



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

<b>Contract type</b>	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	3 years or shorter, subject to negotiation. Start date: (desirable 1 September 2023) 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: CDR3 step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3.560 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Place of work</b>	Florence, Italy

## About the project

**Project Director(s)** Prof Elias Dinas

**Project details** The Post-Authoritarian Norms and the Ideological Legacy of Dictatorships (POSTNORM) project will start in September 2023 and last five years.

The research team aims to unpack the ways in which past authoritarian regimes affect the hearts and minds of citizens and political elites, upon democratic transition. The idea here is to examine how the ideological associations with the old (authoritarian) regime serve as a focal point for norms about what are appropriate political positions for voters and parties, and what are not. We will search into ways to shed light on this process by disentangling private from revealed preferences. The project consists of two packages, the first looking at public opinion through survey experiments and the second looking at both semantic and programmatic choices made by political elites. The major challenge in the first package will be to innovate in detecting the role of social pressure and beliefs about appropriateness in the expression of political preferences. The major challenge in the second package is to innovate in the usage of political text as a way of looking at how elites respond to the presence of such political norms.

**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 include:

- Helping with the conduct of survey experiments;
- Retrieving and analysing parliamentary speeches and other sources using text-as-data methods;
- Assembling data about parties across multiple countries over time;
- Helping with the statistical analysis and the writing-up of academic papers.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- PhD in political science or other relevant field in social sciences (PhD students about to defend their thesis are eligible conditional on the successful thesis defence by the contract start date).

**Desirable:**

- Demonstrated expertise in quantitative methods, in particular proven experience in causal inference and statistical learning methods;
- A PhD or other published works in the field of comparative politics, or related fields;
- Demonstrated ability in programming with R and/or Python programming languages.

## 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 ~~02 June 2023~~ **15 June 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 (CV, motivation letter, two reference letters and 2 research papers)

### 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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