

Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs and Sciences Po Paris Announce Joint Appointment of Ghassan Salamé

We are delighted to announce that Ghassan Salamé, currently a Professor of International Relations at Sciences Po Paris, will become the first SIPA-Sciences Po joint professor, building on a decade of close relationships between our two institutions. Professor Salamé will teach his highly regarded lecture course on "International Politics in the Middle East." He will also teach a graduate reading seminar on "Culture in International Relations." Professor Salamé will arrive in spring 2009 and return to SIPA every spring for the next several years. He will pursue his teaching at Sciences Po in the fall.



Ghassan Salamé was Lebanon's Minister of Culture from 2000 to 2003. In 2002, he was appointed Chairman and Spokesman of the Organization Committee for the Arab Summit and for the Francophone Summit in Beirut. For the United Nations, he served as the Political Advisor to the first UN Mission in Iraq and Senior Advisor to the United Nations Secretary General from 2003 until 2006.

Through his work as a board member of, among many others, the International Crisis Group (Brussels), the International Peace Institute (New York), The Institute for Peace Studies (Cairo) and the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Alexandria), as advisor to the Lebanese parliament and government (1984 to 1988; 1991 to 1995), and through his many scholarly pursuits, Ghassan Salamé is recognized as one of the most respected actors and observers of conflict resolution and Middle East politics and as a widely read expert on international relations.

Ghassan Salamé has a PhD in Literature and a PhD in Politics at Paris I University, a master's degree in Lebanese and French law, and a number of qualifications in the arts. He has been a co-founder of The Euro-Mediterranean Chair, The European University Institute, Florence, Italy (1999-2000).

We are proud to deepen our collaboration through the appointment of Ghassan Salamé.



John H. Coatsworth
Dean of SIPA



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