

## **Lauren, Project Lead (Ecosystems Unit at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation), diplômée de l'Ecole des affaires internationales**



Coming from Canada, Lauren Roy has graduated in Environmental Policy. She is Project Lead in the Ecosystems Unit at the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) in Montreal, Canada.

## ***What is your role and main responsibilities?***

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) facilitates North American collaboration on environmental issues. As Project Lead, I am part of a team coordinating several conservation projects on topics ranging from marine litter awareness campaigns to grasslands preservation. After studying Environmental Policy at PSIA, I worked as a special assistant to a Member of Parliament in Canada. Working in politics provided an incredible opportunity to see policy-making in action, and to learn more about a broad range of important issues.

## ***How did you secure this role?***

Working in politics allows you to delve deep into a variety of different topics, and exposes you to organizations and agencies doing interesting work that you might not otherwise hear about. It was through my role as a special assistant that I first learned about the work of the CEC. When an opportunity to work at the CEC became available, I jumped at the chance to work on environmental issues that were close to home but also involved international cooperation.

## ***What is the most fascinating and/or surprising aspect at your role?***

I really like having the opportunity to work on several topics at the same time, and I get a glimpse of the environmental priorities and actions across three different countries.

## ***How did your PSIA experience help you with the role?***

PSIA provided an excellent foundation of practical knowledge, and the value of what I learned at PSIA was compounded exponentially by applying it and working on the ground.

## ***What advice would you give to others?***

For anyone planning to work on policy in the future, I can't understate the value of spending time working in politics and interacting regularly with citizens. The 'big picture' perspective it provides – by learning what is important to people and what policies really work in practice – is invaluable.

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