

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITION

Sciences Po's Department for Studies and Partnerships is seeking, for the Fall semester 2024-2025:

One PhD student in 2024-2025, interested in a **teaching assistant position** for the in-depth lecture course: **"State, Organized Crime and the Mafia: Interactions and Conflicts"**, taught in English by Professor Federico VARESE.

This course is part of the [Masters' Common Academic Curriculum](#).

Course description

This course aims to untangle the nature of state, organized crime (OC) and the mafia, and highlights their interactions and conflict. Ultimately, we will show that these three phenomena exist on a shared continuum. We first discuss existing definitions of OC. We then present a framework that distinguishes three key activities of OC groups: Production, Trade and Governance. We will ask: How do groups engaged in (criminal) Production, Trade or Governance differ from each other? Do they each have a different organizational structure, members with different 'professional' profiles and skills? The second part of the course focuses on Governance, with a particular emphasis on traditional mafias and their state-like nature. We will discuss a broad range of phenomena in depth: from cybercrime to the international trade of drugs from Colombia to Europe, mafias, mafia states, and the interactions and conflict among the last two. Breaking traditional disciplinary boundaries between the social sciences and adopting a global outlook, the course is multidisciplinary and draws upon concepts from political theory, industrial economics, political economy, and Social Network Analysis, as well as on the history and sociology of different countries, such as Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Russia, and the United States.

Calendar

This course will meet every **Tuesday from 10:15 am to 12:15 pm**, on the Paris campus, in the Fall semester, from Monday, September 2, to Monday, December 2, 2024 (holiday from October 28 to November 3).

Final exams will take place from December 11 to 17, 2024.

Student grades will be handed in by January 2025.

Activities

The mission of the Teaching assistant, in support of the Professor, on-campus, may include the following responsibilities:

- Assisting in the preparation of the course and bibliographic/pedagogical resources;
- Making course materials available to students on the Moodle platform or via other media (email);
- Following up with students by email: answers to questions, bibliographic and methodological advice, reminders of instructions, logistical assistance, etc. ;

- Offer a collective methodological tutoring before the midterm and the final assignments;
- Coordinating with the Professor the preparation, proctoring, organization and grading of the various assignments and exams.

The position requires an excellent level of English, as well as 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).

The grading of exams is additionally remunerated, at the end of the semester. The remuneration of the copies varies depending on the length of the assignment. As part of a contractual teaching service, the value of this assignment is calculated as 16 hours of "TD equivalent time".

Application

If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your application (CV and cover letter, in English) to Federico VARESE by **Tuesday, June 4, 2024**: federico.varese@sciencespo.fr
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