

THE 2019 SCIENCES PO-BOSPHORUS PRIZE AWARDED TODAY AT SCIENCES PO PARIS

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 third edition, the students were invited to reflect upon the topic of “**Turkey, France, EU: What scope for solving common challenges?**” 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 2019 prize was awarded to **Ediz Topcuoğlu** as the first-prize winner and **W. Jason Essomba**, as the second-prize winner, both students of the PSIA International Security Master program.

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

During the award ceremony held at Sciences Po, **Denis Simonneau**, Institut du Bosphore Board Member and Senior Vice President for Institutional Affairs of Groupe L’Oréal 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 the same topic introduced by **Mark Maloney**, Vice Dean, PSIA, with guest speakers **Laurence Daziano**, Institut du Bosphore Scientific Committee Member and Lecturer in Economics at Sciences Po and **Olivier de Laroussilhe**, Lecturer at PSIA, Sciences Po and Former Head of Unit (DG Trade) at the 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 September.

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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Institut du Bosphore, the first think tank entirely dedicated to the Franco-Turkish bilateral relationship and created in 2009 at the initiative of TÜSIAD (Turkish Industry & Business Association), aims to renew and strengthen the dialogue between Turkey and its European partners.

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