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VACANCY NOTICE for 4 RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

The EUI has a vacancy for 4 Research Assistants in the Department of History and Civilization

Reference number: V/RA/HEC/4/2020 (please quote in all correspondence)

Department	Department of History and Civilization
Length of contract and % of full-time	Starting on 01 September 2020 for 36 months, with possible renewal for a further 24 months Part-time appointment (30%)
Salary indication	The basic net monthly salary after taxes ranges from approximately 580 to 700 €/month (depending on place of work) + allowances, if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Director of project	Prof. Laura Lee DOWNS
Title of project	Social politics in European borderlands: A comparative and transnational study, 1870s-1990s (SOCIOBORD)
Job description	SOCIOBORD is a 5-year ERC project starting in September 2020. It seeks to reframe the history of welfare and social care in modern Europe by restoring to view the contribution of families and associations to shaping welfare systems in three borderland regions of north-western, eastern, and south-eastern Europe from the 1870s till the 1990s. By focusing on the interactions among local actors and following developments from the late 19th century to the 1990s, this project turns our attention to the co-construction of welfare by public and private actors in highly mixed borderlands, where the reach of central states often fluctuated and a range of local welfare structures, based on national, but also non-national forms of identity/solidarity (e.g., occupation, gender or religion) flourished. We will do this by conducting intensively researched local case studies in the chosen borderland regions: Galicia, the North-eastern Adriatic and

	the Franco/Belgian/German border regions. Each case study will investigate how families and voluntary associations negotiated over entitlements to welfare, focusing in particular on support to children, veterans and working-class women. The case studies will then be placed in comparative and transnational frameworks so as to facilitate the analysis of similarities and differences between north-western, eastern and south-eastern borderlands while tracing the circulation of ideas, people and practices. Rather than treating borderlands as peripheries, SOCIOBORD approaches them as laboratories for the development of social protection, thanks to the dense variety of actors competing for influence over their putative objects of assistance and for access to material resources. Ultimately, the goal is to restore to view the vital role that families and voluntary welfare associations have long played in creating and delivering new forms of social welfare in Europe's many borderland regions. For the long-range historical study of local actors' ideas and practices around social welfare in European borderlands has much to tell us about the development of welfare across Europe in general. The Research Assistants will undertake the following tasks: • Develop and carry out at least one and up to two case studies for a given borderland • Contribute to the development of SOCIOBORD's comparative and transnational methodologies • Contribute to the project's collective publications • Mentor early career researchers, guiding them in the development and elaboration of their individual case studies
Place of work	To be discussed, preferably close to the chosen borderland regions
Qualifications	Essential: • PhD, preferably in modern European social history • Expertise in the fields of borderlands studies, history of social protection and welfare states, history of modern associational life • Expertise in one or more following fields: histories of childhood, of veterans, and/or of working-class women • Expertise in one or more of the projects' three borderlands • Experience in mentoring early career researchers • Experience in participating in international research collaborations • Knowledge of the languages relevant to the case studies in a given borderland Desirable: • Familiarity with religious studies, gender studies, history of the family

Languages	• Fluency in written English • Fluency or excellent skills in the languages needed for case studies in a given borderland
Contact details	For more information contact manuela.corsini@eui.eu
Deadline	The closing date for applications is: 30 June 2020 at midnight (CET)
How to apply	Fill in the online application form and upload documents as follows: 1. Cover letter in English (1 page max). Please indicate the borderland region(s) you are applying for, what kind of case study(s) you would be interested in pursuing, and please list any relevant knowledge and skills not already mentioned in your CV. 2. CV in English (2 pages max) 3. Contact details for 2 references referees