

CamPo PhD Student Exchange Success Stories

We have gathered some recent comments made by our CamPo PhD student Exchange visitors. We hope that these can provide you with an insight of our CamPo student exchange experience:

Sciences Po students

Antoine Sander POLIS PhD student visiting Médialab

The Médialab was a welcoming research environment, as well as an apt choice with regards to my own research... I was fully integrated to the center's activities, attending the weekly meetings and seminars, as well as occasional conferences and reading group sessions. ..

I cannot stress enough the benefits of this exchange program on my research and broader growth as a junior researcher in the social sciences. This term provided a perfect complement to the training I received during the first year of my PhD, and now enables me to head off into the rest of my fieldwork with more confidence, as well as a host of new peers and friends.

Louis Baktash POLIS PhD student visiting Centre d'Études Européennes et de Politique comparée

I was offered a desk in the doctoral students' room where I worked during weekdays. I also had access to Sciences Po's research library — which is usually restricted to Sciences Po doctoral students, researchers and professors...

Despite being focused on my research, I participated in several activities within the CEE. The most recurrent being the CEE's weekly seminars, which are a good occasion to discover what other researchers (including PhD students) are doing and to learn more about the topics they are working on. The weekly seminars contribute to fostering links between established researchers and PhD candidates: this allowed me to launch informal discussions with researchers, some of which have since proved instrumental to my understanding of French politiques territorial.

Cambridge students

Salih Isik Bora, 3rd year PhD student Sciences Po at Paris/CERI visiting POLIS

I had the opportunity to participate in the CamPo exchange during Michaelmas Term in 2022. This was a wonderful experience and I would recommend it to anyone without hesitation. The people at the Department of Political Science and International Relations (POLIS) were extremely welcoming and I made many new friends... CamPo has also been my first occasion to meet my thesis' co-supervisor Professor Christopher Bickerton in person.

Arnaud Miranda Sciences Po in Théorie Politique (CEVIPOF, École de droit) visiting POLIS

As part of the CamPo visiting scheme, I had the chance to live and work in Cambridge during Michaelmas term 2022. I was affiliated to the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) and to Clare Hall College. Even if the college affiliation did not imply an accommodation on-site, I accidentally benefitted from a vacant room in Clare Hall's residential building. This opportunity put me in the best conditions for work, but also to make the most of my experience at Cambridge. The main element I would like to highlight is the incredible working conditions in Cambridge, and particularly at Clare Hall. My accommodation was really close to the main site, where I had a 24-hours access to the library and to the dining hall.