

SARAH TEGAS

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EDUCATION

- **Sciences Po, Center for International Studies, Paris, France**

Sep 2024 - ongoing

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Political Science. Part of the Franco-Swiss project “Beyond Coalitions: Small States in International Climate Negotiations”, under the co-supervision of Prof. Carola Kloeck and Prof. Jack Corbett.

PhD topic: Reviving climate diplomacy: The role and influence of Small Island Developing States

- **The University of the South Pacific, School of Law and Social Sciences, Suva, Fiji**

Sep – Nov 2026

Visiting researcher under the supervision of Prof. Milla Vaha, funded by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia under the Pacific Social Science Academic Grant.

Co-lead of the research project: Making space for oceans in international climate negotiations: the role of Small Island Developing States.

- **Oxford University, Department of Politics and International Relation, UK**

Jan – Jun 2026

Visiting researcher under the supervision of Prof. Federica Genovese, hosted at the Maison Française d’Oxford and affiliated at Lady Margareth Hall college.

- **European University Institute, Florence, Italy**

Sep 2021– Jun 2023

Master of Arts in Transnational Governance. Specialisation: climate policy, international political economy.

Award recipient for excellent performance (final grade > 85%)

Capstone project: Sustainable prosperity: A political manifesto for a pan-European party, Volt Europa

- **The University of Manchester, UK**

Sep 2018 – Jul 2021

Bachelor in Politics and International Relations. Final grade: First Class Honours. Stellify Award recipient for leadership commitments and community service.

Thesis: How has Covid impacted the ecological transition in European cities? A case study of Paris, Milan and Amsterdam.

- **Collège Sainte Véronique, Liège, Belgium**

Sep 2012 – Jul 2018

Secondary school Belgian diploma. Scientific options and English immersion. Finale grade: Grande distinction.

Exchange semester in Vancouver, Canada (Sep - Nov 2015).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Collège Universitaire, Sciences Po, Paris

Jan 2025 – ongoing

- Course convener for the seminar *Transnational Climate Governance: The Case of the EU Green Deal* (2h/week, 24 students, 2025 autumn semester)
- Methods class for Prof. Florence Haegel’s course *Introduction to Political Science* (2x2h/week, two classes of 24 students, 2025 spring semester)
- Teaching assistant for Prof. Thierry Balzacq’s course *Diplomatic Performances* (2h/week, 85 students, 2025 and 2026 spring semesters)

Strategic Advisor, Office of the President, European University Institute, Florence

Aug 2024 – Nov 2025

- Analytical review of institutional performance and governance structures to provide actionable recommendations for the Institute’s 2026-2031 strategy

Trainee, STG Climate, European University Institute, Florence

Sep 2023 – Aug 2024

- Working under the EIB Chair on Climate Change Policy and International Carbon Markets - Prof. Jos Delbeke, established as a vector for best policy practice
- Organisation of high-level policy dialogues (with 30-100 participants), including the EUI Climate Week annual edition
- Teaching assistance for Master courses on climate policy

- Coding for the EU&I Voting Advice Application on the 2024 European Parliament elections

Climate Policy Officer, Volt Europa

Jun 2022 – May 2024

- Co-designed the climate-related political programme for the 2024 European Elections of Volt Europa, a pan-European political party and social movement.
- Policy development on sustainable prosperity. Co-drafted the party's economic vision on a 'Beyond Growth' perspective.
- Speaker at General Assemblies to present climate and economic policies.

Research Assistant, Florence School of Transnational Governance

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024

- Assisting Prof. Kalypto Nicolaïdis and Prof. Alain Lempereur for their course on 'Responsible Negotiations Across Borders', by co-writing and organising an international climate negotiation simulation
- Working with other institutions (MIT Sloan, Harvard KS) to disseminate climate negotiation simulations and skills.

Dahrendorf Fellow, St Anthony's College, Oxford University

Dec 2021 – Jun 2023

- Scholar in the 'Europe in a Changing World' project, part of the Dahrendorf programme

Intern, Directorate General on Internal Policies, European Parliament, Bruxelles

May – Jun 2022

- Study visit in the Transport and Tourism (TRAN) committee
- Contributed to the drafting of an Initiative Report on sustainable urban mobility
- Attended and drafted feedback notes on committee meetings, trilogues, the annual international conference from the International Maritime Organisation.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Publications:

- Bries, N. & Tegas, S. (2027) *Legal rhetoric or climate obligations? SIDS' mobilizations of the ICJ Advisory at COP30*. Belgian Review of International Law. [forthcoming]
- Castro, P., Kloeck, C., Tarlea, S., Tegas, S. (2026) *Climate Agreement-Making Across Negotiation and Non-Negotiation Spaces: How States Participate in the UN Climate Negotiations*. International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics.
- Tegas, S. (2025) *Debunking COP30: Myths, expectations and key outcomes*. Conférence, Sciences Po.
- Bindy, C., Bradley, A., Ifwanga, T., Lempereur, A., Nicolaidis, K., Tegas, S. (2023) *Making Progress Under Pressure II: How C-ROADS Can Train Better Negotiators*. MIT Sloan Sustainability Initiative.

Media & culture:

- Interview in France Culture, *COP 30 : comment les petits États insulaires s'imposent-ils dans les négociations ?* Les Chantiers de la Recherche. Radio France (26 November, 2025).
- Co-organisation of the environment film festival, CERI-Ciné Club, *Les yeux rivés sur la Terre*, at L'entrepôt (6 to 9 November 2025).
- Best doctoral fieldwork photo awardee, *Center for International Studies' opening ceremony*, Institut du Monde Arabe (22 September 2025).

Conference presenter:

- Earth System Governance, *Building just and sustainable futures for planetary integrity*, University of Bath (Sep 2026).
- Political Ecology, *Diverse Origins, Multiple Futures: The Stories of Political Ecology*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Jun 2026).
- Environmental Justice Network, *Offsetting Justice? Environmental justice in the age of market and militarized conservation*, German Institute for Development and Sustainability, Bonn (Dec 2025).

Seminar: Co-convener, *Environment and International Relations*, CERI, Sciences Po (Sep 2024 - ongoing).

Workshop: Co-convener, *It's all about COP? Bringing together research agendas on Climate COPs*, CERI & KULeuven (Oct 2025).

SKILLS

Languages – French (native), Italian (native), English (C2)

Leadership – Board Member of the Politics Society and Student Ambassador (The University of Manchester), Volunteer (Cornertstone Day Centre for refugees and asylum seekers), Scouts Youth Leader (Sainte-Véronique), Volunteer (African Impact Zambia)

Qualitative research methods – event ethnography at international climate negotiations (climate COPs 29, 30, 31, the Pre-COP31 and SB62, SB64), semi-structured interviews with climate negotiators and high-level diplomats

Quantitative research methods – R introduction course, data analysis and statistics, proficient in Microsoft Office

Sports – Oxford' LMH college rowing team, EUI Rowing team captain, Belgian national alpine ski team athlete