



The EUI has an open vacancy for a  
**Research Fellow in the**

# **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 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.

## Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	2 years. Start date negotiable: 1 September 2023 or earlier
	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.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: CDR3, step 1
	The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3,560 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 Liesbet Hooghe

**Project details**

**TRANSNATIONAL** seeks to explain the intensity of political polarization in Western societies. It will combine insights from political cleavage theory with those on identity theory and social networks to examine transnational polarization through surveys, natural experiments, and interviews. The research is funded by a five-year advanced ERC grant to Liesbet Hooghe which started in January 2021. The project leaders are Liesbet Hooghe and Gary Marks.

**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:

- Conducting research on the causes/consequences of the contemporary political divide in western societies;
- Producing papers on the themes of TRANSNATIONAL;
- Representing TRANSNATIONAL at international conferences;
- Collaborating with other team members on survey research;
- Providing support for dissemination activities.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- PhD in Political Sciences or related field (also including Ph.D. students about to defend their thesis, conditional on the successful defense by the contract start date);
- Strong publication track records;
- Demonstrated experience with quantitative methods;
- Strong communication and organizational skills acquired through previous experience.

**Desirable:**

- Proven track record of collaboration (e.g. prior collaborative research work, co-authored papers).

**Languages**

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

## How to apply

<b>Deadline</b>	The closing date for applications is <b>31 March 2023</b> at midnight (Florence time)
<b>Contact details</b>	For more information contact Joanna Wielgo, <a href="mailto:joanna.wielgo@eui.eu">joanna.wielgo@eui.eu</a>
<b>How to apply</b>	Fill in the <a href="#">online application form</a> and upload documents as requested:  CV, names of two academic referees, motivation letter, 2-page statement summarizing your research plans, up to two papers/publications.