

## THE “KUWAIT PROGRAM AT SCIENCES PO”

### OBJECTIVES

The [Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences \( KFAS\)](#) and Sciences Po share a common awareness of the challenges facing the Gulf and Europe in a rapidly changing environment. Both regions must take stock about their new role and responsibilities in a world where global governance has become a major stake for decision makers. In the face of unforeseen change related to security issues, sustainable development and environmental risks, migration trends, the shifting of public policies from domestic to global levels, the building of public private partnerships, both institutions work together to offer a program that provides new approaches and fresh ideas to concerned leaders, senior officials, academics and researchers. The Program is based on the expertise and the knowledge developed through the making of Europe and the role of Sciences Po as a leading French university with a global outreach.

### A PRESTIGIOUS MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND MULTIPURPOSE PROGRAM

aimed at:

1. Enhancing Research and Expertise capacity about issues pertaining to the effects of global change to Kuwait and the Gulf Region in the field of Political Economy, energy production, consumption and trade worldwide, global public policy and international affairs, Religion and Politics.
2. Providing decision makers and executives with appropriate skills and analysis capacity to deal with the impact of globalization on public decision making and public and private relations.
3. Providing advanced research, teaching and training on crucial issues facing Kuwait and the Gulf States.
4. Enhancing academic exchange, building partnerships and establishing networks linking senior officials, researchers and academics from Kuwait and the Gulf with their counterparts.
5. Contributing to the development and enhancement of the academic Menton Education Program for the young to provide expanded coverage of the Gulf Region and Arabic and Islamic culture.

### COMPONENTS OF THE KUWAIT PROGRAM

#### I - The Kuwait Eurogolfe Professorship at Sciences Po.

The Professorship is based at Sciences Po. It is managed by the Middle East and Mediterranean Chair at Sciences Po and takes advantage of the existing Eurogolfe network in different Gulf countries.

It is focused on the following (but not limited to) topics of relevance to Kuwait and the Gulf under relationship to Europe:

- Global Public Policy
- Political Economy
- The Geopolitics of Energy
- Security
- Economic Diversification and Enhancement of the Private Sector
- Civil Society Building
- The Role of Religion
- International Relations

Duties are assigned in both Paris and the Menton undergraduate Middle East Mediterranean campus. The Kuwait Professor visits Kuwait once or twice a year.

He plays an active role in the Kuwait Program at Sciences Po, including the organization of the intellectual exchange between European academics and their Gulf counterparts, particularly Kuwaitis.

A Postdoctoral Fellow is recruited in consultation with the Kuwait Eurogolfe Professor, to serve as an academic Assistant to the Professor.

## II - The Kuwait Eurogolfe Research Program

This program supports advanced research on the Gulf and its relationship to Europe within the general scope of the Kuwait program at Sciences Po, taking advantage both of the existing knowledge and expertise developed at Sciences Po and the Eurogolfe Network.

The Kuwait Eurogolfe Research Program provides:

- Research Grants and scholarships for research initiatives conducted on the Gulf and the Middle East, in the fields of Economics, Energy, Security, Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Contemporary History and Law.
- Resources for conferences, seminars and workshops related to the field of research of the Program.
- Publications, both in print and online.

Calls for research project proposals will be launched internationally to widen the visibility of the Program; selection and awarding of the research projects will be made on academic merit by Sciences Po in consultation with the Advisory Council.

## III - The Global Public Policy Fellowships and Executive Training Program

This Program is aimed at providing Professionals and top Executives with the latest developments of public policy expertise. It also provides opportunities for young academic and researchers from the Gulf and Europe for short term training and research fellowships at Sciences Po and Kuwait and Gulf universities. Its originality is to focus the dimension of public decision and public leadership within the challenges of Globalization and the new public private partnerships.

The Program is organized with two dimensions:

1. Fellowships and visiting scholars fund for a short period up to three months
2. Customized Executive Training Programs. These Programs will be designed for a limited number of Senior Kuwait and Gulf Leaders to give them access to the European dimension of decision making and policy building. Programs will include public management skills, negotiation and conflict resolution, project management, communication skills, finance and budgeting...

## IV - Enhancement of the Menton Program, Leaders for tomorrow

Sciences Po has set up since October 2005 a campus in Menton ( French Riviera) where its curriculum is taught in three languages, French, English and Arabic with a special focus on Europe and the Middle East. The Kuwait Program supports the development and enhancement of specialized courses related to Gulf studies. This includes support for the Arabic section (collections) of the campus library, as well as short term visiting lecturers from Kuwait and the Gulf.

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