



The EUI has three open vacancies for

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.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	<p>12 months. Start date: 1 July 2025. The contract duration is linked to the project duration, which ends on 30 June 2026.</p> <p>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.</p>
Salary indication and grade	<p>Grade: ASTAC1e step 1</p> <p>The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately € 2,150 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.</p>

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Directors

Prof. Liesbet Hooghe and Prof. Gary Marks

Project details

[TRANSNATIONAL](#) seeks to explain polarization in Western societies on immigration, international governance, and climate change. One side embraces open societies, cultural diversity, and international governance; the other considers these as a threat to their national community and their way of life. It will combine insights from political cleavage theory with those on identity theory and social networks to examine transnational polarization through surveys, natural experiments and interviews. The research is funded by a five-year advanced ERC grant to Liesbet Hooghe which started in January 2021.

Job description

The Research Assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Conducting research on the causes/consequences of the contemporary political divide in western societies;
- Collaborating in drafting papers on the subject of the project;
- Collaborating in data collection, data analysis, experimental research where agreed with the team leaders;
- Supporting the dissemination of the research findings of the team, e.g. through workshop or conference presentations, invited talks, blogs, social media presence;
- Participating in events organised by the TRANSNATIONAL research team;
- Assisting with regular ERC or RSC reporting.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Bachelor of Arts in political science or related field;
- Proven knowledge of advanced methods including observational statistical research, or experimental field or survey research, demonstrated in a significant piece of research;
- Proven knowledge of the state of the field in comparative political behaviour, demonstrated by having published research in a peer-reviewed journal.

Desirable:

- Master of Arts in political science or related field;

- Proven experience in designing and conducting a research project independently;
- Two years of demonstrated scholarly experience in the subfields of American politics or comparative politics, demonstrated by a publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

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 **16 April 2025** 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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