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# Some projects carried out by ISPOLE

## “Democratic ties and citizens”

How have globalisation and the European integration process influenced the relationship to the politics of European citizens?

How have changes in public policies, characterised in particular by strong budgetary constraints, affected democratic ties?

The Qualidem project, funded by the European Research Council, examines the erosion of the democratic ties of a growing number of European citizens.

The aim of the Baillet-Latour European Union-China Chair is to strengthen UCL's expertise on the European Union's external action, to promote knowledge of China as an international player and expand research on great powers.

## “Interior enemies”

It is difficult to determine whether democracy is the best or the least bad form of government, what is certain is that it is the most fragile one. Its external enemies, real as they are, are sometimes the scarecrow hiding a deeper evil that erodes it from within... A decryption in the form of a series of chronicles published in the newspaper Le Soir.

## “Resistance to international injunctions”

Rwanda, Senegal, Jordan. From Africa to the Middle East, in the field of land and water policies, or of education and gender, what kind of local resistance to international injunctions can emerge? Can an alternative societal project to Western modernity emerge? This research examines the alternative societal project to Western modernity that can result from it.

# China-Europe relations





# Expertise

## Politics and politicians

The ISPOLE Institute examines all political issues at the Belgian, European and international levels with a multidisciplinary perspective on different themes such as power, political identities and collective memory phenomena, institutions, actors and political behaviour (voting, participation ...), conflicts, European integration, foreign policy and diplomacy, globalisation, regional associations, humanitarian action, public policies, or territorial governance.

## Witnessing

“The job of a diplomat is both intriguing and fascinating. But what is it really about? And how to prepare for the fearsome diplomatic concours, gathering the necessary information while participating in practice tests? I can testify that the Institute for Political Science Louvain-Europe is providing both the information and the guidance required by integrating diplomatic practitioners into its team.”

*Raoul Delcorde, Ambassador of Belgium to Canada.*

## 25 centuries

is the age of democracy.  
The forms of a proto-democratic political regime appeared in Athens in the fifth century BC.

“Understanding political issues from the local to the global”

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Louvain-la-Neuve and Mons

**5**

research  
centres



## ISPOLE



**37**

defended doctoral theses  
over 5 years and  
25 doctoral theses in progress

**64**

publications



## Media experts

shedding light on various elections and diplomatic crises.



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