

THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCIENCES PO-BOSPHORUS PRIZE

Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) and Institut du Bosphore celebrate their 5th anniversary of partnership in 2021.

The Prize rewards Sciences Po students' work on the Turkey – France – EU triangular relations. For this fifth edition, the students were invited to reflect upon the topic of «*Reinvigorating multilateralism and global cooperation for a more inclusive and greener post-Covid world as a leverage for strengthening Turkey – France – EU relationship*» and provide concrete policy recommendations.

During the virtual award ceremony held on 4th of May, **Mark Maloney**, Acting Dean, Sciences Po PSIA and **Livio Manzini**, Vice President of Institut du Bosphore handed out the awards to the laureates. The 2021 prize was awarded to **Louis Callonnec**, Student at Sciences Po Undergraduate College as the first-prize winner and **Cosima Sagmeister** and **Friedmann Schmidt**, as the second-prize winners ex-aequo, both Sciences Po PSIA master students in the dual degree program, respectively with King's College London and London School of Economics. The event has also welcomed the winners of the previous editions.

In addition to the cash award, the laureates had their research published online:

- [Sciences Po – Bosphorus Prize 2021](#)
- <https://www.sciencespo.fr/psia/partnerships#partners>

Sciences Po PSIA Acting Dean **Mark Maloney** congratulated the laureates on the excellence of their contribution: « *This collaboration with Institut du Bosphore, has helped to foster students' exposure to issues relating to Turkey – France – European Union triangular relations. Over the past five years, the Sciences Po – Bosphorus Prize initiative has given students the opportunity to think and write about the interlinkage and engage with common challenges of this relationship in political, economic and cultural fields. At Sciences Po, we are very proud of the quality of our students' collective contribution to these debates, and most grateful to the Institut du Bosphore for its generous support.* »

Institut du Bosphore Vice President **Livio Manzini** reaffirmed the importance of the role played by young leaders: « *Our goal in establishing this prize in 2017 was to foster the debate on Turkey – EU – France relations and to mobilize young leaders of tomorrow to take part in strengthening the bilateral relations by providing concrete recommendations. On the occasion of the 5th anniversary of our partnership, I would like to congratulate again all winners as well as the 100 or so other students who submitted very high caliber papers in these past years.* »



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The award ceremony was followed by a discussion session entitled « Turkey – EU | Common challenges and targets for a more inclusive and greener post-Covid world » with the participation of **Fusun Türkmen**, Professor and Chair, Department of International Relations, Galatasaray University & Scientific Committee Member, Institut du Bosphore, **Jacques Rupnik**, Research Professor, CERI-Sciences Po & Visiting Professor, College of Europe and **Bahadır Kaleağası**, President of Institut du Bosphore.

The debate covered the following questions: “Globalization increased prosperity and mobility to human civilization but also it stimulates to deal with global challenges and global viruses of all the kinds (biological, digital, financial, disinformation, terrorism, organized crime, corruption, unemployment...) Whether and how Europe can recover its capacity to generate its soft power for a more democratic, greener, human centric and safer world? Turkey can be / should be a part of the answer for these questions?”

While exploring possible options for a better functioning multilateralism in the post-Covid area, speakers mentioned climate change, trade, diplomatic dialogue, migration, public health, enhancing cooperation with WHO, transparency, and basic freedoms as the big titles to be tackled within this context. They pointed out the need to create a new multilateralism with new configurations where major democracies would engage with non-western regional organizations and that Turkey with its long experience of interaction with Europe can be part of such new configurations. Regarding the EU – France – Turkey relationship, they underlined that uniting before common global problems can constitute a good matter for creating a confidence building atmosphere to resolve bilateral or multilateral issues and sources of disagreement. The need of the Customs Union modernization and closer cooperation within the positive agenda recommended by the EU Council Decision of March 25th was highlighted.

In the closing, Mr. Kaleagasi added that the only realistic strategy for Turkey’s global competitiveness is to reposition itself as the Western world’s Eurasian gateway of democracy, economic dynamism, and social progress.

Institut du Bosphore, key player of the dialogue between Turkey, France and the European Union, constitutes a constructive platform to tackle structural solutions to the contemporary global and regional challenges. In a context of multiple new challenges, the Institute reaffirms its commitment to building better understanding between Turkey and its European partners and is looking towards strengthening this relationship through its outstanding events and webinars this year.