



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Research Assistant 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. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Part-time 20% (6/30, 8 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	6 months, February 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.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 530 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

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

**Place of work**

To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

## About the project

**Project Director(s)**

Daniele Caramani

**Project details**

[Renovating Representative Democracy \(REFORM\)](#)

A New Dataset and Empirical Analysis of Representation Reforms in 30 European Countries, 2000–2022

The main project question is whether institutional reforms have obtained an effect on the dimensions they affect. For example, did a lowering of the voting age lead to an increase in inclusion of younger generations? Or did the introduction of a barrier clause increase governmental stability? It should be stated very clearly that this analysis will neither be based on data assessing the original intent of a reform (which would require extremely detailed qualitative analysis) nor on strategic considerations by the actors who initiate a reform, but rather on broad indicators allowing to assess changes in the dimensions of representation that are likely to be affected by reforms. The project will collect data on institutional reforms from official documents and legislation in the 30 countries included in the analysis over the period from 1990 to 2022. This is necessary to obtain the most rigorous dataset possible, which does not currently exist.

**Job description**

The research assistant will provide research assistance to Project Director(s) of the project. Main tasks include:

- performing data collection and analysis, creation of the dataset and codebook (including documentation and sources);
- being responsible of working paper, policy brief, outreach event and conference presentations

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- MA in political science;
- Demonstrated experience in data collection;
- Proven experience with descriptive analyses including main statistical programmes (R, Stata, SPSS, etc.);
- Demonstrated knowledge of historical sources of institutional change.

**Desirable:**

- PhD, preferably in a topic related to comparative politics – at the time of starting the work;
- Proven track record in producing research papers;

- Proven experience in working as part of a multicultural team in an international academic environment;

#### Languages

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

## How to apply

#### Deadline

The closing date for applications is **31 December 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

#### Contact details

For more information contact [joanna.wielgo@eui.eu](mailto:joanna.wielgo@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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