

## **EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IN ACTION: INSTITUTIONS, GEOPOLITICS & POLICY-MAKING**

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Session: Immersive Programme - **May 2025**

Language of instruction: **English**

Number of hours of class: **36h**



### **Objective of the Course**

This intensive, career-oriented programme explores the EU's Dynamics and Global Challenges Through Environmental and Energy Policy and provides students and young professionals with a unique opportunity to delve into key topics at the heart of Sciences Po, offering **24 hours of interdisciplinary lectures**. In addition to emphasizing critical thinking, this programme includes **12 hours of applied learning**, preparing participants to engage confidently with policy-making processes.



### **Summary**

This class is a unique opportunity to obtain academic and practical insights into how the European Union operates, with an analysis of its unique political characteristics from historical, practical, and philosophical perspectives.

Lecturers with diverse experiences and approaches will provide historical, institutional and political background to understand why the EU holds a specific position when it comes to the climate crisis, as well as insights into the interactions between EU institutions.

The class will be an opportunity for students to delve into geopolitical mechanisms and their influence on policymaking, and analyze environmental policies, from problem identification to policy implementation.

Through practical problem solving and negotiation exercises, students will receive a hands-on experience of policy making in the EU.



## Organization of the course

### MAY 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21	22	23
WELCOME CEREMONY	CORE LECTURES	CORE LECTURES	CORE LECTURES	CORE LECTURES
INAUGURAL LECTURE				
26	27	28	29	30
CORE LECTURES	PRACTICE SESSION	PRACTICE SESSION	PRACTICE SESSION	PRACTICE SESSION
				CLOSING CEREMONY



## Lecturers



**Pierre Charbonnier** is a philosopher and a CNRS research fellow at Sciences Po (Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics). He is a graduate of the École Normale Supérieure, holds the agrégation and a doctorate in philosophy, and is qualified to supervise doctoral research (HDR).

His work focuses on the history, epistemology, and forms of power associated with governing nature in modern societies.

Initially, his research concentrated on the history of social anthropology and the critiques of the dualism between the natural and the social that underpins classical sociological rationality. This work resulted in the publication of *La fin d'un grand partage* (CNRS Éditions, 2015). Concurrently, he pursued a study of contemporary anthropology and its ontological turn, which led to a book of interviews with Philippe Descola, *La composition des mondes* (Flammarion, 2014), as well as the edited volume *Comparative Metaphysics* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), co-directed with G. Salmon and P. Skafish.

He subsequently undertook a study on the historical links between the process of achieving political autonomy in modern Europe and the transformations in the material foundation of these societies. This work, which formed the basis of his HDR, was published under the title *Abondance et liberté. Une histoire environnementale des idées politiques* (La Découverte, 2020, English translation: *Abundance and Freedom*, Polity, 2021).

He is now pursuing these studies in several directions, including an exploration of how social protection systems can adapt to the economic consequences of responding to the climate crisis. In parallel, he is conducting research on the relationship between the

peaceful balance of power among global nations and the threat posed by climate change.



**Tomáš Petříček** is a member of the Board of Trustees, Associate Research Fellow (Center for European Studies and Comparative Politics).

Tomáš Petříček is a researcher specializing in the intersection of international political economy, geopolitics, and geoeconomics, with a focus on the foreign policies of EU member states. His work examines the geoeconomic trends linked to emerging technologies and the green transition, as well as the geopolitics of climate change. At Sciences Po, his research focuses on the analysis of geoeconomic discourse at the level of European institutions. He combines academic insight with practical expertise, contributing to a deeper understanding of the strategic challenges posed by technological innovation and the global climate agenda in shaping European and international policy.



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