The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant in the

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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 **Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies** (RSCAS) is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The **Global Governance Programme** (GGP) is one of the flagship programmes of the Robert Schuman Centre. It was launched in 2010 in response to a growing need for global governance in an ever more interconnected and multipolar world. Since then it focuses on broad interdisciplinary themes and on the many cross-cutting issues related to globalisation by advancing research and promoting multi-stakeholder dialogues.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time. (30/30, 40 hours/week). Part-time is possible (to be agreed with Project Directors).
Length of contract	12 months. Start date as soon as possible

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: ASTAC1b , step 1
	The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2,670 Euro (for full-time employment), plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here.
Place of work	Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Directors	Prof. Gaby Umbach, Prof. Erik Jones
Project details	The **GlobalStat** database is a gateway to statistics that facilitates the use of data collected from over 80 statistics providers. Country level data is presented for 193 UN countries and the longest period available, starting in 1960. Apart from statistics, data on global trends is collected to highlight potential future paths. GlobalStat cooperates with the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) on various thematic topics offering tailored infographic publications and a gateway to statistical data for Members and staff of the European Parliament. It also partners with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) on new data management and visualisation software. Own publications complement the academic work of GlobalStat.
	GlobalStat is part of the **GGP research area , Knowledge, Governance, Transformations**. The research area looks into how governance by knowledge and governance of knowledge influence transformations of politics and policies. In doing so, it connects four elements of contemporary societal, political and scientific concern: 1) knowledge production and science advice in politics; 2) ethical and normative aspects of knowledge production and quantification; 3) evidence-informed policy-making and related governance innovations; and 4) the contribution of knowledge and governance transformations to sustainability. A special focus of the research area is on statistics and data as evidence in policy-making.
	Research activities evolve around the paradigm of evidence-informed policy-making which establishes expertise-led approaches to rationalise policy-making and public policies. The research area scrutinises new policy-making approaches that favour the use of statistics, data and other forms of evidence to inform the policy process. It focuses on structural and procedural innovation through the use of evidence in politics and on related governance transformations that impact the way policies are designed, delivered and implemented. Methodologically, the research area is based on both qualitative and quantitative research and nurtures engagement with the world of practice in its activities. GlobalStat is the central data gateway of the research area.

Job description	The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the Project and report directly to the director of GlobalStat and the GGP research area, Knowledge, Governance, Transformations. Main tasks include:

- Contributing to the GlobalStat database, involving:

  - Organising and coordinating the day-to-day operation and research of GlobalStat;
  - Database work (data collection, harmonisation, consolidation, validation, interpretation, presentation; uploading, updating and control of data & metadata);
  - Conceptually developing web platform, publication formats and research agenda;
  - Publishing (data analysis/data viz) and drafting project reports;
  - Carrying-out outreach activities and maintaining relations with international academic & institutional partners.

- Contributing to the GGP research area ‚Knowledge, Governance, Transformations', involving:

  - Conducting research and publications on the role of data in policy-making, quantification and measurement for politics;
  - Carrying-out fundraising activities for future research.

Qualifications and experience

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- MA (or equivalent according to EHEA) in Political Science, Data Science, Behavioural Politics and/or Sociology of quantification with a strong record in quantitative and data analysis (MA-level);
- Proven expert knowledge in statistics, statistical methods, data processing, statistical/data analysis as well as of STATA/R software;
- Demonstrated in-depth knowledge of measurement methods relating to globalisation and sustainable development;
- Previous research on quantification, measurement and related governance;
- Proven expertise and experience in (online) data visualisations, conceptual website/web content development and management; development of statistics publication formats;
- Proven experience in project management and fundraising.

Desirable:

- Focus on evidence-informed policy-making, social sustainability and social policy analysis;
- Cooperation experience with the world of practice (public institutions, stakeholders, etc.);
- Proven experience in teaching and training.

| **Languages** | Excellent knowledge of English, both written and spoken (CEFR level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages (CEFR level: B1 or above) constitutes an advantage. |

How to apply

| **Deadline** | The closing date for applications is **23 September 2022** at midnight (Florence time) |

| **Contact details** | For more information contact Gaby Umbach, gaby.umbach@eui.eu |

| **How to apply** | Fill in the online application form and upload documents as requested |