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VACANCY NOTICE for a RESEARCH ASSISTANT

The EUI has a vacancy for a Research Assistant in the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies.

Reference number: **V/RA/RSC/26/2020** (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
Length of contract and % of full-time:	100% starting 16 th November 2020 or soon after, for 12 months with possibility of extension for another 36 months
Salary indication:	<p>Net salary approx. €1,930</p> <p>More information about conditions of employment is available here.</p>
Director of project:	Prof Youssef Cassis
Title of project:	<p><u>The Memory of Financial Crisis: Financial Actors and Global Risk.</u></p> <p>This project explores the extent to which the memory or absence of memory, of previous financial crises can explain practices threatening the stability of the financial system. This will provide a major contribution to the understanding of the causes of financial crises, in particular the Global Financial Crisis, by helping to understand the behaviour of financial agents, marked by recurrent waves of over-confidence and excessive risk-taking, and why regulators fail to maintain financial stability.</p> <p>The project addresses four main questions: How are financial crises remembered? Has the memory of financial crises had an impact on the thinking and behaviour of financial actors? Has a 'new' financial elite emerged in the late twentieth and early twenty-first century? What has been the legacy of the Global Financial Crisis?</p> <p>Using the concept of cultural memory, the project analyses how the most severe financial shocks of the last hundred years (1929-33, 1982, 1997, and 2007-9) have been remembered. The memory of financial crises will be retraced by exploring five</p>

	<p>interrelated areas, resulting in: the first comprehensive analysis of senior bankers' own views on financial crises; the first collective biography of the financial elite in the late 20th and early 21st century; a much clearer picture of the vision of financial crises prevailing in the financial world and its evolution in the second half of the 20th century; a new light on the place of financial crises in the teaching of economics and finance; and new perspectives into the history and memory of financial regulation.</p> <p>By focusing on financial actors and combining economic history and cultural history, the project will provide a missing link in our understating of the recurrence of financial crises, thus pushing the boundaries of knowledge, renewing our understanding of financial crises and contributing to the ongoing search for greater financial stability.</p>
Job description:	The research assistant will assist the director of the project in the research on the memory of financial crises, in particular preparing interviews with senior bankers, collecting biographical material, and working on archival and/or printed documents related to the history of financial crises.
Place of work:	European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Qualifications:	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MA/MSc in economic history or equivalent - Database skills, familiarity with content analysis - Strong communication and organisational skills <p>Desirable: knowledge of the second European language</p>
Languages:	English and a second European language (preferably German).
Contact details	For more information contact Joanna.wielgo@eui.eu
Deadline	The closing date for applications is: 30th August 2020 at midnight (Florence time)
How to apply	Fill in the online application form and upload documents as requested