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A Research and Academic Program on Gender Thinking Françoise Milewski **Hélène Périvier**





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In 2010, Sciences Po, is launching a multidisciplinary academic and research program on gender thinking, called PRESAGE. The PRESAGE program will introduce an outlook on gender to Sciences Po's educational and scientific project, influencing both research and academia.

This program is innovative in a number of ways:

- It adopts a comprehensive approach to gender issues based on a multidisciplinary approach (economics, law, philosophy, political science, sociology, history, psychology, etc.).
- It breaks new intellectual ground by bringing together two fields of research on gender that have not previously communicated much: a philosophical perspective, focused on the construction of a person's identity, and a socio-economic and historical approach to the construction of inequality.
- -The program has an international focus to promote collaborations with researchers worldwide.

PRESAGE is part of the Sciences Po Economic Research Centre, the OFCE, which manages the program. It is under the guidance of a scientific committee made up of famous experts in the field coming from a variety of disciplines, along with a decidedly international orientation. The committee meets once a year to take stock of the general of the projects.

1) The Academic program

The teaching component involves both educating all Sciences Po students about gender issues as well as affecting a broad range of disciplines. The guideline for the **university college** courses is to show the students how the social sciences tackle and conceptualize the issue of gender inequality, with an emphasis on a multidisciplinary approach. The courses will help foster an understanding of how gender inequalities arise, in terms of both their particular features and the way that they feed into other forms of social inequality.

At the **Master's** and **schools (law school, journalism school)**, the goal is to professionalize teaching through specific courses. These courses will be based on a general analysis of inequality between men and women with respect to inequalities in the labour market, in social welfare and in power relations.

2) The research program

Basic research is separated into two fields that have little interaction. On the one hand, the field of philosophy, psychology and anthropology offers an analysis focused on individual sexual identity and the foundations of gender inequality in human relations (for example, Queer Theory). On the other hand, the socio-economic and historical approach focuses on inequalities between men and women in the labour market, in the places of power and in the private sphere; it examines the history and development of this particular type of inequality as well as different forms of social protection and legal systems, using a gender perspective. PRESAGE aims to group these two fields of research under a single umbrella in order to develop a comprehensive, consistent approach.

High-level conferences on gender will be given by researchers whose work has won an international reputation. These will be aimed at a broad public, including the students and researchers at Sciences Po and beyond coming from other institutions

Applied research will be directly related to business issues. For example, some companies could ask the program to audit their gender policies.

3) The training program

Businesses are concerned with the implementation of laws without always being aware of their short-term legal obligations. The public authorities have their own laws and executive orders, which are difficult to implement.

Lawyers and others in the legal profession are increasingly called on to deal with cases related to sex discrimination, both directly and indirectly (wages, pensions, etc.), without always being up to date with the latest legislation and case law, particularly at the European level. The increasing precarity faced by women is also strengthening the role of local and regional organizations and authorities (job placement, counselling, and social work). Continuing education on these themes could be integrated into existing programs and also be provided through specific new programs.

4) International collaborations

Professors and researchers from outside France will be regularly invited as part of the ongoing collaboration between PRESAGE and foreign universities and research centres.

Experts will also be invited to present their work on gender issues during specific conferences as part of the effort to enrich basic research and stimulate joint projects.