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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/39/2020** (please quote in all correspondence)

<b>Department:</b>	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
<b>Length of contract and % of full-time:</b>	15/30, start date 01/12/2021 for 5 months
<b>Salary indication:</b>	Approx. €930/month
<b>Director of project:</b>	Prof Bernard Hoekman
<b>Title of project:</b>	<p>RESPECT: Realizing Europe's Soft Power in External Cooperation and Trade</p> <p>RESPECT is a project funded by the European Commission under HORIZON 2020 for the period 2018-2021. Seismic changes in global geopolitics, increasing contestation of trade integration initiatives with third countries, and challenges to ensuring coherence across external policy initiatives at EU and Member State level are making the pursuit of EU external policy objectives more complex. The overarching goal of the RESPECT project is to identify options and opportunities for better realising the EU's soft power in achieving the external policy goals set by the Lisbon Treaty and the EU's trade and development strategy. The project will develop multidisciplinary analysis of the effects of trade and trade policy on Non-Trade Policy Objectives (NTPOs) – relating to issues such as labour standards, political and civil rights and protection of the environment – as well as conceptual frameworks to better understand the economic drivers of external policies. Such work will aim to inform the design of a more coherent external policy mix for the European Union and its Member States.</p> <p>Four broad objectives are pursued in RESPECT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Documenting the prevailing situation – the set of EU and Member States' policies that together characterise the EU's trade and investment-related policy regime;</li></ol>

	<p>2. Improving the understanding of the inter-relationships between EU external policies and those of EU member states;</p> <p>3. Determining success factors for effective EU external policies; and</p> <p>4. Developing practical and operationally feasible recommendations to promote better EU external policy objectives.</p> <p><a href="http://respect.eui.eu/">http://respect.eui.eu/</a></p>
<b>Job description:</b>	<p>The successful candidate will work under the close supervision of Prof Bernard Hoekman as well as other members of the Global Economics research team on the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct qualitative and quantitative research on trade policy. Research topics include: trade policy strategy of the European Union; the effects of trade policy tools on non-trade issues (human rights, labour rights, environmental sustainability, etc); firms' access to EU trade policy tools.</li> <li>- Engage in consultations (mainly through interviews) with trade policy experts and practitioners across different World regions including Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa, the Caribbean and South America.</li> <li>- Draft research documents including papers, reports and policy briefs.</li> <li>- Interact with research partners outside the Global Economics team on joint research projects.</li> </ul>
<b>Place of work:</b>	Florence, Italy
<b>Qualifications:</b>	<p><b>Essential:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master in International Relations or related subjects</li> <li>- Good knowledge of EU trade policy</li> <li>- Good knowledge of MS Excel and statistical softwares</li> <li>- Experience in conducting interviews</li> <li>- Excellent command of written and oral English</li> <li>- Ability to work in a team environment</li> </ul> <p><b>Desirable:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Previous experience in working with international teams.</li> </ul>
<b>Languages:</b>	Fluency in written and spoken English is required.
<b>Contact details</b>	For more information contact <a href="mailto:Joanna.wielgo@eui.eu">Joanna.wielgo@eui.eu</a>
<b>Deadline</b>	The closing date for applications is: <b>12.10.2020 at midnight (Florence time)</b>
<b>How to apply</b>	Fill in the <a href="#">on line application form</a> and upload documents as requested