



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Fellow in the

Department of Political and Social Sciences

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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 Department of Political and Social Sciences (SPS) is one of Europe's leading centers for research on comparative politics, political behaviour and political sociology, the sociology of inequality, analytic sociology, and international relations and security. The SPS Department's main research interest is in the interplay of institutional dynamics with micro behaviour, focusing on contemporary challenges facing European politics and societies.

Employment details

Contract type	Part-time 15/30 (20 hours/ week)
Length of contract	7 months. Start date 1 April 2023
Salary indication and grade	<p>Grade: CDR3 step 1</p> <p>The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1,780 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.</p> <p>More information about conditions of employment is available here.</p>
Place of work	To be agreed with Project Director. Salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy.

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Anton Hemerijck

Project details

Social Investment Post Covid-19 Recovery Reform. The EU swift intervention to support national welfare states in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic has been widely praised as a proof of cross-national solidarity. While the jury is still out on a definite EU endorsement of inclusive and capacitating welfare provisions, the recently launched Recovery and Resilience Facility has placed the EU in the driving seat of national reform agendas for the years to come. The purpose of this project is thus to assess the extent to which this opportunity will be seized by the EU to foster a process of welfare state recalibration towards social investment.

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:

- Monitoring the implementation of the social reforms and investments in the National Recovery and Resilience Plans (NRRPs) by using qualitative comparative analysis and process tracing methods;
- Seeking out policy complementarities between the social policy functions of stocks, flows and buffers, by researching on legislative texts and regulations and field-work elite interviews.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential

- PhD in Political Science/Public policy/European Studies or related field (also including Ph.D. students about to defend their thesis, conditional on the successful defense by the contract start date);
- Proven expertise in at least one of these methods: process tracing, QCA, and (optional) quantitative analysis of electoral/partisan data.

Desirable

- Specialisation/proven interest in the field of politics behind (social) reforms;

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **10 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