



## Assistant Professor/ Professor with tenure in Digital Political Communication

### Context

The European School of Political and Social Science (ESPOL) at the Catholic University in Lille invites applications for a full-time permanent position as a *maître / maîtresse de conférences* (equivalent to Assistant Professor with tenure)/full Professor in Political Science with a focus on Digital Political Communication. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while participating in the research development of ESPOL-Lab, the research centre of ESPOL. He/she will teach in the B.A. and M.A. programmes in political science at ESPOL, including in the new interdisciplinary MA in 'Digital Democracy'.

ESPOL is a young, diverse, and rapidly growing political science school dedicated to excellence in research and teaching in social and political sciences. Created in 2012, ESPOL offers multidisciplinary, bilingual (English-French) study programmes preparing students to political, European and/or international careers. The Catholic University of Lille, with over 38,000 students, is a multidisciplinary university comprised of five faculties (medicine, law, economics, theology, and humanities), twenty schools and institutes - including ESPOL, six engineering schools; three business and management schools; medical, paramedical, social schools; management schools for the service industry; a Hospital Group – and, in total, some 50 research teams. Collaborative research at ESPOL-LAB, bringing twenty French and foreign researchers together, revolves around three broad thematic areas questioning the contemporary transformation of politics: (1) the 'Quality of democracy', (2) 'Reconfigurations of the International', and (3) 'Politics of the Anthropocene'. Europe is a structuring, cross-cutting dimension of the research in ESPOL for these three research areas.

### Profile

The candidate must hold a PhD in political science or a related discipline and must be able to propose a research project and teachings on the challenges of digitisation of contemporary democracies (e.g. on smart cities, digitisation of parliaments, internet voting, big data, digital electoral campaigns, digital political marketing, populist political communication, etc.) She/he must demonstrate a solid methodological background, especially in quantitative methods. Skills in big data analysis, social research in the digital age, and/or web-scraping techniques, would be a plus. The *Habilitation à diriger des recherches* (or equivalent professorial thesis) as well as experience in teaching coordination are particularly appreciated. The candidate should have a proven ability to undertake high quality research and publish in international peer-reviewed journals. She or he should have prior teaching experience in courses related

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to the new MA and as well as general courses in political science, depending on department needs and personal qualifications. The languages of instruction are French and English. A fluent command of English is expected, but proficiency in French is an important asset.

The ability to supervise doctoral theses as well as experience in educational coordination is particularly appreciated.

### Missions

The candidate will develop his/her teaching activities mainly at the MA level, but also at the BA level. He/she should be able to lead a teaching team, and to teach in English and if possible in French too. He/she should offer a medium-term vision of research and teaching on the impact of digital technology on political life.

Applications must include:

- a letter of motivation in English or in French, including a statement concerning existing and planned research projects
- a CV including a publications list
- one writing example of a recent published article
- for candidates who defended their Ph.D. less than 5 years ago, three referees which can be contacted if need be.

Full-time, permanent contract, position to be filled as of 1 January 2023. Remuneration according to the experience of the candidate.

Applications should be addressed to Alexis MASSART, Director of ESPOL, and sent by email to the following two addresses: [carine.ledoux@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:carine.ledoux@univ-catholille.fr) and [espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr). The deadline for applications is 20 May 2022. Interviews with short-listed candidates will take place on 29 June 2022 in Lille (if the pandemic situation allows it). For further questions and inquiries about the position, please send an email to [espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr).

If you wish to benefit from a reasonable accommodation of the selection procedure due to a disability, disorder or illness, please send an email to [espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:espol.recrutements@univ-catholille.fr).