The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Project Assistant in the

Department of History and Civilization

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 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 50% (15/30, 20 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months. Start date 1 February 2024
	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 3 years, including the first contract period.

Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC3 step 1
	The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately EUR 1820 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.
	More information about conditions of employment is available here.
Place of work	To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Director(s)	Prof. Giorgio Riello
Project details	CAPASIA. The Asian Origins of Global Capitalism: European Factories in the Indian Ocean, 1500-1800.

In the present age of deindustrialization of the West, the origins and evolution of global capitalism matter, CAPASIA offers a new global history of the origins of modern capitalism that brings into striking view the significance of Asian ports, where the Portuguese, as well as the Dutch, English, French, and other European East India companies operated in the early modern period (1500-1800). Well before the rise of 20th-century Special Economic Zones and world financial centres, the ports of maritime Asia were areas of global trade and nodes of intense economic dynamism. Today 'factories' are places of industrial production, but they owe their name to these pre-modern Asian trading ports – European controlled commercial hubs headed by company servants called 'factors'. Factories were places where commodities for intercontinental trade were assembled, stored and shipped. CAPASIA establishes a new spatial theory of capitalist development through an investigation of the genesis, evolution, activities, and connections of over 150 small and large factories, asking: what kind of economic activities were carried out in these Asian trading centres? What were the interactive roles of European and local merchants? Over its 5-year duration, CAPASIA's integration and analysis of the large archival repositories of the different European East India companies and Asian archives will be the basis for complementing and challenging the current Atlantic plantation-based interpretations of capitalism, and for the 'decolonization' of that same history. The project maps the intercontinental movement of goods, people and information across an 'archipelago' of Asian ports. Working with collaborators from across the globe, CAPASIA's ambition is to recast the narrative of global economic change and capitalism by incorporating both Asian and European economic actors, and their interactions, in the space of the still understudied factories of the Indian Ocean.

Job description	The Project Assistant will provide organisational and logistical support to the Director of the project.

Main tasks include:

- providing support in the field of digital history;
- supporting the CAPASIA team in engaging with digital history methods that can improve their daily research work;
- supporting and advising on the implementation of dissemination activities online, on both conceptual and technical level;
- contributing to connecting CAPASIA's research with the most recent trends in digital history projects;
- supporting the CAPASIA team in the management of the project website and virtual research environment;
- advising the CAPASIA team on digital tools to be used for online exhibitions;
- advising the CAPASIA team on digital history tools to visualize the project results through online interactive maps;
- implementing digital history solutions to facilitate the CAPASIA team's daily research (eg. image recognition tools for automated database creation, tools for automated document search);
- solving technical issues related to the project's virtual research environment and research website;
- advising the CAPASIA team on best practices in the use of both tools;
- exploring the possibilities of the CAPASIA project in contributing to the expanding public debate on digital history, with specific reference to the economic history/history of capitalism field.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:
- MA or equivalent in History or in related fields;
- At least 2 years work experience in the field of digital history and digital humanities;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the main computer languages and web development techniques, software development skills;
- Proven familiarity with academic debates and methods in the History field, attested by university studies
- Excellent writing and presentation skills, evidenced by previous research/work experience;
- Proven ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Desirable:
- Demonstrated familiarity with working with digitalisation of historical sources;
- Proven ability to work in an international and highly competitive environment

Languages

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

Deadline	The closing date for applications is **23 November 2023** at midnight (Florence time)
Contact details	For more information contact Fabrizio Borchi (**fabrizio.borchi@eui.eu**)
How to apply	Fill in the online application form and upload documents as requested

Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy (President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI).

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