

**Question for written answer E-000854/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fostering political pluralism and respect for the rights of opposition parties at top universities

Sébastien Chenu, vice-president of the French National Assembly, was invited to Sciences Po Paris on 19 March to take part in a conference-debate on the role of opposition parties in the National Assembly¹.

A top university, particularly one of political sciences, is naturally an arena for debate where ideas and political persuasions intersect democratically. However, this tolerance is not reciprocated by far-left organisations, who appealed for the debate to be called off, or even for it to be violently disrupted.

Let us not forget that these same organisations gained infamy for the pro-Palestinian demonstration on 12 March 2024, during which regrettable anti-Semitic ‘incidents’ are reported to have taken place.

Since the Sciences Po website shows that the university is already financed by European institutions such as the European Investment Bank², would the Commission also be willing to finance further teaching for far-left students at leading European political science schools to familiarise them with democratic principles such as political pluralism, freedom of expression, managing aggressive and violent behaviour, and the fight against anti-Semitism?

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¹ <https://www.sciencespo.fr/agenda/en/picasso?event=5362&typ=2>

² <https://www.sciencespo.fr/nous-soutenir/en/foundations-or-institutions/>