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Career Move



MaxPo Co-director
until August 2015

Cornelia Woll Appointed Vice President of Sciences Po

In September 2015, Cornelia Woll took up the position of Vice President for Studies and Academic Affairs at Sciences Po (*Directrice des études et de la scolarité*). In doing so, she takes responsibility for undergraduate and graduate studies, overseeing the curricula of the college and the seven professional schools, their strategic devel-

opment, admissions and examination procedures as well as the student life of Sciences Po's 13,000 students. Cornelia Woll is Professor of Political Science at Sciences Po and has been Co-Director of the Max Planck Sciences Po Centers on Coping with Instability in Market Societies since its founding in 2012.

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Visitors and Speakers



MaxPo Visiting Scholar
September 2015

Heather A. Havemann is Professor of Sociology and Business at the University of California–Berkeley. She studies how organizations, industries, and employees' careers evolve. Her publications, which cover various periods from the 18th to the 21st century, have appeared in several major business and sociological journals. The organizations she has investigated include the thrift industry, telephone companies, hotels, hospitals, and power plants in the United States as well as large firms in China. Her book

Magazines and the Making of America was just published by Princeton University Press. After getting a BA in history and an MBA in management and finance from the University of Toronto, Haveman obtained her PhD in Organizational Behavior and Industrial Relations from UC Berkeley. She has taught at Duke, Cornell, and Columbia. Her current research examines wineries, the emerging marijuana market, law professors, and Chinese listed firms.

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Visitors and Speakers



MaxPo Visiting Scholar
September 2015

Neil Fligstein is the Class of 1939 Chancellor's Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of California–Berkeley, and Director of the Center for Culture, Organization, and Politics at the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment at UC Berkeley. His books include *The Architecture of Markets: An Economic Sociology of 21st Century Capitalist Societies*; *Euroclash: The European Union, European Identity, and the Future of Europe*, and *A Theory of Fields* (with Doug McAdam). He has written extensively in the fields of economic sociology, organizations,

political sociology, social stratification, and European economic and political integration.

Fligstein is most well-known for his work on the sociology of markets. His work combines elements of political economy, organizational theory, and field theory, to propose how to think about the dynamics of markets. He is currently studying different aspects of the 2007–2010 financial crisis and exploring how financialization has affected household attitudes towards debt and investment.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
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Jens Beckert is professor of sociology and director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne. He is best known for his work in economic sociology, the sociology of inheritance, organization theory, and social theory. He studied sociology and business administration at the Freie Universität (FU) Berlin and the New School for Social Research in New York and has been a visiting fellow at Princeton, Harvard, the European University Institute in Florence as well as Sciences Po and the *Institut d'études avancées* in

Paris. In 2012/13 Beckert has published widely in international journals and is the author of *Inherited Wealth* and the editor *The Worth of Goods* (with Patrick Aspers) and *Constructing Quality* (with Christine Musselin). His research focuses on the fields of economic sociology, sociology of inheritance, organization theory and social theory. His new book *Imagined Futures: Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics* will be published in the spring of 2016 by Harvard University Press.

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MaxPo Visiting Scholar
November 2015

Orfeo Fioretos is an associate professor in the Department of Political Sciences at Temple University in Philadelphia where he teaches political economy and international relations, and serves as Chair of the Undergraduate and Departmental Honors Programs. Fioretos holds a doctorate from Columbia University. His research is focused on the politics of markets and international institutions. In *Creative Reconstructions: Multilateralism and European Varieties of Capitalism after 1950*, he explores the role of international economic in-

stitutions in shaping the evolution of three alternative models of advanced capitalism through technological revolutions, economic globalization, and the creation of dense fabrics of international institutions that regulate markets. His ongoing research explores the origins and evolution of informal institutions of global economic governance. He is an editor of the forthcoming *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Institutionalism*.

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New Doctoral Students



New Doctoral Student
September 2015

Shi-Rong Lee received her MPhil in Sociology from the University of Cambridge, a BS in Psychology and a BA in Sociology from the National Taiwan University. Drawing on her training as a mixed-method sociologist, her research interests include political economy, work and organizations, social networks, health, and life course studies. Lee's dissertation

explores how financialization and the discourse of shareholder value influence labor market inequality in China and Taiwan. She also investigates the effects of flexible work policies and practices on employees' psychological well-being, and examines the social networks of political and business elites.



New Doctoral Student
September 2015

Andreas Eisl holds Master's degrees in Political Science and Geography from the University of Salzburg. He was also an exchange student in the Politics and International Studies program at the University of Warwick in the UK. Eisl has served as the head of social affairs for the Austrian Students' Association in Salzburg and as a student assistant at the Social Geography Research Group at the University of Salzburg. His

research investigates the interplay between the political and the economic sphere, focusing on the role of public debt and fiscal policies. In his PhD thesis, Eisl will explore the effects of debt brakes and related austerity measures on political action and legitimacy in the European context.

Visiting Doctoral Student



Visiting Doctoral Student
November 2015

Chase Foster is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Government at Harvard University. His graduate studies have focused on the development of the regulatory state in Europe and North America and the politics of state-market relationships among rich democracies. At Sciences Po, he will be conducting research for his dissertation about the politics of banking liberalization and regulatory reform among rich democracies over the last forty years.

Foster is currently a visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels and holds affiliations with the Center for European Studies, the Program on Inequality and Social Policy, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, all at Harvard University. He received a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School and a BA in Public Policy from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Activities

Seminar Series

SCOOPS

October 6, 2015, 12:30–2:30 pm

Salle de conférence

56 rue Jacob, 75007 Paris

Organized jointly with the CEE

Neil Fligstein, University of California–Berkeley: Are Banks Criminogenic?

Explaining the Widespread Predatory Lending and Securities Fraud in the Mortgage Securities Industry

Discussant: **Pierre François, Sciences Po, CSO/CNRS**

November 23, 2015, 12:30–2:30 pm

Salle Goguel

56 rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris

Orfeo Fioretos, Temple University, Philadelphia: The Origins of Informal Global Economic Governance: The Emergence of the G7

Discussant: **Thomas Cayet, Sciences Po, CEE**

Publications

MaxPo Discussion Paper

Cornelia Woll

Politics in the Interest of Capital: A Not-So-Organized Combat.

MaxPo Discussion Paper 15/2.

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