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As a Chateaubriand Fellow, I had the opportunity to spend a semester as a Visiting PhD Candidate at the Sciences Po Centre d'études européennes in Paris. This experience proved invaluable for my dissertation research on right-wing populism in France and Europe more generally. Not only did I have the chance to benefit from close guidance and insights of my supervisor - a leading expert on radical right politics in France - but also to interact with, and present my work to, scholars and students from a wide range of disciplines. The collaborative environment and vast resources provided by my host institution profoundly shaped the directions of my research by challenging my preexisting notions and by suggesting novel ways of going forward.