

**Interdisciplinary Research Cluster
“Environmental Challenges and Climate Change Governance”**

Archival Fellowship, 2021

The Interdisciplinary Research Cluster on Environmental Challenges and Climate Change Governance was established at the European University Institute in late 2020. It is jointly coordinated by EUI Professors Joanne Scott (Department of Law) and Corinna Unger (Department of History and Civilization). The cluster serves as a platform to bring together researchers and scholars from all disciplines represented at the EUI working on environmental and climate issues. It also promotes the development of joint research initiatives and the establishment of networks beyond the EUI. The cluster’s activities entail a seminar series, the organization of an interdisciplinary workshop, and the award of a fellowship to conduct research at the Historical Archives of the European Union ([HAEU](#)), which are housed at the EUI.

The HAEU house the historical documents of the European Economic Community, European Community and other European Union institutions such as the Court of Justice of the European Union. These archives offer rich, and largely unexploited, opportunities to conduct research into the dynamics and drivers of European Union environmental law, policy and governance. The Archive’s holdings cover both internal and external dimensions of the EU, including the process of enlargement and the EEC’s/EC’s/EU’s relationships with other parts of the world, especially the former European colonies.

To stimulate interest and generate fresh findings on these matters, we invite **applications for a Visiting Research Fellow on environment/climate change governance in the HAEU**. The Research Fellow will be selected from outside of the EUI and will be in residence at the EUI for a period of two to three months (longer if self-financing for additional time is available) during the year 2021. The maximum amount of funding the successful candidate may receive is EUR 5000. The Research Fellow’s home discipline can be history, law, sociology, political and social sciences or economics. Interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

Requirements

The Visiting Research Fellow will be required to share their research findings with the EUI community in the form of a presentation in the seminar series of the research cluster on Environmental Challenges and Climate Change Governance. Publication of a Working Paper in the cluster’s working paper series is strongly encouraged. The Visiting Research Fellow will furthermore be expected to assist the EUI community in learning about the methodologies and values applicable to research on environment and climate change governance at the HAEU. To this end, we expect the Fellow to prepare brief training materials (3–5 pages) outlining how to approach the challenges of conducting research in this area.

Application and selection process

All current non-EUI postgraduate researchers are eligible to apply for the Visiting Research Fellowship. Applications should consist of a single PDF file with:

- a letter of motivation
- a description of the proposed research project with an indication of how HAEU materials will be used (max. 10 pages)
- a CV with selected publications
- the names of two potential referees
- the preferred dates of the fellowship (the visit at the EUI should be completed by the end of December 2021)

Materials may be submitted in English, French or Italian.

Applications will be accepted until **26 February 2021, at 12.00 pm Florence time**. They should be addressed to Serena.Belligoli@eui.eu. The applications will be evaluated by the coordinators of the cluster on the basis of the originality and the relevance of the proposals to the cluster's themes, as well as to the material available at the HAEU. Applicants will be notified by mid-March.