



Research interview - PhD student - Sciences Po/University of Geneva

Lucile MAERTENS to: valdrep

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Please respond to Lucile MAERTENS

Dear Ms. Valdre,

Thank you very much for your message and your concern. I can imagine that Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson must be very busy and I am already glad he took note of my research. I hope the results of my research will be a good contribution to the work of the UN on those issues. In case his schedule would open for even a fifteen-minute meeting, I would be fully available to arrange an appointment. Many thanks.

With best regards,

Lucile

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> From: Pim Valdre <valdrep@un.org>
> Sent: Tue Feb 05 03:25:36 CET 2013
> To: <lucile.maertens@sciences-po.org>
> Subject: Re: Fw: Research interview - PhD student - Sciences Po/University of Geneva
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> Dear Ms. Maertens,
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> Thank you for your message to DeputySecretary-General Jan Eliasson and your request for a meeting in Januaryor February 2013.
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> Mr. Eliasson has taken note of yourinterest in environment, security and peacekeeping and the role of theUN Secretariat.
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> Regretfully, due to pressures on hiscalendar due to his duties as DSG, Mr. Eliasson does not have the opportunityto participate at a meeting at this time.
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> He sends his best regards and wishesyou all success with your PhD research.
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> Sincerely,
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> Date: 28/01/2013 04:19 PM
> Subject: Re: Research interview - PhD student - Sciences Po/University of Geneva

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> Dear Mr. Eliasson,

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> I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to see if you received my previous email regarding my request to meet for a short research interview. Your

point of view would be crucial for my thesis and I would be grateful to meet whenever it best suits your schedule next week or the week after.

> Thank you very much for your consideration.

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> Best regards,

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> Lucile

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> I am a PhD candidate in political science and international relations at Sciences Po Paris and the University of Geneva and I am working on environment and security related issues within the United Nations.

> I attach my resume as well as a letter where I shortly explain my project and my request. My research would benefit significantly from your valuable insight and experience and I would greatly appreciate it if we could organize a meeting

at a time convenient for you late January or early February in New York.

> I am fully available for any further information.

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> Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

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> With best regards,

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Mr. Jan Eliasson
Deputy-Secretary-General
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Dear Mr. Eliasson,

Following your recent statements on climate change and security, I am writing to you to request a short interview to discuss United Nations' work and position on environment, security and peacekeeping and the role of the Secretariat on those issues.

I am a PhD candidate in political science and international relations at Sciences Po Paris and the University of Geneva where I also hold a teaching assistant position. For the past two years, I have been working on my thesis on environment and security related issues within the United Nations – entitled "*A Study of the New Perspectives for Environmental Security within the United Nations in the Context of Climate Change*".

During summer 2011, I spent three months as a research assistant at UNEP's Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch working within the Environmental Cooperation and Peacebuilding team. Following this experience, I have conducted approximately 30 interviews in Geneva and Nairobi with staff from UNEP, and notably with UNEP's Executive Director Mr. Achim Steiner, as well as other agencies – ENVSEC, OCHA-UNEP Joint Unit, UNDP, UNHCR, UNISDR, UNOSAT, WHO. I also represented the University of Geneva at the 5th Earth Summit Rio+20, where I attended numerous side events and presented my own research at the Annual Congress of the International Society for Ecological Economics. Since October 2012, I have been volunteering within DPKO/DFS's Policy, Evaluation and Training Division, conducting research on environment and peacekeeping with the Policy Planning Unit.

In furtherance of my research, I would be honored to hear your views on the work of the UN and the Secretariat as far as environment and security are concerned both in the context of conflict prevention, peacebuilding and humanitarian relief and in relation to the environmental impacts of peacekeeping operations. My research would benefit significantly from your valuable insights and experience.

The interview would be conducted in English and I will certainly respect any anonymity requests you may have. I will be in New York until mid-February and I am able to organize a meeting at your convenience.

I am fully available for any further information on my project as well as my background. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully,

Delivered via
email
5 Feb 2013

Lucile Maertens



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EDUCATION

- 2010-on-going **PhD in Political Science and International Relations**, Sciences Po/Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI) and University of Geneva (UNIGE).
PhD Thesis: *"A Study of the New Perspectives for Environmental Security within the United Nations in the Context of Climate Change"* (in French). Academic advisors: Prof. Bertrand BADIE. (Sciences Po) and Ms. Géraldine PFLIEGER (UNIGE).
- 2008-2010 Sciences Po – **Dual M.A. in International Affairs and Political Science of International Relations with grade A pass** (*mention très bien*).
Dissertation under the supervision of Prof. Bertrand BADIE: *"The UNHCR and the Challenge of Natural Disasters: Essay on the 2004 Turning Point"* (in French).
- 2007-2008 Exchange year at **Johns Hopkins University**, Baltimore, USA. GPA : 4.0.
- 2006-2008 **B.A. – Political Science Undergraduate Program** (Sciences Po).
- 2005-2006 **Literary preparatory class**.
- 2005 **A level (literary section, English European mention) with grade A pass** (*mention très bien*).

EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Research topics:

- Sociology of International Relations
- Multilateralism, international organizations, UN system
- Security studies, new conflicts, environmental security
- Environment and International Relations, climate change

Teaching experiences:

- Sept. 2011-June 2012 **Teaching Assistant/Lecturer**, University of Geneva.
Methodological seminar: *Research projects' design* (in French), undergraduate program (56h).
Seminar: *Environment and International Relations* (in French), undergraduate program (28h).
- Sept.-Dec. 2011 **Part-time lecturer**, Sciences Po.
Lecture in addition to core course: *World Affairs* (core course by Bertrand BADIE, in French), undergraduate program, campus of Paris (24h).
Elective class: *Environment and International Relations* with Alice BAILLAT (in French), undergraduate program, campus of Paris (24h).
- Feb.-May 2011 **Tutor** in charge of the supervision of students participating in an **academic simulation of international negotiations on climate change: Sciences Po Summer School 2011 "Copenhagen: what if it happened differently?"**. Responsible for the American delegation and the NGOs participants.
- Janv.-May 2011 **Teaching Assistant for lecture courses taught in English** (Sciences Po, undergraduate program, campus of Paris): ***US Foreign Policy*** by Prof. Ronald HATTO and ***History***

and International Justice by Prof. Christian DELAGE. In charge of weekly tutorial sessions in English (12hx2).

Sept.-Dec. 2010

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Bertrand BADIE's undergraduate course (Sciences Po, campus of Paris): *World Affairs* (in French). Preparation of classes, research material and cartography for online e-classes available for students.

Presentations in academic symposiums:

July 2012

"Research from the inside: immersion and the study of International Organizations. The case of the securitization of the environment inside the United Nations" (in English), 22nd Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) in Madrid, Section "International Relations", Panel "International organization: A discipline of its own? The study of IOs' agents". Participation founded by the French Association of Political Science (AFSP).

June 2012

"Environmental security within the United Nations. A political ecology perspective" (in English), Annual Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE) in Rio de Janeiro, Panel "*Environmental Justice, Ethics and Values*". Participation founded by the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Geneva and by the IRSEM.

May 2012

"Quand la nature bouleverse les organisations internationales. Le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés (HCR) face aux catastrophes naturelles : ce que le tsunami a changé" (in French), Annual Congress of the Quebec Society of Political Science in Ottawa, Workshop "Strengthening institutional actors in post-crisis situation". Participation founded by the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Geneva.

February 2012

"Etudier les organisations internationales : de la pertinence de l'observation participante. Le cas de la sécurisation de l'environnement au sein de l'Organisation des Nations Unies" (in French), Annual Congress of the Swiss Association of Political Science (ASSP) in Lucerne, Section "International Relations". Participation founded by the Department of Political Science and International Relations of the University of Geneva.

Aug.-Sept. 2011

"Organisations internationales et changement : les cas du HCR et de l'OIT" (in French), dual presentation with Marieke LOUIS, 11th Congress of the French Association of Political Science (AFSP) in Strasbourg, 2nd Section "Think International Change". Participation founded by Sciences Po.

May 2011

"Broadening security: the process of securitization of the environment. From a political to a security issue" (in English), 4th Annual Critical Voices in Swiss IR Conference, ETH Zürich. Participation founded by Sciences Po.

April 2011

"Analyser le processus de sécurisation : quels outils théoriques ? Le cas de la sécurité environnementale" (in French), presentation for the young scholars section, 4th International Congress of the French-speaking Associations of Political Science (Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Quebec, Switzerland) in Brussels. Participation founded by Sciences Po.

Publications:

2012

« **Défis écologiques [au Sahel] : environnement fragile, populations vulnérables** » In *Questions internationales*, Special Issue on the Sahel, Nov.-Dec. 2012, n°58. (in French) Paris, La Documentation Française. p. 61-67.

2012

Commentary on the UN Security Council Resolution 1929 on nuclear non-proliferation and Iran In Mélanie ALBARET, Emmanuel DECAUX, Nicolas LEMAY-HEBERT et Delphine PLACIDI-FROT, *Les grandes résolutions du Conseil de Sécurité*. (in French) Paris: Dalloz. p. 537-556.

2012 *Le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés (HCR) face aux catastrophes naturelles. Ce que le tsunami de 2004 a changé.* (in French) Paris: L'Harmattan, collection Perspectives Organisationnelles.

2012 *La sécurité environnementale et le processus de sécurisation : définitions et enjeux théoriques.* (in French) Fiche de l'Irsem. Review of literature, Irsem website. (online)

Field studies:

Oct. 2012-Jan. 2013 **Internship** within the **United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)** and **Department of Field Support (DFS)** in New York.
Volunteer for the **Policy Planning Team, Policy and Best Practices Service – Policy, Evaluation and Training Division**. Research work on natural resources, conflict and peacekeeping.

July-Aug. 2012 **Observation and interviews** at the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** Headquarters of Nairobi.
Interviews with UNEP Executive Director Mr. Achim Steiner and with civil servants of different divisions and units.

June 2012 **Direct observation** of the **5th Earth Summit Rio+20** in Rio de Janeiro.
Observation of debates on emerging issues and global environmental governance.

May-Aug. 2011 **Internship** within the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** in Geneva.
Research assistant for the Post-Conflict and Disaster Management Branch (PCDMB), "Environmental Cooperation for Peacebuilding" unit. Research work on climate change, migration and conflict in the Sahel and on environmental diplomacy.

July 2010 **48th Graduate Study Programme of the United Nations Office in Geneva**: "The United Nations: **United to combat climate change to safeguard international peace and security**".

March 2010 **Field study in Geneva, funded by the Doctoral School of Sciences Po, as part of my MD thesis researches.**
Interviews of UNHCR workers from different departments and of their consultants on natural disasters management.

December 2009 **Member of the French delegation of Service Civil International (SCI) at the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen.**
Responsible for Press Releases. Participated at a « side event » on Peace Education.
Meeting with the French delegation led by Brice LALONDE.

Other academic and research activities:

Nov. 2010-on-going **Member of the seminar for young scholars of the Institute of Strategic Studies of the Military School (IRSEM)**, supervised by Prof. Frédéric RAMEL and Guillaume PICHARD.

Oct. 2010-on-going **Member of the research group "International Organizations" (CERI/Sciences Po)**, supervised by Prof. Bertrand BADIE, Prof. Guillaume DEVIN and Dr. Delphine PLACIDI-FROT.

Janv. 2010 Presentation: "**Le SUD à l'ONU: Entre contestation et résistance. Le cas du Programme des Nations Unies pour l'Environnement (PNUE)**" (in French), research seminary supervised by Bertrand BADIE and Guillaume DEVIN.

Janv. 2009 Presentation: "**L'ONU depuis 1991**" (in French), mandatory presentation for the course *War and Peace* by Ghassan SALAME and Hélène THIOLLET.

OTHER EXPERIENCES:

Professional experiences and internships

Sept. 2010- Jan. 2011 Part-time assistant at the **Center for Africa & the Middle East of the International Affairs Division of Sciences Po**. In charge of daily administrative tasks, communication strategy and relations with the students.

Aug. 2010-May 2011	Temporary employee for the Cartography Workshop of Sciences Po , in charge of updating of the online database.
Jan.-May 2008	Internship with Common Cause, think tank based in Washington, DC , as part of the Aitchison Fellowship (Johns Hopkins University and the SAIS). Assistant to Sarah DUFENDACH (lobbyist), responsible for liaising with Congress. Research assistant on ethical questions in Congress. Oversaw the translation of their website into French.
Associative and voluntary participations	
June 2010-on-going	Co-founder and Vice President of the Alumni Association of the Research Master in International Relations of Sciences Po .
October 2009	Media Training sessions organized by Cécile DELOZIER, Sciences-po TV.
Sept. 2009	Organization of, and event leader for the 80th Anniversary of Jeunesse Etudiante Chrétienne (JEC) France , a movement which encourages young people to become active members of their society.
August 2009	Volunteer for SCI renovating a school in Salé (Morocco).
June 2009	Intercultural exchanges seminary organized by the Commission Africa, Asia and Latin America of the French branch of Service Civil International (SCI).
2008-2009	Member of the National Board and Vice-president of JEC France . Responsible for representing the movement, coordinating the regional federations, etc.
July 2008	Volunteer for SCI coordinating activities in an orphanage in Tirana (Albania).
2006-2007	Member of the National Board of JEC France . Responsible for liaising with other movements and NGOs (CCFD). Organisation of national meetings and debates. Creation of a guiding brochure on French politics.
March 2005	Study Session in English in the Youth Centre of the Council of Europe in Budapest: "Human Rights and Human Rights Education" .

SKILLS and INTERESTS

Languages

French: mother tongue.

English: fluent. IELTS Academic test: 8/9.

Spanish: intermediate.

Computer

Microsoft Office (Word, Publisher, Excel, PowerPoint), Internet, Social Networks, etc.

Interests

Cinema, literature and theatre (practiced in High School and in Johns Hopkins University)

Travelling (studies, international work camps, tourism): Albania, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States.