



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant 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

Contract type

Flexible working time. From part-time (15/30, 20 hours/week) to full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week).

Length of contract

Start date: 16.06.2023 or soon after this date until 31.10.2023

This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service 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 2.240,00 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 and on the assumption of a potential 32 hours-work per week)

About the project

Project Director(s)	Professor Simone Tholens and RSCAS Director Erik Jones
Project details	The Co.Co.Co-Lebanon research project focuses on the processes and effects of ad hoc coordination among security assistance providers in Lebanon. It explores the extent to which efforts to coordinate support to a variety of Lebanese security agencies in the field of border management produce effective and legitimate security systems. In particular, it will consider the way in which ad hoc coordination mechanisms impacts on domestic competition between security agencies over resources, access and influence; and the extent to which coordination initiatives are seen as enhancing the public's trust in individual security agencies, and in the state's ability to provide security for its citizens more generally.
Job description	The research assistant will provide research assistance to Project Director(s) of the project. The main tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting qualitative data in the form of in situ interviews in Lebanon; • Writing and publishing jointly with the Principle Investigator; • Contributing to the dissemination of research findings; • Providing project support, in the form of participation in project events, regular coordination with the PI and organisation of project activities.

Qualifications and experience

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Desirable:

- Previous research experience on Lebanon, especially on border issues;
- Demonstrated ability to work with survey analysis software platform

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of Arabic constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **11 May 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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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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