


SciencesPo

# PARIS CLIMATE SCHOOL

*Leading Transition & Managing Risks*



2024 was the hottest year on record, surpassing +1.5°C. In such a context of aggravated climate crisis, it is time to acknowledge that:

**We all know how serious our common situation is**, yet our societies are at a standstill, unable to act and transform themselves.

**We have to make a drastic shift** from seeking uniquely technical solutions to an issue that is social and political at its core.

**Only 0.18% of environmental research is led by social scientists**, although the humanities and social sciences are essential to carry out environmental change.





*In response to the climate emergency,  
Sciences Po launches*

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## SCIENCES PO'S 8TH GRADUATE SCHOOL

Preparing graduates capable of leading the transformation in both public institutions and private organisations.

### *Training the next generation of leaders*

The Paris Climate School will offer a cutting-edge master's programme designed to equip students with:

- A systemic and multiscalar understanding of ecological transition and risks,
- Strong professional competencies in law, economics, finance, public policy, and governance,
- Practical decision-making tools adapted to complex, uncertain, real-world environments.

Beyond the classroom, the Paris Climate School will serve as a hub for academic, institutional, and professional exchange on climate action — in the heart of Paris.

### *A rigorous and groundbreaking academic vision*

The Paris Climate School addresses environmental transformation in its broadest scope: climate change, biodiversity loss, natural resources management, environmental justice, global warming, biodiversity, etc. The Paris Climate School draws on Sciences Po's singular model:

- A long-standing interdisciplinarity,
- A dialogue with other sciences,
- A focus on political economy and managing transition in our democracies.

It will also be anchored in Sciences Po's world-class research, offering students a critical, applied, and systemic perspective on the challenges of ecological transformation.



## Our Expert Advisors

The Paris Climate School has been shaped through a preliminary mission led by its Dean Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation and architect of the Paris Agreement, and Sophie Dubuisson-Quellier, Director of Research at CNRS and head of the Centre for the Sociology of Organisations at Sciences Po, who sits on the French High Council on Climate. This mission brought together 30+ prominent figures from across all sectors such as Valérie Masson Delmotte (IPCC), Sébastien Treyer (IDDRI), Pascal Demurger (MAIF) or Jean Pisani-Ferry (I4CE).



# MASTER ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION, RISKS AND GOVERNANCE STARTING IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2026

Around 100 students will be part of the first cohort of the Paris Climate School and are set to graduate in 2028. Meanwhile, they will follow a fully English-taught, crossdisciplinary master's programme on environmental transformations and risk management.

## *Four Foundational Courses*

- Legal stakes of climate change
- Economics for the transition
- Societies and transitions
- International climate politics
  - ressources, governance, and conflicts

These will be complemented by interdisciplinary workshops exploring specialised topics in greater depth and through a systemic approach.

## *Hard Sciences Intensive Seminars*

During pre-term, the students will learn how to understand and navigate climate sciences and new technologies through fast-paced seminars on Earth interdependencies, Scientific literacy, Energy and technology, but also the challenges facing the agriculture, health, and mobility sectors.

“It is an honour to become the Dean of Sciences Po’s Paris Climate School. I am thrilled to launch this new programme, which comes at a pivotal moment for the future of our planet and our societies. Faced with the ecological emergency, it is essential to train a new generation of leaders who can think and act differently. Sciences Po can become a world-class player on climate change by combining academic excellence, interdisciplinarity, and commitment.”

**Laurence Tubiana,**  
Dean of the Paris Climate School.

## » *Learning Through Action*

The School places experiential learning at its core. Students will develop their leadership through:

- Courses taught by leading professionals
- Real-life case studies
- The Transformation Lab, where they work on live challenges with partner organisations confronting systemic disruption
- A final-semester internship in a climate-relevant organisation

## » *Building the Skills to Lead*

To navigate complexity and manage increasing risk, students will be trained in:

- Crisis simulation and decision-making under uncertainty
- Role-playing scenarios to practice stakeholder engagement
- Masterclasses on change management, negotiation, and the behavioural science of decision-making









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