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VACANCY NOTICE for a RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The EUI has a vacancy for a Research Assistant in the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

Reference number: V/RA/RSC/23/2018 (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
Length of contract and % of full-time:	1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019 – Full Time Possibility to renew for 18 more months. Starting date 1 January 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter.
Salary indication:	The basic salary for a full time Research Assistant is approximately € 2,300, and allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Director of project:	Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou
Title of project:	<p>BRaVE – Building Resilience against Violent Extremism and Polarisation</p> <p>Far Right and Islamist groups seeking to recruit people to their particular political cause promote ‘black and white’ ideologies that lead to polarization, hatred, intolerance and violence. Often cherry-picking from religious doctrines, they rely on superficial understanding and interpretation of such doctrines. The activities of such groups can lead to disruption of social cohesion, diminished civic capacity, social tensions, hate speech, intolerance, discrimination and even violence. This project builds on existing knowledge and policy experience with a view of developing better analytical and policy tools for the design of more efficient resilience policies that counteract polarization and prevent violent extremism. The project starts with a critical reading of existing scholarly literature and with a critical mapping of existing policy approaches to develop a preliminary impact assessment of these approaches. It continues with a further survey of good practices in counteracting polarization and violent extremism and builds an integrated database of such practices. The project develops a Resilience Hub that engages</p>

	<p>with three types of factors that can promote or mitigate polarization and violent extremism in society: notably historical and cultural factors; socio-economic conditions; the role of the social media and networking. We develop stakeholder workshops in relation to these three sets of factors that affect radicalization in society, and follow up with digital forums with the participation of a large number of stakeholders. Each stakeholder dialogue builds a tool of resilience in their field: notably inter-faith education training for secondary school teachers; a proposal for a basic income policy that mitigates socio-economic inequalities; a guide to responsible social media design. The Resilience Hub further develops a Resilience Fair where arts-based community interventions to stop polarization and build resilience will be presented.</p>
Job description:	<p>The successful candidate will work under the close supervision of Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou in the starting phase of the project. Her/his tasks will be both academic and organizational: she will have to assist to the kick off meeting organization, liaise with the partners for all issues related to the project, contribute to setting up the project web site, collect relevant input from the partners, draft academic reports as per the project's work programme, participate at project meetings, review reports of other teams, write policy papers and scientific blogs.</p> <p>The successful candidate will have expertise in one or more of the following areas: religious and far Right extremism, polarization, and issues of resilience and combatting radicalization. Academic knowledge in these fields as well as work experience with relevant stakeholders are highly desired. We are looking for a starting career researcher who is strongly motivated, well organized and hard working.</p>
Place of work:	EUI/Florence
Qualifications:	<p>Essential:</p> <p>PhD in the social sciences, preferably sociology, political science Strong publication track record commensurable with a starting academic career Strong organizational skills Strong communication skills</p> <p>Desirable:</p> <p>Previous experience in project management and working with international teams Previous experience in working with civil society organizations in the field of building resilience against violent extremism. Other languages an asset</p>
Languages:	Fluency in written and spoken English is required.
Contact details	For more information contact Joanna.wielgo@eui.eu

Deadline

The closing date for applications is: **21 November 2018 at midnight (Florence time)**

How to apply

Fill in the [on line application form](#) and upload documents as requested
