



Sciences Po A Research University in the Social Sciences in Paris

Since its creation in 1945, Sciences Po's mission has been to act as a driving force in the development of research in the social sciences. Our research is characterised by a desire to share the knowledge it engenders and we focus on both applied and fundamental research. All of our researchers are firmly inserted in international networks and joint projects and we thrive from a vivid exchange with visiting faculty from abroad. The work carried out at our research centres has provided and continues to provide keys for an understanding of change in a world which is increasingly difficult to predict, making the need for reliable points of reference and rigorous methodology more pressing than ever.

Sciences Po hosts eleven research units bringing together over 200 researchers. Five of these centres are associated with the CNRS (the French National Centre for Scientific Research). The Ph.D. programme, with over 500 doctoral students, is a central element of Sciences Po's research infrastructure.

Faculty

- Over 200 researchers
- 80 visiting professors each year
- Faculty positions abroad : Beijing, Cairo, Colegio de Mexico, Columbia, Georgetown, Harvard, LSE, Northwestern, Princeton
- International Visiting Chairs : Alfred Grosser, Vincent Wright, China and Governance, Columbia Public and International Affairs, Equal Opportunity, Georgetown Greg Flynn, Indian Economy, Japan

[More information about faculty](#)



Eleven Research Units and their Directors

- CEE: European Studies, Renaud Dehousse
- CERI: International Relations, Christian Lequesne
- CEVIPOF: Political Science, Pascal Perrineau
- CDSP: Data center for socio-political analysis, Laurent Lesnard
- CHSP: Contemporary History, Jean-François Sirinelli
- CSO: Organizational Sociology, Christine Musselin
- GEM: Trade and Regulation, Patrick Messerlin
- OFCE: Economics, Philippe Weil
- OSC: Sociology of change, Alain Chenu
- Department of Economics, Philippe Martin
- Law School, Christophe Jamin

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Three Thematic Chairs

- Sustainable Development, Laurence Tubiana
- Health Care, Didier Tabuteau
- Mutations of Public Action and Law, Jean-Bernard Auby

[More information about Chairs](#)



Research priorities

In addition to the research carried out at the research units and chairs, Sciences Po supports transversal topics which cut across the boundaries of established units and disciplines. Among these, the current research priorities for Sciences Po are:

- ◆ Data, Infrastructure, Methods
- ◆ Cities and Politics
- ◆ Inequalities and Democracy
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- ◆ The Changing Scale of Politics in an Interdependent World
- ◆ The Social and Political Embeddedness of the Economy
- ◆ The Transformation of the State and Modes of Governance
- ◆ Politics of the Earth
- ◆ New Forms of War and Peace

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An Important Number of Research Partnerships

Sciences Po has developed structured partnerships with numerous renowned research universities, such as Columbia University within the Alliance Programme or Oxford University through the Oxford - Sciences Po Research Group. In addition, Sciences Po proposes several joint Ph.D. programs, for example with Columbia University, Northwestern University or the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne.

[More information about Partnerships](#)



External Research Funding

Sciences Po's faculty has a successful record of obtaining competitive external funding. At the European level, its research teams have coordinated or participated in 17 projects under the 6th Framework Program and in 20 under the 7th Framework Program..Since 2005, 21 research projects proposed by Sciences Po have been financed by the French national research agency, ANR. Individual faculty members have been distinguished through two ANR *Chairs d'Excellence*, one ANR starting young research grant, one European Research Council (ERC) starting young researcher grant, and two ERC advanced grants. The success rate of Sciences Po's applications is among the highest in France .

Most recently, the French government selected a data infrastructure project coordinated by Sciences Po as an excellence equipment project in January 2011. The project, which will develop data collection and analysis methods, in particular by using new information technologies, was ranked first among the selected projects in the social sciences and will receive 10,4 million euros over a ten-year period.

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