



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate**, **doctoral** and **post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

[The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies](#) (RSCAS) is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months. Start date 01.02.2024 or soon after. This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.
Salary indication and grade	Grade: CDR3/1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3.640 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .

About the project

Project Director

RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details

The overarching objective of the [BRRIDGE Project](#) (BRRIDGE - Building Capacities for Excellent Research and Innovation in Democracy and Policy through Networking, Knowledge and Experience Transfer) is to build research excellence at the Univerzita Mateja Bela in the domain of democracy and policy through joint collaboration with the Central European University, the European University Institute, and the University of Galway. The focus for attention from the EUI is to develop a high-level lecture series and to facilitate the strengthening of doctoral and postdoctoral training. The project also seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Univerzita Mateja Bela in grant writing and grant management and to support the development of a democracy laboratory in central Slovakia.

Job description

The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project. The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Project Director(s). Main tasks will include:

- Undertaking research on the challenges to democracy in advanced industrial societies with particular attention to Central and Eastern Europe;
- Supporting the project director in the organization and management of the high-level lecture series;
- Participating in the design and implementation of best practices to strengthen doctoral and postdoctoral training at the Univerzita Mateja Bela;
- Contributing to grant applications, scholarly publications, and research promotion practices emerging from the BRRIDGE project;
- Supporting the project director in translating these activities into templates that could be used to promote capacity building in other institutions across Europe.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in a social science discipline. PhD students about to defend their thesis are eligible conditional on the successful thesis defense by the contract start date;
- Track-record research on the challenges to democracy in advanced industrial societies (or more broad area);
- Proven experience in working on the research grant, ideally Horizon2020/Horizon Europe project;

Desirable:

- Proven experience in participating in the training of doctoral or postdoctoral students.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and ability to set and meet deadlines acquired through previous experience.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages from the region of Central and Eastern Europe constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **07 December 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

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

Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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