



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Florence, 30 September 2022

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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 Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) is an inter-disciplinary research center 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 centers 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.

Employment details

Contract type

Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract

12 months. Starting date 16 January 2023.

This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service until end of project, i.e. 30 June 2025.

Salary indication and grade

Grade: CDR3 , step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3,380 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

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

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Directors

Prof. Waltraud Schelkle

Project details

[ERC Synergy Grant 'SOLID – Policy crisis and crisis politics. Sovereignty, solidarity and identity in the EU post 2008'](#) jointly led by Maurizio Ferrera (University of Milan), Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute) and Waltraud Schelkle (LSE, EUI from 1st September 2022).

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:

- Studying the policy-making processes in the crises 1) of the euro area and 2) the Covid-19 pandemic; at the national level (for 16 EU member-states), at the transnational and the supranational level. This includes the reconstruction of these processes, the mapping of conflicts, and the identification of the relevant coalitions for policy decisions based on document analysis, expert interviews, and content analysis of national newspapers;
- Studying transnational negotiations around EU summits based on elite interviews;
- Studying interdependent negotiations at the supranational and the national level with advanced methods of policy process analysis that involves text-as-data analysis and surveys;
- Designing and conducting field-work;
- Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes, including peer reviewed journals;
- Initiating and sustaining links with external bodies to foster collaboration;
- Presenting research papers at conferences;
- Organising conferences, seminars and workshops.

Activities relating to administration and management and/or School service may include:

- Managing the activities of research assistants on a day-to-day basis;
- Playing a constructive role in the life of the Department.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications and Experience**Essential:**

- PhD in political science, political economy or related fields;

- Ability to demonstrate research interests and comprehensive knowledge and expertise in the political economy of the euro area crises or the Covid-19 pandemic and a keen interest in European politics, including protest movements;
- Demonstrated ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories and applying appropriate methodologies;
- Applied statistical skills (R, Stata or equivalent);
- Proven expertise in at least one of the following methods: text-as-data approaches, network analysis, survey design (conjoint survey experiments);
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a collaborative research team, possibly training and guiding junior members.

Desirable:

- Proven excellent written and oral communication skills, including an ability to place one's specialist work within a broader context and to communicate research findings effectively to a range of audiences;
- Demonstrated ability to develop a coherent programme of research and establish models in the context of the research project;
- Evidence of good time and workload management and planning skills, setting priorities and committing to delivery within deadlines;
- A flexible and creative attitude to work;
- Demonstrated ability to initiate and build and maintain a collaborative network of contacts, including with external bodies;
- Proven experience of participation in academic/ policy events, conferences.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of written and spoken English is essential (CEFR Level C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **17 October 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