

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Reference : 2026/A021

Application deadline: 02/02/2026

Start date: 01/10/2026

Job description

The Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) is inviting applications for a full-time academic position (associate professor) in political science with a specialisation in international studies and a focus on the political regulation of economic globalization.

Research areas : Political science, international studies, international relations, international political sociology, international political economy

Educational and scientific objectives :

The recruitment aims to broaden the range of research conducted in the field of international studies at ULB. It also aims to strengthen the educational offering dedicated to the regulation of globalisation by the ULB's department of political science, in light of contemporary debates concerning, global finance, international trade, platform capitalism or extractivism, among others.

You will hold a PhD in political science, international relations or a closely related field. You will have an excellent track record of teaching in higher education, as well as conducting and publishing research at an international level.

Your teaching and scientific activities will be part of the programmes taught by the Department of Political Science at ULB and of the work conducted by the research centres of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences (<https://phisoc.ulb.be>). The Department currently has twenty-four full-time academics working in all areas of political science. They are affiliated with research centres whose work is internationally recognised. The Department organises undergraduate (Bachelor's) and postgraduate (Master's) programmes for a community of approximately 2,000 students.

You will offer a teaching and research programme in international studies (international political economy, international political sociology, international relations) that foregrounds your expertise in studying the political regulation of economic globalization. Any further thematic expertise will be taken into consideration by the search committee.

You will teach both undergraduate and graduate courses on international issues, including in the Department's Bachelor in Political Science, the Master's degree in international relations, and other Master's

programmes in political science. You will be able to coordinate a team of teaching assistants in relation to your courses, and to teach both in English and French. Lastly, you will supervise MA theses in your domains of expertise as well as in the wider field of international studies and political science.

You will also contribute to the research activities of the Department of Political Science. You will be invited to participate in research taking place at the ULB's Centre for international politics (REPI, *Recherche et études en politique internationale*), or to develop new research directions within the Centre. You will demonstrate your ability to, or potential for, conducting research and disseminating results at an international level. Additionally, you will demonstrate your ability to, or potential for setting up collaborative research project and apply for both internal and external funding (e.g. FNRS or European research funds, among others). Lastly, you will be expected to supervise doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

Courses to be taught at the time of hiring:

The typical workload for a full-time academic staff member of the Department includes four courses or equivalent per academic year as well as the supervision of MA theses and final dissertation. You will eventually be expected to take on administrative and/or logistical responsibilities within the Department, the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, or your research centre, depending on needs. Teaching should ideally be evenly distributed between the undergraduate and graduate level, and is adjusted based on the Department's needs and resources. Provisions on the workload of academic staff can be found in the ULB staff regulation ([Texte coordonné des dispositions relatives à la carrière du corps scientifique et du corps académique](#)).

Your teaching workload will be developed progressively during the first three years of your appointment. In your first year of employment, you will be expected to:

- Teach and contribute to coordinate the course POLID404 [Études approfondies de science politique/Master thesis seminar](#). This course is intended for first-year Master's students and supports participants in developing and drafting the research project for their MA thesis. The course is organised in the form of lectures (first semester) and seminar tutorials (24 hours, 30 students, second semester). You will join the team of academic staff, help coordinate a team of teaching assistants, and supervise and assess one of the course seminars. Lectures and seminar tutorials can be offered indifferently in English or French.
- Create and teach a course on *Introduction to Global Public Policy*, intended as a 3rd-year mandatory module for the department's [Bachelor in Political Science](#) (24h). The course is meant to introduce participants to the study and practices of international, transnational and/or global public policy aimed at regulating the economic side of globalization. At the time of its creation, this will be a lecture course designed for between 150 and 200 students. The course can be offered in English or French.

A third course will be added to your teaching portfolio in the second year of your appointment, and a fourth course in the third year. These courses will be taught either in English or in French. Depending on the Department's needs and resources, they will involve teaching international studies in the Bachelor in Political Science, Master in International Relations, or any other programme organised by the Department.

Hiring procedure

The recruitment procedure for this position is organised in two phases, in accordance with article 179 of the ULB staff regulation. The search committee will first conduct an individual assessment and rank submitted applications based on their formal eligibility, pedagogical and scientific quality. Following this

initial assessment, the candidates with the highest-ranked applications will be invited to an interview with the search committee. The interview will consist of an individual meeting with the search committee and of a short, approximately 20-minute public lecture that may involve students currently enrolled in the relevant programmes of the Department of Political Science. The candidate ranked first after the conclusion of the interview phase will be offered the position.

You can expect the results of the first assessment phase to be communicated in March 2026. The interviews will be organised over a single day and will take place in April 2026, and will be exclusively in person. **These dates should be considered as indicative at this time and will be definitively confirmed after the application deadline.**

Qualifications required :

PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in political science, international relations or related fields.

You must **imperatively** hold the aforementioned degree at **the time of submitting your application**. Candidates who do not hold the required qualification in the required field, or who expect to graduate with the required title after the application deadline, **need not apply**.

Skills required

- You should have at least 4 years of research experience at the time of hiring. Please note that scientific experience includes time spent as a doctoral researcher during which you have benefited from a full-time research grant or contract
- A postdoctoral experience and an excellent scientific record are a plus.
- Research stays outside of your home institution (during or after your PhD) will be taken into consideration when evaluating applications.
- Should you not speak French at an appropriate level (C1) at the time of hiring, you may be granted a period of adaptation, but you must be able to teach in French at the end of the third year following your appointment.

Interested ?

For more information, please contact Julien Jeandesboz, Chair of the Department of Political Science (phone number during regular business hours : +32 2 650.33.84 – Email: presidence.scpo.phiso@ulb.be).

Your application will consist of a Curriculum Vitae (*if you wish, a standard CV can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/emplois-academiques-et-scientifiques-cv-type>*) and a document completed using the template available at this URL address <https://www.ulb.be/fr/documents-officiels/1e-applic-form-acad-tps-plein-docx>.

This template structures your application by including the following elements:

- an application letter ;
- a scientific report (approximately 4 pages) presenting both your previous and ongoing research activities and a research project for the first five years of your appointment at ULB. The project should take into consideration your integration within the existing research activities, centres and teams at ULB.
- a teaching dossier (approximately 4 pages) presenting both your previous and ongoing teaching and a teaching project for the first five years of your appointment at ULB. The project must be relevant for and consistent with the programmes that you are likely to contribute to.

- a note on your international achievements and projects (approximately 4 pages). International achievements and projects include any past or ongoing research activity that is either taking place outside of the country in which your prior or current home institution is based, or involving institutions and researchers based outside of that country. Such achievements and projects can include scientific publications in international journals or academic presses, active involvement in major international academic conferences or the organisation of scientific events bringing together researchers based in at least two different countries, leading or actively participating in research projects involving institutions based in at least two different countries, obtaining external international funding or scientific awards (prizes, specific grants, etc); or any other relevant research activity (e.g. research stays of at least one month at an institution located in a different country than your home institution, extended field research, etc.).
- the names and e-mail details of five referees (taking gender balance into consideration) who may be contacted by those in charge of evaluating applications. These referees should not have a conflict of interest because of family or personal ties. Please note that you **should not include reference letters in your written application**. Two listed referees will **be contacted should you be invited for an interview with the search committee**. Their names will be selected randomly and they will be contacted directly by the chair of the search committee and invited to submit a reference letter.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not use the required template will not be considered by the search committee.

The successful candidate will be appointed as Associate professor (*chargé de cours*) and will be authorised to use the honorary title of professor (*professeur*). Depending on the assessment of your prior relevant professional experience, the appointment will either be for a tenured or tenure-track position. In the latter case, the probation period will be for a minimum of three academic years and a maximum of five.

Where to go to apply?

Click here: <https://jobs.ulb.be/job-invite/1726/?isInternalUser=true>

For any connection problems or questions about our application, consult our FAQ : [e-recrut-mode-d-emploi-candidat-en- 1734942996246-pdf](#)

Equal opportunities policy

ULB's personnel management policy is geared towards diversity and equal opportunities.

We recruit candidates on the basis of their skills, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, origin, nationality, beliefs, disability, etc.

Would you like to be provided with reasonable accommodation in the selection procedure because of a disability, disorder, or illness? Please contact Marie Botty, the person in charge of diversity aspects for the academic and scientific staff (marie.botty@ulb.be). Be assured of the confidentiality of this information.

More details on the ULB gender and diversity policy are available at [Diversity at ULB - ULB](#).

You will find all the regulations relating to academic careers on our site at <http://www.ulb.ac.be/emploi/academique.html>.

FICHE ADMINISTRATIVE

qui doit impérativement accompagner la vacance

n° de vacance : 2026/A021

Domaine : Sciences politiques et sociales

Discipline : Relations internationales

Poste(s) au cadre : 26- A-CCO-216 (cadre PFD) (1 ETP) / poste SAP : 51026961

Références CoA : 24/11/25 pt III.02

Rattachement Enseignement : DD010 de Département de science politique

Rattachement Recherche : DU010 de Recherche et études en politique internationale (REPI) - 2763

EURAXESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Type of contract : temporary

Hours per week : 38

Required Research Experiences : Political science

Researcher profile : Experienced researcher - R3 (4 – 10 years)

Additional requirements :

Applicants should be specialised in international studies, with a focus on the political regulation of economic globalization.

Candidates who do not expect or cannot reasonably be expected to meet the C1 French language requirement within three years of the position's start date need not apply.

Candidates who do not hold the required qualification at all (PhD in political science, international relations/studies or closely related fields) or who do not hold the required qualification at the time of submission need not apply.