



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant in the Department of History and Civilisation and the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre

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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 **Department of History** 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.

Hosted at the EUI, the **Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre** is a unique hub on research on European cooperation and integration twentieth century to the present that combines the Historical Archives of the European Union and the EUI's Department of History and Civilisation.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hrs/week)
Length of contract	8 months. Start date: 1 January 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter. This contract is subject to funding availability.

Salary indication and grade

Grade: ASTAC3, step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3380 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. Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol

Project details**EURECON – The Making of a Lopsided Union: Economic Integration in the European Economic Community, 1957-1992**

The goal of EURECON is to explore European policymakers' views about how to make the organisation of the European Economic Community (EEC) fit for the creation of a single currency, from 1957 to 1992. It is often said that the euro has faults of conception. But how did this happen? How was the euro made in such a way that it nearly completely overlooked some critical aspects of monetary unions? The assumption is that in the run-up to the 1992 Maastricht Treaty, European policymakers just did not think properly about how to make the Euro work. Was this really the case? Did European policymakers really overlook the economic foundations of European monetary union?

The project aims to examine European policymakers' debates and proposals, understand the reasons for their success or failure, identify the dynamics of political and economic trade-offs and compromises, shifting priorities, and alternative approaches that were abandoned at the time but recycled later. The project focuses on five work packages: macroeconomic policy coordination, fiscal transfers, capital market integration, banking harmonisation/supervision and the deepening of the common/single market. The project will examine the origins of the issues that are currently bedeviling the European Union (EU) by investigating the period between the creation of the EEC in 1957 and the decision to create a European single currency in 1992.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Director of the project. Main tasks include:

- Collecting and organising data for the constitution of membership lists of committees related to European economic integration;
- Contributing to the project's dissemination efforts;
- Contributing to the organisation of a programme of workshops, seminars, public panels and conferences;
- Contributing to the design and content of the project's database of proposals and network analysis.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA, preferably in History;
- At least 2 years of post-graduate research and/or policy-related experience;
- Proven familiarity with the literature on European integration, international economic history, and prosopography/network analysis;
- Excellent writing and presentation skills, evidenced by previous research/work experience;
- Proven ability to work both independently and as part of a team;
- Proven familiarity with working with archival sources, most especially those held at the Historical Archives of the European Union, both institutional and private.

Desirable:

- PhD, preferably in History;
- Academic publications;
- Proven ability to work in an international environment.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both written and spoken (CEFR level: C1 or above)

Good knowledge and/or excellent research skills in at least one of the other languages of the European Economic Community.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **22 November 2022** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

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

1. Full CV in English
2. Cover letter in English