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VACANCY NOTICE for a RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The EUI has a vacancy for a Research Assistant in the Department of Political and Social Sciences

Reference number: V/RA/SPS/3/2019 (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Department of Political and Social Sciences
Length of contract and % of full-time:	Full time 30/30 for two years, starting preferably on 1 September 2019
Salary indication:	Approximate starting salary (net): Between 2.200-2.500€ / month, plus allowances if applicable.
Director of project:	Prof. Fabrizio Bernardi and Prof. Juho Härkönen
Title of project:	TECHNEQUALITY: Technological inequality – Understanding the relation between recent technological innovations and social inequality
Job description:	The appointee will work as a (postdoctoral) researcher as part of TECHNEQUALITY (2018-2021), a consortium of researchers from Maastricht, Cambridge, EUI, Oxford, Stockholm, Tallinn, Tilburg, and WZB (Berlin), which is funded by the EU's Horizon 2020 - programme.
	TECHNEQUALITY studies social inequalities in the face of technological change characterised by automatization, digitalization, and robotization, and how labour markets and educational systems can respond to these changes.
	Within this framework, the appointee will conduct research—in collaboration with Professors Bernardi and Härkönen—on the part of the project that analyzes social background inequalities and the effects of education on mathematical, analytical, and technological skills in a cross-national setting. The data used for these analyses include PISA, ICILS, and PIAAC, and data from cohort studies that include longitudinal information on mathematical, analytical, and technological skills. The results of this research will be submitted for publication in leading sociological journals.

	In addition, the successful candidate is expected to develop her/his independent research under the broad project framework, and help in writing the required project reports. The position also involves other minor project management tasks. Research visits to the other partner institutions are possible.
Place of work:	Florence
Qualifications:	The successful applicant is at the time of appointment expected to have, or be very close to completing, a doctoral degree in sociology or a related social science discipline.
	In addition to the above, s/he is able to document high-quality research that shows a) knowledge of the fields of research that are relevant to the project, b) strong skills in analysis of large and complex (cross-national) data with appropriate quantitative methods, and c) good writing skills in academic English. The capacity to conduct independent research and good collaboration skills are essential.
Languages:	English
Contact details	For more information contact: Monika.Rzemieniecka@eui.eu
Deadline	The closing date for applications is: 22 March 2019
How to apply	Fill in the on-line application form and upload the following documents a) cover letter, indicating your fit for the position as well as a brief motivation and description of the research you would want to pursue under TECHNEQUALITY, b) CV, c) two writing samples, and d) names and contact information for 2-3 references. as requested.