



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 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.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time, 30/30 (40 hours/week)
Length of contract	2.5 years, start date 1 April 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: 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 .

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Martin Ruhs

Project details

PRIME, funded by HorizonEurope, April 2023 – March 2026

PRIME is a new international research and policy project that will provide a new comparative institutional approach to understanding the conditions and vulnerabilities of irregular migrants in Europe. Understanding ‘irregularity’ as a complex, gendered status it will conduct large-scale surveys, structured policy analysis, and qualitative interviews with irregular migrants, employers, policy actors, interest groups and voters across eight European countries. PRIME will examine the inevitable goal conflicts that arise in policy-making toward irregular migrants, and propose strategies for how they may be best managed across different institutional settings to enable more effective policy-making that benefits both migrants and host communities.

Led by the MPC, the PRIME consortium will include six other research institutions across Europe. It will conduct interviews and surveys in Austria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Spain, Sweden, and the UK, covering migrant workers employed in four sectors (agriculture and food processing, social care, waste management, and restaurants). PRIME’s analyses will be multi-disciplinary, drawing on economics, politics, law, sociology, and political philosophy.

Job description

The Research Fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project, with focus on the rights of (irregular) migrant workers in Europe and, more broadly, in comparative institutional approaches to the analysis of social and public policies. Main tasks include:

- Co-authoring a theoretical paper on the institutional context of the conditions of irregular migrants in Europe;
- Leading and co-authoring a paper with comparative legal analyses of irregular migrants’ access to social and labour protections across EU Member States;
- Contributing to the development of the methodological approach to PRIME’s qualitative interviews with key economic and political actors, including design of interviews and survey questionnaires;
- Leading and writing a paper with comparative (cross-country) analysis of the interests of economic and political actors *vis-à-vis* irregular migrants, based on qualitative interviews across five European countries;
- Contributing to other research, policy engagement and dissemination tasks of PRIME as required;
- Participating in regular PRIME and MPC events and activities, including engagement with a range of policy stakeholders.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in Social Policy or Political Science (also including Ph.D. students about to defend their thesis, conditional on the successful defense by the contract start date);
- Proven expertise, formal training, and experience in comparative legal analyses;
- Demonstrated knowledge of comparative institutional approaches to analysing public policies;
- Proven knowledge of theories relevant to the role of rights in shaping public policies;
- Proven experience with designing, conducting and analysing qualitative interviews with policy elites (incl. trade unions, employer associations and government officials) in different European countries;
- Proven experience with cross-country analysis of the legal rights of irregular migrant workers;
- Excellent team-working and communications skills acquired through previous experience.

Desirable:

- Relevant publications in a related field.
- Demonstrated direct experience with policy-making processes in practice.
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Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **13 February 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:

- Cover letter (2 pages max);
- CV (4 pages max);
- One relevant publication, if applicable.