



ACADEMIC SERVICE

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PIERRE WERNER CHAIR

Please find enclosed information about this vacancy, about the Department of Economics and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advance Studies. The document also lists the documents that are required as part of the application dossier, and gives instructions for submitting the application online.

For any questions about the application procedure please contact applypro@eui.eu, tel.+39.055.4685.377.

The Academic Service assures the confidentiality of the application procedure. The deadline for receipt of applications is **14 January 2021**.

Further and more up-to-date information about the Institute is available on our website: <https://www.eui.eu>.

Thank you for your interest in the European University Institute.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Mathias Neukirchen
Director



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
<http://www.eui.eu/ECO>

Pierre Werner Chair

The Department of Economics and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) of the European University Institute invite applications for the Pierre Werner Chair (PWC), funded by the Luxembourg Government. The joint Chair holder is expected to have a strong research record to lead the PWC research agenda in macroeconomic theory, policy and institutional design, with a special focus on European issues. The joint Chair holder will be expected to develop a research programme in this field and should also have experience in graduate-level formal instruction and doctoral supervision.

The EUI is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to balance gender, geographical and minority representation.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide major input in research, teaching, supervision and management, as follows:

Research:

- To develop and lead research in the fields mentioned in the profile;
- To maintain a high national and international profile of publications in internationally recognised journals;
- To promote the integration of his/her research with other research interests within the Department of Economics and the RSCAS as well as research with the other Departments and Centres of the EUI; candidates are invited to take into consideration the research priorities and existing research projects of the Department (<http://www.eui.eu/ECO>) and the RSCAS (<http://www.eui.eu/RSCAS>);
- To attract research funding on an individual basis and in collaboration with others.

Teaching and supervision:

- To teach effectively doctoral students in core and advanced courses;
- To provide high quality doctoral supervision and attract research students to the EUI;
- To act as mentor for Max Weber fellows and other postdoctoral fellows.

Management:

- To make a significant contribution to the promotion of the EUI externally;
- To make the best use of his/her research budget and try to complement it with outside funding;
- To provide support for the Director of the Centre and for the Head of Department, amongst others by serving on appropriate Committees, and to contribute fully to the general life of the Department and the Institute;
- To contribute to the promotion of cultural diversity in the Centre, the Department and the EUI.

Working in the European University Institute

The European University Institute is a postgraduate research institute set up in 1976 by the Member States of the European Union. It is not an institution of the European Union, but an intergovernmental organisation in its own right, funded directly by the signatory Member States.

The EUI consists of four academic departments - Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences; an interdisciplinary postdoctoral training programme – the Max Weber Programme; an interdisciplinary research centre - the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies; and the School of Transnational Governance, focussing on teaching and training of governance beyond the State. The doctoral students of the EUI are drawn mainly from the graduates of universities in the Member States, with a small number of students from outside Europe.

There are no special citizenship requirements for faculty members. In order to work effectively the professors have to be fluent in English, and a working knowledge of at least one other EU language is encouraged. In the Department of Economics, all academic activities are conducted in English.

Working in the Department of Economics

Teaching and Supervision

About 20-25 postgraduate students are admitted each year to our programme leading to the Ph.D. in Economics. The first year consists of a set of core courses in Mathematics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics and Statistics/Econometric with instruction in English. Some elective courses are taken during the first year and elective course work continues into the second year of the programme. Students then undertake full-time research, leading to the submission of a doctoral dissertation and award of the Ph.D. All students from the EU Member States receive maintenance scholarships (conditional on progress) for 4 years, and for these students there are no fees.

Full-time faculty members teach the equivalent of two 7-week courses per year (42 hours total) as part of the course offer of the programme (holders of joint Robert Schuman Centre posts teach only one).

Each faculty member is associated with one of the research workshops with external speakers (currently, Econometrics/Applied, Micro, and Macro). These normally meet on a weekly basis, and provide a forum for students, faculty, and outside visitors to discuss current research. Finally, there are informal working groups where work in progress of students and professors is presented and discussed.

Since about 20 students enter the second year of the studies each year, and a typical student will stay at the Institute for 4-5 years, each of the 13 full-time faculty members is expected to supervise 10-13 graduate students on average either as a first or second supervisor. New members tend to supervise a smaller number of students in the early years of their appointment and accumulate more as time goes by. Faculty members are obliged by their contract of employment to continue supervision of their first advisees after their appointment expires.

Research

Apart from teaching and supervision, the major part of professors' work is devoted to research. Research at the Institute is supported by an excellent academic Library. Even if it is only 30 years old, its collections include about 2.000 printed journals, approximately half a million volumes in law, economics, history and civilization, and political and social sciences; electronic access to more than 13.000 full text e-journals and to over 435.000 e-books; and numerous databases and networked CD-ROMs. There is one information specialist whose task is to ensure a proper collection development in Economics, and to act as a liaison between the Department and the Library. The ICT Service is user-oriented and has good resources for research in all areas of social and political sciences and the humanities.

The EUI hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union (HAEU) which preserve and make available to the public the documents produced by European Institutions, some European Agencies, as well as private archives and collections of European movements and personalities.

Each professor normally receives a flat allocation of currently 6.500 € a year upon presentation of a short description of his/her project. Supplementary funding may be obtained on a yearly basis from the Institute's Research Council, which is composed of external advisors, for innovative projects and for co-operative projects involving several professors. Research projects should have an international dimension. Although no guarantee can be offered, EUI funding usually allows for the employment of a part-time assistant and for organising seminars and workshops.

In addition, professors are strongly encouraged to raise external funds as internal resources are often insufficient to cover all research costs.

Applicants are requested to present a research project for the duration of about five years (which corresponds to first contract). If short-listed, this project will serve as a basis for discussion during the interview, and if appointed, be circulated to members of the Academic Council.

Administrative Duties

Departmental meetings where strategic issues for the department are discussed and students' progress is evaluated are held monthly. One faculty member acts as Head of Department, and meets frequently with the Heads of other Departments and with the President of the Institute to prepare the monthly meeting of all faculty at the Institute, the Academic Council, and make many routine decisions.

Within the Department, some colleagues take responsibility for co-ordinating course-work, admissions, exams, placement, and selection of post-doctoral fellows. Others serve on Institute-level committees, dealing with Library and Information Technology issues, with Computing Services, with Admissions, etc.

As to selection of new colleagues, only some members of the Department sit on Committees charged with submitting a recommendation to Academic Council. All

members of the Department, however, cooperate in processing the applications. The Department invites shortlisted candidates for a brief visit, including a seminar and opportunities to discuss with students and potential colleagues.

Staff in the Department

The Department of Economics comprises at present 13 professors (out of this 11 are full chairs and 2 are assistant professors, and two full-time professors hold a joint appointment with the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), a Departmental co-ordinator and three administrative assistants.

Each year a number of post-doctoral and senior fellows join us for a limited period, hosted respectively within the Max Weber and Fernand Braudel Programmes, in order to work on their research projects. These often work closely with an individual professor or group of professors. In addition, scholars occasionally visit the Department for shorter periods, offering brief lecture courses in their fields of interest. Additionally, we receive the visits of colleagues from all over the world, who come and present their work in our research workshops series.

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

The Centre was created in 1992 in order to conduct interdisciplinary research and to encourage work on the contemporary challenges of European integration. It consists of faculty members holding joint chairs with departments, Robert Schuman Chairs, Programme Directors, part-time professors, post-doctoral fellows, research fellows and assistants, together with an administrative staff. In addition it hosts post-doctoral fellows, visiting fellows, EU fellows and Robert Schuman fellows. The Centre conducts theoretical, normative, analytical and applied policy research in a number of domains by drawing on the disciplines present at the EUI. Its work is currently guided by three major themes:

- Integration, Governance and Democracy;
- Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and
- 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The Centre draws its income from a variety of sources, with around two thirds from externally funded grants. It runs an extensive conference programme, and publishes (mainly on-line) working papers, policy papers, research reports, and several research tools. Some of its research activities are organised in special programmes or units, including the Global Governance Programme, the European Governance and Politics Programme, the Florence School of Regulation, (covering the areas of Energy, Communication and Media, Transport, Water and Climate), the Migration Policy Centre, the Loyola de Palacio Programme on EU Energy Policy, the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, the Florence School of Banking and Finance, and the MiddleEastDirections Programme. Other current and recent research includes several other projects on migration, a programme on European monetary union, and projects on security in Europe (internal and external). A continuing priority is to produce research and to stimulate debate on issues of reform within the European Union.

The RSCAS acts as a home institution for ERC advanced grant holders, ERC starting grant holders and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows.

In November 2020, the Centre includes approximately 200 people (depending on the number of visiting fellows and research assistants, which is constantly changing).

Further details about the RSCAS can be found on our website:

<https://www.eui.eu/DepartmentsAndCentres/RobertSchumanCentre>

Faculty: Director, Joint Chairs, Robert Schuman Chairs, Programme Directors, and part-time professors

Since September 2013 the RSCAS is directed by Prof. Brigid Laffan.

Currently seven ‘Joint Chairs’ are affiliated to both the Robert Schuman Centre and one of the EUI Teaching Departments and represent the connection between the two.

In addition to the Joint Chairs, the RSCAS currently has five Robert Schuman Chairs, responsible for research programmes in the field of Migration, European Governance, Citizenship and Global Economics, and one Programme Director, for the MEDirections Programme.

The RSCAS also includes part-time professors (currently 40) with different degrees of involvement in the various projects/programmes. One emeritus professor and one senior fellow complete the faculty.

Research Fellows and Research Assistants

Research Fellows and Research Assistants constitute the second component of the RSCAS staff. They represent the research force of the Centre, recruited to direct research projects (Research Fellows) or to carry out more specific research and support activities (Academic Assistants). In November 2020 the Centre employs 17 research fellows and 77 academic assistants.

Fellows

The ‘Fellows’ compose the third component of the Centre. During the academic year 2019/20 approximately 70 fellows were (for periods varying from two months up to the full academic year and beyond) in residence at the Centre: 19 post-doctoral fellows (Jean Monnet Fellows and Max Weber Fellows), 4 Marie Curie (or similar) Fellows, 8 Robert Schuman Fellows, 2 EU fellows and approx. 40 Visiting Fellows. During the academic year 2020/21 the number of fellows in residence is lower than usual, due to the COVID emergency.

Fellows are in residence at the Centre for limited periods that rarely exceed one academic year (two years for the Marie Curie Fellows), and often are much shorter (Visiting Fellows). The presence of a Fellows’ community is a key and distinctive feature of the RSC since the early years.

Administrative Staff

The administrative staff of the Centre is skilled and dedicated and includes among others administrative assistants, project managers, conference organisers and dissemination specialists. There are currently 28 administrative staff members and two administrative trainees working at the Centre.

Conditions of employment – salary - benefits

The European University Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

Full-time professors at the EUI are appointed on a five-year contract with possibility of renewal for further three years.

The EUI offers a competitive salary and several benefits, including family allowance packages and generous severance grant.

In particular,

- The amount of take-home salary varies and depends on seniority, eligibility to expatriation, household, dependent children and other allowances.
- Under the terms of the Convention establishing the Institute, EUI professors are exempt from income tax on their salary paid by the Institute anywhere in the Contracting States. In lieu of national taxes, a deduction is carried out by the Institute.

Summary of Conditions of Employment and Benefits

- Expatriation or foreign residence allowance of 16% or 4%, depending on circumstances;
- Household allowance;
- Dependent child allowance;
- Pre-school allowance (for children aged less than 6);
- Education allowance (for children up to the age of 26 in educational or vocational training);
- Possibility to opt-in to the Institute's social security scheme for the risks of sickness, maternity, accident and occupational disease, invalidity. The health insurance administered by the EU Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS) for the contract holder and dependent family. An average of 80% of medical or dental expenses may be reimbursed upon presentation of invoices and/or upon prior authorisation;
- Possibility either to opt to the Institute's social security scheme for the risks of invalidity, death and old age/severance or for a payment to be made into a national or private social security fund. In the former case, 10,25% of an EUI professor's salary is withheld monthly; twice this amount is contributed by the Institute. Upon departure a generous severance grant, corresponding to approx. 30% of the aggregate of the basic salary is paid.
- Installation (and reinstallation) allowance;
- Reimbursement of removal costs (upon entry into/termination of service), if applicable, up to a maximum equivalent of a monthly basic salary);

- Travel expenses upon entry/termination of service and annual flat-rate payment of travel expenses based on distance from Florence to the place of origin, if entitled to expatriation or foreign residence allowance;
- Other benefits which may apply.

The Human Resources Service is available to provide more information based on the actual family situation of the short-listed candidates.

The recruitment procedure at the EUI

The selection procedure at the EUI has some specific features due to its character as an international organisation, and due to the fact that the faculty is recruited on medium-term appointments with a high level of turn over.

Procedure and organs involved

Several Committees and Councils are involved in the selection procedure, which is regulated by Decision n° 2/03 of the High Council of the EUI:

- the Department of Economics (all professors of the Department) and the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
- the Academic Council (all EUI professors and the President of the Institute)
- the Selection Committee

When a chair is vacant, the Department submits a profile for the chair to be filled to the Academic Council, which sets up the Selection Committee.

The composition of the Selection Committee depends on the appointment in question (i.e. a committee for one chair only, joint committee for more than one chair, or committee for a joint chair Department/the RSCAS). The selection committee is composed of professors from the EUI, external experts, the President of the EUI (consultative voice) and a representative of the researcher students (consultative voice). The composition of the Committee is kept confidential until the invitations for interviews are sent to shortlisted candidates. They will receive further information about the composition of the selection committee.

After publication of the vacancy and reception of applications, the Committee may either draw a short list of candidates to be interviewed, or turn into a search Committee.

Having set up a shortlist the Committee subsequently interviews the shortlisted candidates and submits a recommendation of one or more candidates to be appointed.

The Committee's recommendation is transmitted to the Academic Council, which acts as a sovereign body for appointments. A recommended candidate is appointed if the majority (50%+1) of members present vote in favour.

Schedule

The Selection Board will start evaluating candidates from the deadline 14 January 2021 and will make shortlisting decisions short after that, and will then start organizing

seminars and individual meetings with shortlisted candidates. These will take place remotely late January/early February. The Selection Committee's proposal will be submitted to the first available Academic Council, and the successful candidate may take up service on 1 January 2022 or as soon thereafter as can be satisfactorily arranged.

Application file

Your file should contain the following elements.

- 1) **Application form** (to be filled in [online](#)) in which you are invited to provide your personal data, and to indicate two “**signature publications**” which you consider most representative of your work. Please provide the full bibliographic citation and if available, also a link to the publication.

Please submit four names of possible **referees** whom the EUI may contact. The referees should not include members of the professorial staff of the EUI. Please give us the names and e-mail addresses of referees who know you in both your teaching and a research functions.

The Selection Committee may consult other external experts if it considers that helpful to its deliberations.

Attach the following documents as PDF files to the online application form:

- 2) **Cover letter**
- 3) **CV:** Please present a **short** CV of maximum 5 pages including education, professional experience, prizes and other major achievements.
- 4) **List of publications:** Please present a list of your books, contributions to books, journal articles, and other relevant publications.
- 5) **Research project:** The research project should be designed to cover a five year contract and correspond to the profile. It should specify the objectives and scope of the project and give indications on the background, especially how it relates to work you have already undertaken and published. It should also give some preliminary indications about the methodology you intend to follow in exploring the proposed hypotheses or theories; indications as to the empirical components and sources; management of the research especially its organisation and the possible running of a research team. It should also include some preliminary indications on the type of outcome you have in mind. The project should be written in English, and have a length of up to 2000 words.

Formal applications should be submitted [online](#) by **14 January 2021** at midnight (CET). For any queries about the application procedure you may contact applypro@eui.eu.

Practical information about life in Florence

Learning Italian

The Institute's language service offers intensive Italian courses in September and less intensive courses throughout the year. Some other European languages are also taught. There are several private language schools in Florence.

Housing

Rents are very variable, likely figures for Florence and its immediate surroundings are € 550-650 for a studio, € 700-850 for a one-bedroom flat, and from € 900 for a two-bedroom flat. Larger flats with three or four bedrooms run from € 2000, depending on size and location.

The Real Estate and Facilities Service has a Housing Office through which you can be offered accommodation at the EUI flats

<https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/Housing/LongTermHousing/ResearcherFlats>

Accommodations on the private market are instead offered by Florence Housing Service - the Real Estate Agency who offers free service exclusively for the EUI members.

For more information you may consult <https://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/Housing>

Daycare and Schools

The EUI has a Crèche which provides preschool childcare.

In addition to private and public Italian schools there is a French and an international school in Florence:

The French school offers a programme that goes from Maternelle to Terminale, a good programme that many at the Institute take advantage of. Further information is available at www.vhugo.eu.

The International School of Florence (ISF) offers an elementary through to high-school programme in English. Places should be reserved as soon as possible and are expensive. The high school offers the International Baccalaureate, which is recognised for university entrance throughout the world. Its American high school diploma is also recognised by the Italian government as equivalent to that of a *liceo linguistico*. Further information: www.isfitaly.org.

More detailed information about daycare and schools is available in our website at <http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/HealthAndFamily/Children/Index.aspx>.

Potential applicants requiring information beyond that contained in these further particulars, or who would like to discuss the vacancies informally, are welcome to contact Prof. Andrea Ichino (tel. +39 055 4685 974, e-mail: andrea.ichino@eui.eu).