



## **Paris Climat 2015 Student Simulation: Make it Work**

In December 2015, Paris will welcome the 21st United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP21) on Climate Change. Five years ago, Sciences Po launched COP Rewind, a student initiative on “Copenhagen, what if it had unfolded differently?” Due to the success of this event, and in the framework of the larger initiative *Paris Climat 2015: Make it Work*, **Sciences Po is organising an innovative student simulation on climate negotiations from 26 to 31 May 2015** at the Théâtre de Nanterre-Amandiers. We are recruiting 200 students for this event in order to send a strong signal to diplomatic representatives before the COP21 in November.

### **Objectives**

- 1) **To create and experiment with possible alternative forms of climate negotiations.** The simulation will not follow the conventional Model United Nations format but aims to reconstruct existing norms, transform modes of representation and democratise the debates. The artists and philosophers of the Experimental Programme in Arts and Politics (SPEAP), are working continuously to redefine the conceptual frontiers of the climate change issue in order to illustrate to COP21 negotiators that alternative ways of negotiations are feasible. To achieve this goal, continuous interaction between the participants and the organisers of the simulation will be expected in the period leading up to the conference. Participants will not only be representing States but also making sure that other kinds of actors are heard, actors which generally have little or no impact within conventional international negotiations, such as specific territories, natural resources or ecosystems.
- 2) **To convey the messages of the students to COP21** and to testify to the engagement and mobilisation of youth in global civil society. The results of the simulation will be publicised and presented at the international scientific conference organised by UNESCO in preparation for COP21. They will again be evaluated by decision makers during the November 2015 COP21 conference.
- 3) **To offer a dynamic educational and scientific training opportunity for students.** The philosophy of this project is “learning by doing”, and innovating by putting students in the footsteps of different stakeholders. The purpose of this “simul-action” will be to evaluate current negotiations while finding alternatives and solving the problems faced at international climate summits.

## International co-operation

Participants will have **the opportunity to work together with student delegations from Sciences Po's partner universities around the world** such as Tsinghua University (Beijing), LSE (London), Columbia University (New York) and ULB (Brussels). For this reason, the conference will be conducted in English.

## Delegations

Sciences Po is recruiting 200 students who will form 40 delegations each consisting of 5 students. These 200 students will include:

- 100 students from Sciences Po (all levels and programmes are eligible)
- 50 students from international partner universities
- 50 students from other universities and institutions of higher education within France

**The aim is to recruit multidisciplinary delegations in order to achieve an integrated approach to climate change issues.**

## Applications

**Students should apply as individuals. Five applicants from the same university can form a delegation if they express the wish to do so in their application.** In both cases, you will be assigned to represent a specific actor within the negotiations according to your interests and competences.

Students are eligible to apply if they:

- are available from 26 - 31 May 2015.
- possess a strong level of English.
- are passionate about climate issues.

We encourage you to include innovative ideas in your motivation letter that can contribute to new negotiating formats.

This simulation is a long-term project. Recruited candidates must be ready to follow a preparation process consisting of workshops and conferences, while staying informed on current environmental and climate change developments.

**To apply, please send your CV and letter of motivation to [parismiw.simulation@sciencespo.fr](mailto:parismiw.simulation@sciencespo.fr) before 14 December 2014.**

In your application mail, please specify:

- your nationality
- your status in your School/University (Bachelor, Master - which one?, international student - where from?, exchange student - from which university?)

## Logistics

Sciences Po cannot provide for transportation or accommodation costs. However, housing arrangements between students may be possible.