



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Research Fellow in

# Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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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 EUI's **Robert Schuman Centre for Advances Studies (RSCAS)** carries out research on the major issues facing Europe, bridging the world of academia and practice through interdisciplinary and applied research. The Research Fellow will be based at the **Migration Policy Centre (MPC)** which is part of the RSCAS. The MPC is a multi-disciplinary research centre that conducts advanced research on the transnational governance of international migration, asylum and mobility. It aims to provide new ideas, rigorous evidence and critical thinking to inform major European and global policy debates. <https://migrationpolicycentre.eu>

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Full-time
<b>Length of contract</b>	Two years, starting 01/09/2022. Subject to the availability of future funding, the contract can be further renewed several times up to a total of 5 years (including the first contract period).
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: CDR3 step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3,345 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .

## About the project

**Project Director(s)** Prof. Martin Ruhs (Deputy Director of the MPC)

**Project details**

AFAR: Algorithmic Fairness for Asylum Seekers and Refugees (AFAR), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation (2021-2025).

Led by Prof. Cathryn Costello at the Centre for Fundamental Rights at the Hertie School in Berlin, AFAR is an international collaborative project that includes the EUI's Migration Policy Centre (MPC) as one of the five partner organisations. AFAR investigates the usages of new technologies in migration and asylum governance, in particular the automation or part-automation of decisions normally taken by humans as well as more complex machine learning and artificial intelligence systems. Within AFAR, the MPC contributes research on public attitudes and preferences across a range of European countries. We are looking for a post-doctoral research fellow with strong quantitative skills to take a leading role in this work.

**Job description**

Working closely with Martin Ruhs, the Research Fellow will take the lead in conducting analysis of public attitudes and perceptions of fairness in the use of new technologies in migration and asylum governance. Project outputs will include academic publications, blog posts, and policy briefs.

The main tasks of the Research Fellow will include:

- developing a theoretical framework and specific research questions that speak to the core aims of AFAR
- identifying a suitable research design and method
- recruiting and coordinating with a survey company
- developing the survey questionnaire, pretesting, and preparing a pre-analysis plan and registration (if we decide to conduct survey experiments)
- analysing survey data
- writing co-authored and single authored working papers suitable for publication in academic journals
- writing blog posts and policy briefs based on the research
- participating in regular AFAR and MPC events and activities, including engagement with a range of policy stakeholders

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

**Experience**

- PhD in Political Science or a related social science discipline
- Strong quantitative research skills, including sound knowledge of relevant statistical software such as Stata, 'R', etc.

- Proven experience in designing and analysing surveys of public attitudes and/or public policy preferences
- In-depth knowledge of research literature on determinants of public attitudes to migrants/refugees and/or public preferences for migration/refugee policies
- Academic working papers and/or publications on (issues related to) public attitudes and policy preferences vis-à-vis migrants/refugees or migration/refugee policies
- Ability and willingness to work independently and as part of a multi-disciplinary research team
- Excellent communication skills

**Desirable:**

- Experience in conducting survey experiments
- Familiarity with recent public debates about migration and asylum policies in Europe and beyond
- Familiarity with research and public debates on the usage of new technologies in public policy
- Experience in engaging in public policy debates

**Languages**

Excellent knowledge of English, both written and spoken (CEFR level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages is a plus.

## How to apply

**Deadline**

The closing date for applications is **4 March 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

To apply, candidates are requested to submit a cover letter (2 pages max), CV, and one recent research publication or working paper relevant to this position.