

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Status: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track – Private law contract with Sciences Po

Profile : Foreign and/or security policy of Russia

Discipline: Political science

Job starting date : September 2025

This position, focusing on Russian foreign and/or security policy, requires a dual academic expertise in International Relations and Russia. While the research theme remains open, Sciences Po seeks a candidate with specialized proficiency in International Relations (IR), capable of contributing to IR theoretical, empirical, and methodological debates, coupled with a robust regional expertise. The candidates should demonstrate their ability to contextualize one's work within the broader field of social sciences and a solid knowledge of Russia, both in terms of its history and language. The position will be based at Sciences Po's Center for International Studies (CERI), which has a large pool of researchers working on international relations and areas studies.

Through their publications, candidates must demonstrate their ability to conduct innovative and internationally recognized (or potentially recognized) research. They should also showcase their engagement in international academic networks and willingness to contribute to CERI's ongoing research programs. CERI prioritizes candidates with publications in international academic journals and/or with recognized university presse.

The capacity to secure external funding for research programs will be considered an additional asset.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING DUTIES

- The Assistant Professor is expected to develop her/his research agenda and publications.
- The Assistant Professor will actively participate in the General Seminar on International Relations and Planetary Politics, which convenes international relations scholars at CERI.
- The teaching workload will be agreed with the Head of the Department of Political Science in consultation with Sciences Po's Learning and Teaching Directorate.
- At least one course will be delivered at one of Sciences Po's campuses at B.A./*Collège universitaire* level (in Reims, Le Havre, Dijon, Nancy, Poitiers or Menton), the others in Paris (whether for the *Collège universitaire* or at Master level, in one or more of Sciences Po's Schools). The course taught at the *Collège universitaire* will be "Thinking IR globally".
- At the Master's level, his/her courses will be particularly relevant to the curricula of Research Master (IR speciality) and at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA).
- The teaching duties will be as follows:
  - 2025 to 2028 (88h per year):
    - Two classes of 24 hours lecture-equivalent
    - 40 hours lecture-equivalent of other academic obligations (juries, theses supervision etc.)
  - From 2028 on (128h per year):
    - Three classes of 24 hours lecture-equivalent
    - 56 hours lecture-equivalent of other academic obligations

## RECRUITMENT PROCEDURE

### Assessment criteria

The committee will base its assessment on the following criteria:

- The candidates will be evaluated primarily on the basis of the quality of their publications and should demonstrate an ability and a potential for carrying out innovative, high-quality research on Russian foreign and/or security policy;
- The ability to connect his/her field of research to the theoretical, empirical and methodological debates in international relations;
- Involvement in national and international research networks;
- An original and credible research program for the coming years;
- Significant teaching experience in a variety of contexts;
- The ability to participate in the academic life of Sciences Po, at various levels (Department, research axes/programs, research centers, etc.);
- Dissemination activities are considered as an additional merit;
- Some experience in the management of research and teaching is considered an additional merit.
- Knowledge of Russian is required (B2 level minimum)
- Candidates should be fluent in English, language in which they will also be teaching;
- A doctorate in political science or another field of the humanities and social sciences, provided that the scientific background is related to international relations.

### Application

The application must include the following documents:

- A cover letter specifying how the candidate meets the selection criteria (max. 3 pages);
- A detailed CV with a complete list of publications;
- Copy of doctoral diploma;
- 3 prominent publications (PDF);
- A synopsis of 2 potential courses that the applicant might credibly teach (at Bachelor and Master level, including the course “Thinking IR globally”) and, if possible, student evaluations of courses already taught;
- A description of the research project the candidate intends to carry on if recruited at Sciences Po (3.000 words max).

Applications must be submitted via email by **March 15, 2025**, to [recrutement.ceri@sciencespo.fr](mailto:recrutement.ceri@sciencespo.fr) with the following subject line : AP Russia foreign policy - NAME OF THE CANDIDATE

The selection committee will examine all applications and proceed to a short list of 3-4 candidates who will be invited to present their research at a “Job Talk” before the members of the Sciences Po faculty.

Sciences Po is an employer that respects equal opportunities and is committed to ensuring a balanced representation of gender, geographic areas, and minorities. Applications from women are particularly welcome.

## **REPORTING UNIT & CONTACTS**

The successful candidate will be affiliated to the Centre de Recherches Internationales / Center for International Studies (CERI) <http://www.sciencespo.fr/ceri/fr>

The CERI (UMR CNRS 7050) concentrates on the study of world politics through a double approach: international/transnational relations and area studies. It brings together about 60 scholars from various disciplines in the social sciences. It fully participates in the training of PhD students as well as in the various teaching programs at Sciences Po at the bachelor and master's levels.

## **CONTACTS**

### **President of the hiring committee**

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