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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/42/2020** (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
Length of contract and % of full-time:	15/30, start date 16/12/2020 or soon after for 4.5 months
Salary indication:	Approx. €995/month
Director of project:	Prof. Bernard Hoekman
Title of project:	<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">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;

	<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>http://respect.eui.eu/</p>
Job description:	<p>The successful candidate will work under the close supervision of Prof Bernard Hoekman.</p> <p>The specific tasks will revolve around econometric analysis of the impacts on trade in goods and trade in services of official development assistance flows and trade-related policies, with a specific focus on EU services trade policies, trade agreements and aid for trade. Candidates must have demonstrated experience in analysis using the OECD Creditor Reporting System, excellent knowledge of STATA, and a track record in estimating structural gravity models.</p>
Place of work:	To be discussed
Qualifications:	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PhD in Economics - At least 5 years of experience in economic research - Strong publication record in the field of international economics - Excellent knowledge of econometric techniques and services trade data - Proficiency in the use of statistical software (STATA) - Excellent command of written and oral English <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Previous experience in working with international teams.
Languages:	Fluency in written and spoken English is required.
Contact details	For more information contact Joanna.wielgo@eui.eu
Deadline	The closing date for applications is: 27.10.2020 at midnight (Florence time)
How to apply	Fill in the on line application form and upload documents as requested