



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the Department of Political and Social Sciences

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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 Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS) is one of Europe's leading centres for research on comparative politics, political behaviour and political sociology, the sociology of inequality, analytic sociology, and international relations and security and is European and international in character.

Employment details

Contract type Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract up to 2.5 years, negotiable start date April 2024

Salary indication and grade Grade: CDR3 step 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](#).

Place of work The place of work will be mainly Florence, but after the first year, part of the work may also be carried out at Maastricht University.

About the project

Project Director(s)	Prof Herman Van De Werfhorst and Prof Carla Haelermans (Maastricht University)
Project details	LEARN is a Horizon Europe project that will start in April 2024 and will last 3 years.
	<p>Within the framework of the project, we conduct research on school careers of students in the Netherlands, using register data of the National Cohort Study of Education and other registers. We furthermore study policy reforms that have taken place in the Netherlands, reviews the evidence of how such reforms have affected school careers, and study reform effects ourselves, mostly on policies related to school financing. The main focus of the project is on inequalities by socioeconomic and migration background. One part of the project will also be comparative: the study of the impact of school funding on (inequalities in) student achievements using large scale student assessment data. Within the comparative focus of the LEARN network, we contribute expertise on the Netherlands.</p>
Job description	<p>The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project.</p> <p>Main tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• carrying out sociological research on inequalities in school careers using Dutch register data, in collaboration with Project Directors;• carrying out sociological research on education reforms in the Netherlands related to school financing, using Dutch register data, in collaboration with Project Directors;• conducting sociological research on school funding effects using comparative student assessment data (PIRLS, PISA, TIMSS);• writing a review on educational reforms in the Netherlands;• collaborating with network partners across Europe to provide input for joint reports, a.o. on Dutch education policy and datasets;• attending project meetings;• taking part in activities (such as attending seminars) of the Comparative Life Course and Inequality Centre CLIC, at the EUI.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in Sociology or a related discipline, with demonstrated relevant expertise for the current project (PhD students about to defend their thesis are eligible conditional on the successful thesis defence by the contract start date).
- experience with advanced quantitative research methods demonstrated by research papers/articles.
- Ability to collaborate within a team, gathered through previous experience.

Desirable:

- Demonstrated Experience with working with register data or administrative data.
- Demonstrated Experience with longitudinal data.
- Proven knowledge of the Dutch education policy landscape.

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

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

Contact details

For administrative queries please contact [Manuela Corsini](#)

For queries related to research aspects of this position please contact [Herman van de Werfhorst](#)

How to apply

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

Further documents (e.g. letters of reference, research papers) might be requested at a later stage.

Interviews will take place online on 24 January 2024.

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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