

Postdoctoral Position in Behavioral Economics, Climate Economics, and Decision-Making under Uncertainty

Company:

IESEG School of Management

Location:

France / Lille

Discipline:

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Employment Type:

18-month, fully funded postdoctoral position

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POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS, CLIMATE ECONOMICS, AND DECISION-MAKING UNDER UNCERTAINTY (LILLE CAMPUS)

IESEG School of Management invites applications for an **18-month, fully funded postdoctoral position** in Economics, with a focus on economic preferences, subjective beliefs, and decision-making under uncertainty. The appointment is conditionally renewable and is expected to begin in **January 2027**. The selected candidate will be based on IESEG's Lille campus and join the Department of Economics and Quantitative Methods.

ABOUT THE POSITION

The postdoctoral researcher will join iRisk, the IESEG Research Center on Risk and Uncertainty (**iRisk**), and work directly with Professors Loïc Berger and Thomas Epper. The successful candidate will take a leading role in transforming a rich and extensive body of data generated through a Horizon Europe project into high-quality academic publications. The position offers substantial scope for intellectual contribution: developing research questions, shaping analytical strategies, interpreting findings, and leading or co-authoring

papers for international journals. It provides an excellent opportunity to build a strong publication pipeline, develop collaborations within an international research network, and establish a distinctive research profile using a unique and already well-developed empirical resource.

The project examines economic preferences, subjective beliefs, and decision-making under uncertainty in the context of climate and environmental policy. The available data offer scope for several distinct but related papers, and the selected candidate will help define and implement the corresponding research agenda.

The researcher will be expected to take substantial ownership of individual papers: identifying promising research questions, developing empirical strategies, carrying out the analyses, interpreting the results, and leading the writing. The position is therefore particularly suited to someone who can work independently, write clearly, and bring several projects from initial analysis to completed manuscripts.

The candidate will work closely with Professors Berger and Epper and with other members of the iRisk team in Lille and Paris. They will receive regular feedback and have opportunities to present the research at conferences and interact with an international network of scholars working on risk and uncertainty, behavioral and experimental economics, decision theory, and applied Bayesian statistics.

Candidates should hold a PhD in Economics or a closely related field or expect to complete it before taking up the position and should be fully fluent in English. Strong empirical skills and experience managing and analyzing complex datasets are essential. Evidence of independent research and academic writing will be an important selection criterion. Relevant expertise in at least one of the following areas is expected:

- Behavioral or experimental economics, preferably with a focus on decision-making under uncertainty, intertemporal choice, or social choice
- Decision-making under risk and uncertainty, particularly the empirical measurement and analysis of preferences and beliefs;
- Applied Bayesian statistics, preferably including experience with hierarchical modelling and simulation methods

We are looking for candidates who embody our core values of **A**ccomplishment, **R**esponsibility, **I**ntegrity, **S**olidarity, and **E**ngagement and who will contribute to our diverse and international community, which includes people of 50 nationalities.

IESEG places a strong value on diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from candidates of all backgrounds. Members of groups that remain underrepresented in academia—notably women, minority ethnic groups, LGBTQIA+ people, people with visible or non-visible disabilities, and people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds or economically developing countries—are particularly encouraged to apply.

ABOUT THE iRISK RESEARCH CENTER

The IÉSEG Research Center on Risk and Uncertainty (iRisk) brings together researchers studying decision-making under risk and uncertainty. Its research ranges from theoretical work on risk and ambiguity to applications in areas such as environmental and climate policy, health, insurance, savings, and portfolio choice.

The successful candidate will join an active research community comprising faculty members, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral students based in Lille and Paris. Further information about the center and its members is available on the [iRisk website](#).

ABOUT IÉSEG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

IÉSEG holds the “**triple crown**” of international accreditations (AACSB, AMBA & EQUIS) and is a member of the “Conférence des Grandes Écoles”. The school offers Bachelor, Master, and Post-Graduate Degrees as well as Executive Education programs. IÉSEG is also one of the leading French business schools in terms of research. The IÉSEG Research Center is **accredited by the French CNRS** (National Center for Scientific Research). Our Lille Campus is in the heart of Northern France (within the triangle made up by London, Paris and Brussels), and our Paris Campus is located in the biggest European business district of “La Défense”. More information on the school can be found here:

www.ieseg.fr/en

WORKING AT IÉSEG

The selected candidate is expected to begin the position in January 2027 at the earliest. The initial appointment is for 18 months and is conditionally renewable. The gross salary is competitive with those offered by comparable European research and academic institutions. The researcher will be based at IÉSEG School of Management’s Lille campus.

At IÉSEG, we are committed to providing a supportive and engaging work environment. To new faculty members (and their partner), we offer a wide range of resources to help them integrate into the country, culture and school, such as individualized French language courses, a relocation allowance, and housing search assistance. Moreover, all faculty members have access to a competitive salary, as well as benefits such as French social security, a complementary health insurance, meal vouchers, a profit-sharing plan, and a contributory pension scheme. Finally, the school actively promotes research, provides resources for active scholars (e.g., funding conferences and data collection) and offers competitive financial bonuses for high-quality international peer-reviewed research publications.

JOIN IÉSEG!

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<https://recruitment.ieseg.fr/jobs/8466068-postdoctoral-position-in-behavioral-economics-climate-economics-and-decision-making-under?promotion=2224535-trackable-share-link-akadeus>

When applying, please upload a **single pdf file** merging the following documents:

- An updated CV
- The names, affiliations, and email addresses of three references
- A cover letter explaining your motivation to work at the iRisk Research Center and how your experience prepares you for the position
- Two representative (working) papers
- A research statement

For questions about the position, please contact permanentfaculty.recruitment@ieseg.fr / l.berger@ieseg.fr

Please note that applications received by email will not be reviewed. They must be sent through the provided link.

THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS. THE PROCESS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE POSITION IS FILLED. / THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS November 15.

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