

THE 2018 SCIENCES PO-BOSPHORUS PRIZE AWARDED YESTERDAY AT SCIENCES PO

Inviting youth to take part in strengthening the French-Turkish bilateral relations by providing concrete recommendations

The annual Sciences Po-Bosphorus Prize rewards the excellence of papers written by Sciences Po students on the Turkey – France – EU triangular relations. It constitutes one of the main pillars of a partnership developed in 2016 between Institut du Bosphore and Sciences Po with the aim to encourage opportunities to study and to foster debate around French-Turkish relationships, with a focus on business and economic ties.

For this second edition, the students were invited to reflect upon the topic of “Rethink Europe’s Future: Analyzing new geopolitical positioning of France and Germany and their implications on Turkey’s European integration process” and provide concrete policy recommendations.

Following a selection procedure led by a joint Paris School of International Affairs of Sciences Po (PSIA)-Institut du Bosphore jury based on the quality of the research and of the writing and the feasibility of the policy recommendations, the 2018 prize was awarded to two students, **Thomas Dumont**, student in the Master in European Affairs at the Sciences Po School of Public Affairs (EAP) as the first-prize winner and **Eva Fourel**, student at the Undergraduate College of Sciences Po Paris as the second-prize winner.

An award ceremony held at Sciences Po followed by a conference debate

During the award ceremony held at Sciences Po on Monday 9 April 2018, **Mark Maloney**, Vice Dean, PSIA and **Livio Manzini**, Vice-President, Institut du Bosphore and TÜSIAD France Network President handed out the awards to the laureates, congratulating them on the excellence of their contribution and reaffirming the importance of the role played by young leaders in the bilateral relationship.

The ceremony was followed by an interactive debate on “Turkey’s European integration process” moderated by **Laura Batalla**, Secretary General of European Parliament Turkey Forum between Sciences Po students and **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President of Institut du Bosphore, CEO of TÜSIAD, **Yves Bertoncini**, PSIA faculty member, President of European Movement France and **Pierre Mirel**, PSIA faculty member; former diplomat, DG Enlargement, European Commission,

In addition to the cash award, the laureates had their research published on www.institut-bosphore.org and www.sciencespo.fr/psia/institut-du-bosphore and the first prize laureate received an invitation to attend Institut du Bosphore Annual Seminar to be held in Istanbul in July.

In a world of multiple challenges, Institut du Bosphore, key player of the dialogue between Turkey, France and the European Union, reaffirms its commitment to building better understanding between Turkey and its European partners and is looking towards strengthening the economic bilateral relationship through the many initiatives to be held in the months to come.

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