FULL-TIME ACADEMIC POSITION IN EUROPEAN PUBLIC POLICY

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Reference : 2027/A016
Application deadline: 25/01/2027 12:00 PM
Start date: 01/10/2027

Job Description

The Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) is recruiting a full-time academic in political science (at Lecturer / Associate Professor level) with a specialisation in European studies. This recruitment is part of the creation of a full-time academic chair in European public policy.

Research areas: Political science, European public policy, European studies, European integration and governance, public policy analysis

Educational and scientific objectives :

The purpose of this chair is to strengthen research and teaching on European public policy at ULB, in line with the priorities proposed by the Institute for European Studies (IEE) and the Department of Political Science within the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences. It will enable analysis of the formulation, implementation, evaluation and legitimisation of European public action, as well as its contemporary transformations. Particular attention will be paid to issues relating to the green and/or digital transition.

You hold a PhD in political science, European studies or an equivalent field, have an excellent academic record, and have international research experience as well as teaching experience in higher education.

Your teaching and research activities will be carried out, respectively, within the degree programmes of ULB's Department of Political Science, the research centres of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences (https://phisoc.ulb.be), and the Institute for European Studies (https://iee.ulb.be/). The Department currently has twenty-five full-time academics working across all areas of political science. They are affiliated with research centres whose work is internationally recognised. The Department offers undergraduate (Bachelor's) and graduate (Master's) programmes to a community of approximately 2,000 students.

The successful candidate will be a specialist in European public policy. Particular consideration will be given to applications demonstrating expertise in contemporary transformations of European public action, especially in relation to the green and/or digital transition. You will propose a teaching and research programme addressing the formulation, implementation and evaluation of European Union policies, their social effects and legitimacy, multilevel governance, and the Europeanisation of public action.

You will teach at both undergraduate and graduate levels, in courses on European public policy within the Bachelor's degree in Political Science and the various Master's programmes organised by the Department, either independently or in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies. You must be able to teach both general courses for students who are not specialists in European studies and specialised courses on European public action and public policy, particularly in relation to the green and/or digital transition. You will demonstrate the ability to lead a teaching team and to teach in both English and French. You will also supervise Master's dissertations and final-year projects, both in your areas of expertise and in the broader fields of European studies and political science.

Your research activities will primarily be affiliated with the Centre for the Study of Political Life (CEVIPOL) and the Institute for European Studies (IEE); affiliation with both entities is cumulative. You will contribute to existing research areas or develop new ones. You are expected to demonstrate the ability, or potential, to conduct and disseminate research internationally, in particular through an excellent publication record in leading international academic journals and with leading academic publishers. An interest in interdisciplinary approaches is an asset. You will also demonstrate the ability, or potential, to develop research projects and submit them to internal or external funding calls (e.g. FNRS and European funding programmes). Finally, you will be expected to supervise doctoral theses and postdoctoral projects.

Courses to be taught at the time of hiring:

A faculty member's teaching load consists of four teaching assignments per academic year, together with the annual supervision and assessment of dissertations and final-year projects as supervisor and reader. In due course, you may also take on administrative and logistical responsibilities within the Department of Political Science, the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, the Institute for European Studies and/or your affiliated research centre. The teaching load may be adjusted in line with the Department's resources and needs. It is generally divided into four 24-hour courses and, ideally, distributed between Bachelor's and Master's teaching. The provisions governing the workload of academic staff are set out in Article 193 of the Coordinated Text on the Career of Scientific and Academic Staff (*Texte coordonné des dispositions relatives à la carrière du corps scientifique et du corps académique*).

Your teaching load will be developed progressively over the first three years of the appointment. Initially, you will be asked to:

- Teach the course POLID404 *Études approfondies de science politique/Master thesis seminar*. This course is intended for first-year Master's students and aims to help participants develop and write the research proposal for their dissertation. Teaching consists of two plenary sessions and seminar-based tutorials (24 hours, 30 students per group, second semester). You will join the team of academic course coordinators, help coordinate a team of teaching assistants, and supervise and assess one of the course seminars, in English or French.
- Teach a course entitled "Actors and European Policies". This course is intended for a non-specialist audience, either Bachelor's students or students who are often already in employment and enrolled in the evening/part-time Master's programme. Its precise content may evolve in response to programme reforms and teaching-coordination needs.
- Teach a course on European public policy in transition, particularly issues relating to the green and/or digital transition, for students in European studies. This course will be taught in English.

- A fourth course, taught in French or English, will be added in the third year of the appointment, depending on the needs and resources of the Department and the Institute for European Studies, as well as coordination among teaching staff. This course may be part of the Department of Political Science's Bachelor's teaching or of its various 60-credit Master's programmes (daytime and/or evening) or 120-credit Master's programmes. On a regular basis, the Department Council reviews the teaching loads of all its members. The content of the teaching load may be amended on that occasion in coordination with the lecturers concerned.

Hiring procedure

The recruitment procedure consists of two phases, as provided for in Article 179 of the Coordinated Text on the Career of Scientific and Academic Staff.

The scientific committee will first assess and rank each application individually, on the basis of formal eligibility and the teaching and research strengths demonstrated. Following this initial assessment, the highest-ranked candidates will be invited to an interview before the assessment committee. The interview includes an individual meeting with the scientific committee and a public teaching demonstration lasting approximately 20 minutes, which may involve students enrolled in the Department of Political Science's programmes. Candidates interviewed will then be ranked a second time; this ranking will be submitted to and approved by the authorities of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences and then by ULB. At the end of this process, the position will be offered to the candidate ranked first.

Unless circumstances beyond the University's control intervene, the outcome of the first assessment phase will be communicated to candidates during March 2027. Interviews will take place on a single day, provisionally on 12 April 2027, and will be held in person only. **These dates should be considered as indicative at this time and will be confirmed after the application deadline**.

Qualifications required :

PhD Degree (with doctoral thesis) in political science, European studies 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 Corinne Torrekens, Chair of the Department of Political Science (phone number during regular business hours : +32 2 650.33.26– 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 report of approximately three pages covering previous research activities and a research project for the first five years of the appointment, including the planned integration into ULB research teams.
- A teaching dossier of approximately four pages, including a one-page report on previous teaching activities; a detailed two-page plan for the specialised course on European public policy in transition, including the proposed teaching philosophy and methods; and a detailed two-page plan for the course “Actors and European Policies” for a non-specialist audience, also including the proposed teaching philosophy and methods. Where available, the dossier must include evaluations of courses taught by the candidate over the past five years.
- A statement of no more than two pages on international achievements and projects. These include any completed or ongoing research activity carried out outside the country in which your current or former institution is based, or involving institutions or researchers based in another country. Examples include active participation in major international conferences relevant to the field or discipline, or organising academic events bringing together participants based in at least two countries; leading or actively participating in research projects or networks involving institutions in at least two countries; obtaining international external funding or scientific recognition (awards, specific fellowships, etc.); and any other relevant research activity (e.g. research visits of at least one month at an institution in another country, or long-term fieldwork).
- The names and email addresses of five referees who may be contacted by the bodies responsible for assessing applications, with due regard to gender balance. These individuals must not have a conflict of interest arising from family or personal relationships. Letters of recommendation should not be included with the application at this stage. If you are invited to an interview before the assessment committee, two of the five referees will be selected at random. They will be contacted directly by the committee chair and asked to provide a letter of recommendation.

The application must be submitted in the following order: CV, followed by **a single PDF** containing the cover letter, research activity report, teaching dossier, international dossier and referees.

Incomplete applications or applications that do not follow the template provided will be deemed ineligible by the assessment committee from the outset and excluded from the recruitment procedure.

The appointment to the academic staff of ULB is made at ”Chargé de Cours” level. As of their appointment, members of academic staff are authorised to use the honorary title of ”Professeur”.

Where to go to apply?

Click here: https://jobs.ulb.be/job-invite/2095/?isInternalUser=true

For any connection problems or questions about our application, consult our FAQ : e-recrut-mode-d-emploi-candidat-en-_1734942996246-pdf

N.B.: SAP complies with European and U.S. regulations and, as a result, does not allow access to its application from the following countries/regions: Crimea, Sevastopol, the Donetsk People's Republic (DNR) / Luhansk People's Republic (LNR), areas not controlled by the Ukrainian government in the Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Russia, and Belarus.

Therefore, candidates applying from these countries – and only from these countries – can submit their CV and application to this address: rectrice@ulb.be

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.

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 European public policy, with a focus on the analysis of public policies in transition and on the making, implementation and evaluation of European Union policies.

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, European studies or closely related fields) or who do not hold the required qualification at the time of submission need not apply.

FICHE ADMINISTRATIVE

qui doit impérativement accompagner la vacance

n° de vacance : 2027/A016

Domaine : Sciences politiques et sociales

Discipline : Sciences politiques /Etudes européennes

Poste(s) au cadre : A-**ORD**-006 (0.5 ETP) + Z-ORD-001 (0.5 ETP) (D) (ex DE WAELE)

Poste SAP : 41788312

Références CoA : 23/11/26

Rattachement Enseignement : Département de science politique – DD010

Rattachement Recherche : DV010 Centre d'étude de la vie politique (CEVIPOL)