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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/7/2020** (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
Length of contract and % of full-time:	9/30 for 3 months, starting 01.05.2020 or as soon as possible
Salary indication:	The monthly net salary is approximately €550 More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Director of project:	Dr Hugo Meijer / Prof. Brigid Laffan
Title of project:	Western Strategies in East Asia (WESTRAT) This research project investigates how the three major Western military powers (US, Britain and France) have adapted their security policies to the shifting center of strategic gravity of international politics from the Euro-Atlantic area to East Asia. In addressing this question, it conducts a comparative analysis of their evolving security policies in the region vis-à-vis a rising China. WESTRAT makes two original contributions to the existing literature. First, it offers an empirical contribution as the first work to provide a cross-national comparison of the security policies of the three major Western powers (1990-2016) – in their national, bilateral, and multilateral configurations – in East Asia. Relying on a large body of elite interviews and on cables leaked by WikiLeaks, it therefore examines a crucial yet under-explored dimension of contemporary international politics. Second, it provides an innovative conceptual and methodological framework that sheds light on the emerging networks of national, bilateral and multilateral security arrangements, what we label “networked security postures”, in international politics. Adopting a mixed-methods approach that combines the English School of international relations and visual network analysis, WESTRAT contributes to the debates on

	changing character of hegemony and of great power management in East Asia.
Job description:	The research assistant's tasks include: 1. Reading and analyzing US, French British and German primary and secondary sources on their respective policies in East Asia; 2. Developing a database that lists all the military initiatives undertaken by these countries in East Asia at the national, bilateral and multilateral level from 1990 to 2020, i.e. national forward deployed forces, bilateral alliances and security partnerships and involvement in East Asian multilateral security institutions.
Place of work:	To be agreed
Qualifications:	<p>Essential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertise on military affairs, in particular naval capabilities, in East Asia - Fluent in both French and English to be able to read and analyze US, British, French and German primary and secondary sources - Competence in visual network analysis <p>Desirable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expertise in managing and developing large databases.
Languages:	English and French
Contact details	For more information contact Joanna.Wielgo@eui.eu
Deadline	The closing date for applications is: 21.04.2020 at midnight (CET)
How to apply	Fill in the on line application form and upload documents as requested