

## Candidacy, Candidature: Executive Committee of the EUI Alumni Association

For the past two years, I have served as Secretary of the Executive Committee. During this time, the Alumni Association and the European University Institute have agreed on developing a comprehensive Alumni database (designed to cover all 4000 alumni). Implementation is progressing. Also, we have made first steps in establishing an AA presence on social networking sites.

We now need a fully functional database to drive forward alumni connections – online as well as locally. Over the coming two years I would like to focus on ‘connectivity’ – enabling EUI Alumni to connect according to interests, location and so on. I advocate that not only past but also current EUI members have access to the database, strengthening the relationship between alumni and current researchers, fellows and professors.



I joined the EUI as a Jean Monnet Fellow at RSCAS in 2004, extending my stay for a second year as a fellow of the Fondazione Antonio Ruberti (Ruberti acted as EU Commissioner for Research in the 1990s). Some work completed at the EUI focused on the rise of the Entrepreneurial University, on post-doc careers and on the financing of higher education (<http://ssrn.com/author=434782>). Together with quite a few EUI members, I co-founded the Research Network 1989 (<http://www.cee-socialscience.net/1989>), which campaigned on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of 1989. An important publication is ‘Global 1989: Continuity and Change in World Politics’ (Cambridge University Press, ISBN-13: 9780521147910).

After leaving the EUI, I joined the Max Planck Society as a specialist for digital scholarly communication, research funding and career training. Subsequently, I was hired by the International Association of Scientific, Technological and Medical Publishers, working on projects to enhance online business models for scholarly communication.

I live in Berlin – married, with three children. I am always interested to hear from EUI Alumni. Please get in touch via Email ([chris.armbruster@eui.eu](mailto:chris.armbruster@eui.eu)) or any online networking site, e.g. [de.linkedin.com/in/chrisarmbruster](https://de.linkedin.com/in/chrisarmbruster)

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