



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 interdisciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1993 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments of Economics, History and Civilizations, Law, and Social and Political Science, with the goal of developing cutting-edge, academic research and using that research to engage with a wide variety of stakeholders in the public and private sector.

The results of the Centre's research often become policy output in the form of publications and public events, where academics, policy-makers, members of civil society, and representatives of business exchange knowledge and build solutions to face the challenges of our time. In doing so, the Centre provides opportunities for younger scholars and established researchers to participate in a sustained dialogue with the world of practice. This problem-centred research agenda is necessarily thematic and interdisciplinary. It also extends beyond the traditional domain of the four disciplinary departments in ways that connect with other centres of excellence in Europe and globally.

Employment details

Contract type	Full time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	2 years. Start date 01/03/2024 or soon after this date

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 step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3640 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Director

Erik Jones

Project details

The [Global Governance Programme](#) (GGP) is one of the flagship programmes of the Robert Schuman Centre. It was launched in 2010 in response to a growing need for global governance in an ever more interconnected and multipolar world. Since then it focuses on broad interdisciplinary themes and on the many cross-cutting issues related to globalisation by advancing research and promoting multi-stakeholder dialogues.

The Global Governance Programme of the Robert Schuman Centre is looking to appoint a research fellow to work on those issues that arise in the [digital society](#). The impact of digitalisation is seen in core areas such as innovation/technological change and society, competition, regulation, and democracy as a whole, but also spans to digital currencies, cyber security, artificial intelligence, or digital transformations. There are many different academic activities, programmes and projects at the Schuman Centre in this field, while the high potential for synergies still needs to be unlocked. It is the aim of the project to reinforce collaboration between the different teams and to explore, develop and implement common projects.

Job description

The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Supporting the coordination of activities linked to the digital society at the Schuman Centre and, where appropriate, at the EUI as a whole;
- Supporting the project director and collaborating in conducting research projects and other activities;
- Advising on the programme development of workshops, seminars and other research or policy events in the digital area;
- Keeping direct relations with relevant stakeholders as well as enhancing cooperation and networking activities;
- Assisting in the development of research proposals and applications for external funding;

- Developing, designing and conducting high-quality scientific and policy research in an independent manner in one or more of the fields / policy areas mentioned above;
- Writing co-authored and single authored working papers suitable for publication in academic journals.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in Social Sciences (PhD students about to defend their thesis are eligible conditional on the successful thesis defence by the contract start date);
- Demonstrated interest in the interface between information and communication technologies, regulation, economics, and politics;
- Proven ability to communicate technical issues in non-technical language.

Desirable:

- Proven knowledge of comparative public policy;
- Proven academic writing skills acquired through previous experience;
- Demonstrated communication skills acquired through previous experience.

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **07 January 2024** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For more information contact Maria Elena Cau (mariaelena.cau@eui.eu)

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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