



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 interdisciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1993 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments of Economics, History and Civilizations, Law, and Social and Political Science, with the goal of developing cutting-edge, academic research and using that research to engage with a wide variety of stakeholders in the public and private sector.

The results of the Centre's research often become policy output in the form of publications and public events, where academics, policy-makers, members of civil society, and representatives of business exchange knowledge and build solutions to face the challenges of our time. In doing so, the Centre provides opportunities for younger scholars and established researchers to participate in a sustained dialogue with the world of practice. This problem-centred research agenda is necessarily thematic and interdisciplinary. It also extends beyond the traditional domain of the four disciplinary departments in ways that connect with other centres of excellence in Europe and globally.

Employment details

Contract type

Part-time 50 % (15/30, 20 hours/week)

Length of contract

1 year, start date 16/10/2024 or soon thereafter

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 1550€ 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)

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Raffaella Del Sarto

Project details

[The Global Governance Programme](#) (GGP) is one of the flagship programmes of the Robert Schuman Centre. It was launched in 2010 in response to a growing need for global governance in an ever more interconnected and multipolar world. Since then, it focuses on broad interdisciplinary themes and on the many cross-cutting issues related to globalisation by advancing research and promoting multi-stakeholder dialogues.

As an emerging field within the Global Governance Programme, the Mediterranean and Middle East research area focuses on key political, socio-economic, and security dynamics in the Mediterranean and Middle East. It is interested in questions of regional order, the region's embeddedness in developments at the trans-regional and global level, and, more broadly, its international relations, including with the European 'neighbour'. The Mediterranean and Middle East research area strives to combine highly innovative empirical research with theoretical and conceptual insights from political science, international relations, sociology, history, political economy, and international law.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Director of the Mediterranean and Middle East research area.

Main tasks include:

- Contributing to data collection on socio-economic and political developments in the field of Middle East Studies / Mediterranean Studies;
- Conducting systematic analysis of relevant literature and documents and carrying out scientific research in these fields;
- Assisting in the development of research proposals and applications for external funding;
- Conducting fundraising initiatives in collaboration with the Project Manager towards the public and private sectors;
- Actively supporting the project director and collaborating in conducting research projects and other activities;
- Assisting in the scientific and technical organisation of seminars and workshops;

- Collaborating in drafting reports, policy briefs and other relevant publications such as working papers, book chapters and online content.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA in Middle East Studies, political science, international relations, or related fields;
- Demonstrated knowledge of the history and politics of the Middle East;
- Proven academic research experience and writing skills.

Desirable:

- PhD or close to completing a PhD in Middle East Studies, political science, international relations, or related fields;
- Proven experience in fundraising and/or assistance in the management of research projects;
- Demonstrated knowledge of one of the languages spoken in the Middle East (Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish, Farsi) and/or French and/or another language spoken in southern Europe.

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 **01 August 2024** 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

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