusses on exploring the spatial, and more particularly urban effects of general forms of stratification and social inequalities. Research also looks at what effects spatial configurations have on social relations between agents and groups in terms of practices, representations, mobilisation and regulations surrounding public policy. Apart from a sound international and general knowledge of urban sociology the following will be particularly appreciated:

- Strong interest in the study of inequalities and social relations in urban areas
- Proven competence in quantitative analysis techniques, in cartography and more broadly in geo-referencing methods
- Good knowledge of international comparative work
- Experience and interest in teaching

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Research

Research will be centred on several types of urban inequality relating to: income, education, housing, health, culture, the environment. Approaches based on the causes and effects of urban segregation will be of particular interest.

Familiarity with the main urban data bases and a sound knowledge of the standard nomenclatures and scales of production, dissemination and interpretation of economic, social and demographic data on towns is essential.

Experience of research in a variety of urban contexts, interest in comparative approaches, and involvement in international research networks will be an advantage. The successful candidate will have published in recognised journals.

S/he will be expected to play an active role in the OSC's collective activity: seminars, academic events, participation in research networks, answering French, European and international calls for tender.

Beyond the OSC, the research profile will also contribute to the Sciences Po's urban programme called *Cities are back in Town*.

Teaching

The successful candidate will teach in Sciences Po's undergraduate programme, and will contribute to the training and supervision of participants in the post-graduate programme in sociology (Master's and PhD), and in the Master's at the *Ecole urbaine*.

Teaching load

- (2015-2018)
two courses with 24 contact hours each per year, 40 hours per year of other academic duties
- (2018-)
three courses, 56 hours per year of other academic duties

He/she will teach the sociological tradition of studies and urban ways of life and, more especially the use of statistical techniques for the spatial analysis of social data. Classes will be in French, or in English. Candidates should have a good working knowledge of English.

RESEARCH AT SCIENCES PO

Sciences Po is a higher education teaching and research institute specialising in the human and social sciences. Its permanent academic community of 210 professors and researchers is organised in 12 internationally recognised research centres, and divided into five departments by discipline.

THE OSC

The position is based at the **Observatoire sociologique du changement OSC**, a joint Sciences Po-CNRS research centre (UMR 7049). The OSC focuses on the dynamics of contemporary societies using both quantitative and qualitative methods in its work and favoring comparative approaches. Research at the centre focusses on four main themes: *social stratification and inter-generational relations, the spatial dimension of inequalities, culture and ways of life, and education dynamics and policies*.

The OSC is actively involved in the supervision and training of students in Sciences Po's doctoral programme

Internet Site : <http://www.sciencespo.fr/osc>

Procedure

Written applications will be examined between **April-June 2015**

Auditions

Auditions will take place in Paris on **June 4, 2015** from 9am.

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 selection committee and the members of the public present; the second part will consist of an interview with the selection committee alone.



RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE

Candidates should submit their application file electronically. The file should include:

- A statement of purpose
- A CV with a list of publications
- 3 significant publications chosen by the candidate

Applications should be sent by email to
Marie Ferrazzini marie.ferrazzini@sciencespo.fr
Deadline : March 31, 2015

Decision

The successful candidate will be chosen by July 15, 2015 (at the latest)

Start date: September 1st, (or January 1st, 2016).

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