



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre and the Department of History and Civilization

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Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre on the History of European Integration, established in 2015, combines the expertise of the Department of History and Civilization at the EUI and the resources available at the Historical Archives of the European Union. The Centre promotes research into the history of European Integration, supports young researchers in the field, coordinates networks of historians, facilitates the use of primary sources and increases public interest in the history of European integration.

The Department of History and Civilisation focuses on the history of Europe in the World from the 15th century to the present. Its members share a common endeavour to rethink the history of Europe with an expanded focus on transnational connections and circulation of ideas, goods and people, and with specific attention to Europeans' diverse roles and places in the world. The Department specializes in the comparative, transnational and global history of Europe in a long-term perspective, in order to make sense of long cycles of transformation and of the sedimentation of ideas, institutions, social and political formations that have defined Europeans.

Employment details

Contract type

Part-time 15/30 (20 hours/week)

Length of contract

7 months. Start date: 1 February 2023 or as soon as possible after this date.

This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.

Salary indication and grade

Grade: CDR3, step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1690 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Corinna Unger

Project details

European Banks and Environmental Protection, 1970s-1990s.

The project aims at exploring the feasibility of an historical assessment of the environmental strategy of European investment and commercial banks in the early stages of European environmental policy, from the early 1970s until the mid-1990s.) This research project will address the following research questions: how did environmental legislation at national and Community level impact on banks' activities, and conversely how did they influence, if so, policy-making and legislation? Where did banks stand in the debate on the balance between environmental protection and economic growth, and how did it influence their investments and strategies? Who were the leading actors in the field, and how were they related to a broader network of European institutional and non-institutional actors, dealing with environmental issues?

The research project will rely on an historical approach centred on archival research. Therefore, it will extensively employ descriptive and hermeneutical analytical methods complemented, when relevant, by quantitative analysis of data (e.g. the evolution of the banks' green financing).

Job description

The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project. Main tasks include:

- Collecting and reviewing the existing literature on the subject;
- Conducting preliminary research on viable case studies, with a view to drawing up a list of European banks to be addressed in the course of the study;
- Managing direct contacts with the selected banks, in order to present the research project and assess their archival access policy, as well as organizing on-line meetings and interviews;
- Writing a working paper to revisit and discuss the research questions.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in History (also including Ph.D. students about to defend their thesis, conditional on the successful defense by the contract start date);
- Specialization in the History of European integration;
- Proven expertise in archival research and management of historical sources.

Desirable:

- Proven previous experience on areas concerning banking and environmental protection;
- Demonstrated previous experience in running/participating in research projects concerning the above-mentioned research fields.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both written and spoken (CEFR level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **21 December 2022** at midnight (Florence time)

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How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested