The EUI has two open vacancies for two

Research Assistants in the

Department of Political and Social Sciences

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 centres for research on comparative politics, political behaviour and political sociology, the sociology of inequality, analytic sociology, and international relations and security and is European and international in character.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time post (30/30, 40 hours/week) and part-time post 50% (15/30, 20 hours/week) (negotiable)
Length of contract	1 year, start date 16 January 2024 (with flexibility)
	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 56 months, including the first contract period.
Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC1e step 1
	The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2.160 Euro (full-time employment) and 1.060 Euro (part-time employment), plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here.](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 Elias Dinas

Project details

The Post-Authoritarian Norms and the Ideological Legacy of Dictatorships (POSTNORM) project started in September 2023 and will last five years.

The research team aims to unpack the ways in which past authoritarian regimes affect the hearts and minds of citizens and political elites, upon democratic transition. The idea here is to examine how the ideological associations with the old (authoritarian) regime serve as a focal point for norms about what are appropriate political positions for voters and parties, and what are not. We will search into ways to shed light on this process by disentangling private from revealed preferences. The project consists of two packages, the first looking at public opinion through survey experiments and the second looking at both semantic and programmatic choices made by political elites. The major challenge in the first package will be to innovate in detecting the role of social pressure and beliefs about appropriateness in the expression of political preferences. The major challenge in the second package is to innovate in the usage of political text as a way of looking at how elites respond to the presence of such political norms.

Job description

The Research Assistants will provide research support to project. Main tasks shall include:

- Supporting the creation of a dataset of political parties over time;
- Supporting statistical analyses, based on the avove-mentioned dataset;
- Co-organizing a survey with independent coders, again based on the above-mentioned dataset
- Supporting other on-going projects, helping either with data collection or with data analysis.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:
- BA in political science or other related degree in social science;
- Proven knowledge of statistics and statistical programming;
- Demonstrated ability to learn statistical programming in order to implement a variety of text-as-data analyses.

Desirable:
- Masters' degree in political science or other related degree in social science

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

How to apply

Deadline	The closing date for applications is **31 October 2023** at midnight (Florence time)
Contact details	For more information contact Manuela Corsini ([manuela.corsini@eui.eu])
How to apply	Fill in the [online application form] and upload documents as requested.

Please submit in one single pdf document:

- An **application letter** describing motivation and qualifications related to the position and the project
- **CV** and contact details of 2 referees.

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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