Note on election of the first wave of PSE associated chairs

In terms of status, associated chairs in PSE are comparable to ‘full professors’ in the US university system. They are tenured and receive a remuneration that comes on top of the salary they receive as civil servants in the French system. This extra remuneration remunerates some activity on top of their main employment – extra teaching, management of weekly seminars, conferences, specific administrative tasks, …

In terms of visibility, the associated chairs should be a signal of the excellence requirement in PSE. Practically, they must be given to people who would qualify for full professorship in top universities outside France. The first wave of associated chairs will be appointed on the recommendation of the Scientific Committee base on a list of names submitted by the director of the PSE. Subsequent waves will be appointed by existing associated chairs after validation by the Scientific Committee. Because of this, a critical mass is necessary for the first wave. It was thought that a reasonable number would be around 15.

The following is submitted by the direction of PSE as meeting the basic visibility and excellence requirements above. The Scientific Committee should decide whether to validate or to oppose each name in the list. CVs are attached.

Suggested list of names for the first wave of PSE associated chairs

Bernard Caillaud
Daniel Cohen
Christophe Chamley (no remuneration demanded)
Olivier Compte
Bernard Cornet
Gabrielle Demange
Philippe Jehiel
Cuong Le Van
Philippe Martin
Thomas Piketty
Jean-Marc Robin
Jean-Marc Tallon
Thierry Verdier
Pierre-Yves Geoffard

Particular cases:

As respectively president and director of the PSE, it would seem odd not to have Roger Guesnerie and François Bourguignon in the first wave of associated chairs.