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Stefan Seiler : You have just won several prestigious prizes in the NMUN simulation in New York. Could you explain how this event functions?

Timo Blenk: The National Model United Nations takes place each year in New York, bringing together about 5000 students from around the world in the largest existing UN simulation. The participants represent the positions of the countries they've been assigned in the various committees of the UN. The negotiations last 6 days, the last day traditionally taking place at the UN seat in New York. The Sciences Po delegation, consisting of 26 students from seven different masters programs, represented Saudi Arabia and Russia in the Security Council.

SS : Why did you choose to participate, and why do so as a projet collectif?

TB: Participating in NMUN as my projet collectif was an excellent opportunity to invest myself in this fascinating subject for two semesters. We prepared the Saudi Arabian and Russian positions with the help of diplomats from the Quai d'Orsay many academic and professional experts.

SS: Which prizes were you awarded, and to whom specifically?

TB: The Sciences Po delegation as a whole was awarded the prize of «Distinguished Delegation» for the quality of its diplomatic representation of the two countries it was assigned. In addition, our delegates were awarded individual prizes for their «outstanding diplomacy» in 4 committees. My colleague Sanna Kaskeala and myself were awarded one for our representation of Russia in the Security Council

SS: What did your participation in



Timo Blenk (on the right), representative of the dual degree Sciences Po-FU, with students participating at the NMUN.

NMUN as a projet collectif bring you? Which experiences will you retain from this event?

TB: As director general of the project, this experience allowed me to develop leadership and project management qualities for an entire year, and my ability to argue in English was also much improved. I would like to highlight that the most enriching aspect of the experience was the cultural diversity in our group and the fantastic environment it provided all year long. In fact I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank them all!

SS: Will Sciences Po's students be represented again next year?

TB: Sciences Po has been participating in the NMUN for 10 years. The 2011 representatives will collaborate with the Sciences Po UN association (SPNU) to choose the 2012 representatives.

Timo Blenk, délégué du double diplôme Sciences Po-FU, revient sur l'expérience de la simulation NMUN à New York. Une équipe de 26 étudiants de Sciences Po a représenté l'Arabie Saoudite et la Russie. La délégation a reçu le prix de «distinguished delegation», et quatre étudiants de Sciences Po se sont vu remettre un prix individuel «outstanding diplomacy».

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events	Date/Time	Venue/Contact
First Annual Benefit Gala US Sciences Po Foundation	June 16	http://galascpo2011.eventbrite.com/
Tony Judt: A distinctive presence among us	June 23-25	www.sciencespo.fr/evenements
The normalization of the right in post-security Europe	June 27	www.ceri-sciences-po.org

EDITORIAL



Francis Verrillaud

Deputy Director of Sciences Po
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Sciences Po is changing. Saying so is almost a truism. An increasingly numerous and diverse academic community is pursuing new research, innovating new sorts of training offered by Sciences Po and prompting new debates creating an intellectual sense of belonging to Sciences Po. Lecturers from all different backgrounds bring their knowledge, expertise and experience. The undergraduate college within which young students coming from around the world study allows them to share a demanding educational experience necessitating both critical reasoning and experimentation. The graduate schools offer specialized masters requiring advanced knowledge of the principal social sciences. Finally, the doctoral programmes are home to high-level research in all of our disciplines.

These elements combine to make Sciences Po a university which enjoys worldwide recognition of excellence and which can make important contributions to higher education in our country and beyond.

Sciences Po change. Une communauté académique de plus en plus nombreuse et diversifiée, des maîtres de conférences venant de tous les horizons, un collège universitaire au sein duquel de jeunes étudiants venant du monde entier partagent un projet éducatif, des écoles qui proposent des masters spécialisés fondés sur une connaissance approfondie des sciences sociales, une école doctorale qui constitue un lieu de développement de la recherche de haut niveau.

Tous ces éléments se combinent pour faire de Sciences Po une université d'excellence jouissant d'un niveau de reconnaissance internationale important et pouvant apporter sa contribution aux missions de l'enseignement supérieur dans notre pays et au-delà bien sûr.

Turkish university deans visit Sciences Po



The delegation of deans from Turkish universities, April 28, 2011, Paris.

As part of a mission led by the president of the YÖK (Council of higher education) a delegation of deans from Turkish universities visited Sciences Po, on April 28, and met with Hervé Cres, Vice President of Sciences Po in charge of Education, Renaud Dehousse, Director of the Centre d'études Européennes, Ghassan Salamé, Dean of PSIA, and with Turkish students on exchange at Sciences Po.

This visit confirms the academic

relationships between Sciences Po and Turkey, opens the door to a possible reinforcement of these links and new partnership development and student recruitment policies.

Sciences Po a reçu la visite de recteurs d'universités turques, à cette occasion, l'institution a pu confirmer ses relations grandissantes avec la Turquie notamment en matière de partenariat et de politique de recrutement.

OECD's Padoan speaks on policy issues

On May 4, in the framework of the «Thinking about Europe at Sciences Po» (RESP) series, Pier Carlo Padoan, OECD Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist, held a conference on «Post crisis policy challenges». He was introduced by Francesco Saraceno, an economist from the OFCE (the Research Centre on Economics of Sciences Po). The speaker argued that while the global economy is exiting from the recession, imbalances and challenges remain. Within these he distinguished challenges for advanced economies, emerging economies and the global economy. Advanced economies are still facing high unemployment rates while there is an increasing need to push ahead fiscal consolidation. Emerging economies will have to deal with rising inflation and excessive capital inflows. Both may hamper their capacity to sustain the very high growth rates they need to support their development process. The global economy in its entirety will still have to cope with large payment imbalances and with very fast rising commodity prices.

According to Pier Carlo Padoan, a new policy paradigm is needed to cope with this new economic situation. Traditional policy tools will have to be



Pier Carlo Padoan, OECD Deputy Secretary-General.

complemented with additional tools such a macroprudential measures. Structural reforms will have to play a significant role in boosting growth but also in facilitating fiscal consolidation and the reabsorption of global imbalances.

Le 4 mai 2011, dans le cadre des « Rencontres Européennes de Sciences Po » (RESP), Pier Carlo Padoan, Secrétaire Général de l'OCDE a tenu une conférence sur : « Les défis des politiques économiques après la crise ». La conférence a été introduite par Francesco Saraceno de l'OFCE, le Centre de Recherche en économie de Sciences Po.

New V.Wright and A.Grosser Chairholders

Mads Andenas has been selected as the new holder of the Vincent Wright chair for 2011. Professor Andenas holds the degrees of Cand jur (Oslo), Ph D (Cambridge) and MA and DPhil (Oxford). He has held a number of senior academic appointments in the United Kingdom, including as Director of the British Institute of International and



Mads Andenas.

Comparative Law, London and Director of the Centre of European Law at King's College, University of London. He remains a Fellow of the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford and at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, School of Advanced Studies, University of London. Professor Andenas will be hosted by Sciences Po's Law School.

On March 15, 2011 the Sciences Po selection committee chose the two future holders of the Franco-German Alfred Grosser chair for the 2011-2012 academic year. The committee chose, for the Paris chair, Professor Klaus



Klaus Schlichte.

Schlichte, currently professor in political sciences at the University of Bremen. Professor Schlichte will be in function in the spring of 2012 for six months. The committee chose Professor Martin Diewald for the European Franco-German campus in Nancy. Martin Diewald is a professor of sociology at the University of Bielefeld, and will also teach during the spring semester.



Martin Diewald.

Le centre Europe de la DAIE a sélectionné les nouveaux titulaires des chaires pour l'année 2011-2012. La chaire Vincent Wright sera tenue par Mads Andenas et la chaire Alfred Grosser sera occupée par Klaus Schlichte et Martien Diewald.

Shanghai Municipal delegation

May 25, a delegation led by Mr. WANG Zhiwei, Chief of the Financial Division of Shanghai Municipal Education Commission, visited Sciences Po. The delegation wished to learn from French experience in the management of public funding in education system in order to optimise the on-going reforms in the municipality of Shanghai. Mr Francis Vérillaud, Director of International Affairs Division, welcomed the delegation and presented Sciences Po's financial status and funding system to illustrate the University Autonomy Reforms in France as well as the relationship between funding and excellence. The delegation was composed of financial executives from top universities in Shanghai, including Fudan University, Tongji University, University of Shanghai and Shanghai Theatre Academy of China.

Sciences Po a accueilli une délégation de la commission d'éducation de la municipalité de Shanghai pour échanger sur les bonnes pratiques en matière de management des financements publics.

Experiences in staff mobility: a visitor from Thammasat University

Emmanuel Bairaman, who works in public relations at Thammasat University (Thailand), came to Sciences Po for a month as part of a staff mobility programme. He was quite excited to have this opportunity, saying that he has wished to come to Sciences Po ever since majoring in French language at Thammasat University for his undergraduate studies. Of his experience in Paris, he says, «Besides the unforgettable memory of spending 30 days in the world's most chic city, Paris, and another 15 days to discover Toulouse, and Brest, I gained a great impression from my first step into the René Rémond building. With the kind and prompt support, along with assistance provided by all DAIE family, in particular the Centre for Asia and the Pacific, I obviously had a nostalgic

feeling when I headed back to Thailand.»

The mobility programme allowed Mr. Bairaman to conduct a study on the quality provision in dual degree programmes. With the support of members of the Center for Asia and the Pacific, his research advanced very much during the mobility period. In fact, he says, «many strategic points received from the experience sharing meeting have already been recognised by my colleagues. Without a doubt, they will be applied very soon for strengthening the programme management. Hopefully, a future collaboration between Sciences Po, Paris and TEP at Thammasat University will be generated as a consequence of this mobility.»

Sciences Po a accueilli pendant un mois Emmanuel Bairaman, de l'université



Emmanuel Bairaman during his stay in Paris.

Thammasat en Thaïlande, dans le cadre d'un échange de personnel.

OXPO experience with Aurélie Daher



OXPO is a meeting point for Social Sciences scholars.

Aurélie Daher has been a postdoc at Oxford since October of 2010 through the Oxford-Sciences Po Research Group (OXPO), following her PhD at Sciences Po on the Lebanese Hezbollah. Here she shares her experiences with us:

«I can still remember the date. On March 29, 2010, I received that email, from Sophie Duchesne, saying I was granted a postdoc fellowship with OXPO. And I screamed, overjoyed: «I'm going to Oxford!»

I would not say that what OXPO has offered me this year met my expectations – it has gone much beyond what I could have asked for. Through both the Maison française d'Oxford, OXPO's French partner in Oxon county, and the Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) of which I am a member at the University, I enjoy the best of terms for conducting my research: a great, fully equipped, office, and free access to all the libraries and

to books and publications we do not have at Sciences Po (well at least, not on my subject!).

This year will definitely remain exceptional thanks to the support OXPO has granted me to organize a whole-day workshop on Lebanon, in cooperation with the Middle East Center of the University and the MFO. It has occurred on May 20, 2011, and was a huge success. I had invited two people to talk from Sciences Po and the MEC brought in two other scholars. It was a great opportunity to meet a lot of people – and to boost my own insertion in networks of international scholars working on my subject or close to it. And as a great gift after that day, I was contacted by a professor who had attended our workshop, to join a panel she is setting up for the major annual conference of the International Studies Association that is to take place in April 2012 in San Diego, USA.

By providing me with great terms for work, great opportunities to meet interesting and useful people, great possibilities to take pro-active initiatives and boost my career, OXPO will have undoubtedly been crucial in my scholarly progress.»

Aurélie Daher effectue un post-doctorat depuis octobre 2010 au sein du groupe de recherche Sciences Po-Oxford (OXPO).

Studyworld fair in Berlin



Stefan Seiler at the Studyworld fair in Berlin.

Stefan Seiler, International Relations Manager responsible for relationships between Sciences Po and its German partners, represented Sciences Po at the recruitment fair Studyworld in Berlin on May 20 and 21. France was the fair's invited country. Sciences Po and the Freie Universität (FU) of Berlin had a joint stand to present the joint programme the universities offer. Numerous high school students and undergraduates came to the stand to hear about the admissions criteria for the Franco-German dual degree in International Affairs and European Affairs between Sciences Po and FU Berlin and to obtain informational brochures on the European Franco-German campus of Nancy.

Stefan SEILER, chargé de mission à la DAIE, a représenté Sciences Po au salon de recrutement Studyworld à Berlin.

Google to be new partner of Sciences Po's School of Journalism

As the digital world changes the face of journalism, the School of Journalism at Sciences Po and Google have come together in a partnership to promote the quality and inventiveness of information on digital networks.

This partnership will be reflected in the creation of a prize for innovation in journalism, to be awarded for the first time in September of 2011, which will reward innovative usage of web technologies to provide quality information. This prize will be awarded annually to a student in journalism from a recognized programme and to a professional journalist.

In addition to this prize, Google will finance a grant for a start up in the information field, as well as merit scholarships to help students in the School of Journalism at Sciences Po. Finally, Google will contribute to the teaching of online referencing in classes in digital technologies at the School of Journalism.

L'École de journalisme de Sciences Po



Bruno Patino, David Drummond and Richard Descoings.

et Google concluent un partenariat afin de promouvoir la qualité et l'inventivité de l'information sur les réseaux numériques.

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