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Postdoctoral Researcher in the Political Economy of Climate Risk and Insurance

Application deadline: December 20th, 2026.

Conditions

Start date: January 1st, 2027 (September 1st, 2027 at the latest)

Duration: 2 years

Location: Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse France

Possibility of remote work.

Salary: The postdoctoral researcher will receive a competitive salary for a postdoctoral position in France and will benefit from the standard social protections associated with employment in the French university system.

Topic

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral research position at the Toulouse School of Economics, within the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, to work on **the political economy of climate risk, insurance, and redistribution** with **Charlotte Cavaille, Professor of Political Science**.

The postdoctoral researcher will contribute to a broader research agenda examining how climate change is transforming insurance markets and the politics surrounding them. Relevant topics include the distribution of climate-related risks, the affordability and availability of insurance, public and private mechanisms for pooling risk, the regulation of insurance markets, climate finance, and the distributive consequences of alternative insurance arrangements.

The precise research project will be developed jointly by the Principal Investigator, [Charlotte Cavaille](#), and the successful candidate. Candidates will be encouraged to pursue their own research interests and ideas, provided that they fit broadly within the themes of climate finance.

The successful candidate will be joining an active and diverse groups of IAST post-doctoral fellows working in fields such as evolutionary anthropology, psychology, economics, and quantitative sociology.

Candidate profile

Applicants should hold, or expect to hold by the start of the position, a PhD in political science, economics, finance, sociology, public policy, or a closely related discipline.

Candidates should have a strong interest in climate finance, climate insurance, and/or the political economy of insurance and redistribution. In addition, applicants should bring at least one of the following:

- expertise or substantive knowledge in finance, financial markets, or insurance;
- German-language proficiency sufficient for conducting research using German-language sources and/or interviews;
- Experience conducting elite interviews or other forms of qualitative fieldwork with hard-to-reach groups.

Candidates combining several of these skills are particularly welcome, but this is not a requirement.

How do I apply?

To apply for this Research Fellowship, please send your application to: parcours.rh.ecole@tse-fr.eu

Each application should include (only in English):

- **Updated CV.**
- **Cover Letter** (not to exceed two single-spaced pages). This should include a statement addressing current research and future plans, including fit with this project.
- **At least two writing samples** (e.g., published peer-reviewed journal articles or working papers).
- **Contact information** (i.e., name, title, email) of at least two references willing to provide a letter on your behalf.
- Informal inquiries are welcome and can be directed to charlotte.cavaille@tse-fr.eu

KEY BENEFITS

- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs and sustainable mobility allowance, subject to conditions
- Personalized support with relocation and administrative procedures
- French language courses for researchers and their partners
- Dedicated newcomers' integration program
- Support with French tax declaration

FAVORABLE WORKING CONDITIONS

- Central location in Toulouse
- Public transport nearby
- Campus dining hall for staff
- Sports activities and social events and networking events
- Welcoming and international working environment
- Opportunities to meet colleagues and discover Toulouse and the surrounding region
- Free parking for staff

You can find more information:

- ... on TSE [here](#)
- ... on the Social and Behavioral Sciences Department [here](#)
- ... on IAST [here](#)
- ... on Charlotte Cavaille [here](#)
- ... on life in Toulouse [here](#)