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Christine Alfsen is a Professor of sustainable development at IES ABROAD NICE, teaching since 2014, American students in exchange, two classes:

1) “Global Risks, Regional Vulnerabilities and Local Solutions in the Mediterranean Region” and 2) “Dangerous Liaisons: Cities and Water in the Mediterranean region”. In 2018, she was named “instructor of the year” by IES ABROAD.

From 2013-2018: Maitre de Conférence at Sciences Po Paris teaching a class on “Sustainable Development: Meeting Challenges, Building Solutions at multiple scales”.

From 2010-2012: Senior Advisor on the Global Sustainability Panel in the Office of the UN Secretary General, GSP PANEL in New York City.

From October 2009 to September 2010: Director of the UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) Office in New York, the main advocacy and outreach office for UNESCO at the UN whose mandate include Education for All (EFA), Education for Sustainable Development, science for sustainability and cultural diversity.

From 1999-2010, developed and managed the Columbia University/UNESCO Joint Program on Biosphere and Society (CUBES) a network combining the strengths of major research institution with UNESCO's global networks supporting globally relevant local strategies for poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, social inclusion, and conflict mitigation and subsequently she founded the UNESCO URBIS Initiative, a network of municipalities, educators, planners, universities, and research organizations, promoting sustainable urban development managed in partnership with the Stockholm Resilience Center and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity.



From 1993-1997, Head of environmental unit, UNESCO Regional Office in Cambodia where she managed a project on the sustainable development of the Tonle Sap Great Lake;

From 1992-1993, programme officer, Rehabilitation Component, United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), a UN Peace Keeping Operation, overseeing the Natural Resources Sector.

From 1979-1991, She joined the United Nations in 1979 based on a competitive exam, and spent 18 years in Southeast Asia, with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Thailand where she served as a regional adviser on the Law of the Sea in Asia and the Pacific.

Mrs. Alfsen was born in France and received her undergraduate training in Political Sciences at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), followed by graduate degrees in Public Law and Development Economics. She also has degrees in Russian and Romanian languages and civilizations.