

Ernst B. Haas Chair

The Ernst B. Haas Chair will be expected to lead, shape, and implement an inspiring academic research agenda within the European Governance and Politics Programme (EGPP) to promote understanding of the challenges to European governance and the future of integration as they will shape the wider European project.

In line with the [RSCAS Strategic Plan \(2026-2030\)](#), their research agenda should also touch on one or more of the major themes in current debates reflecting EU's positioning in the changing world order. The research agenda would further be expected to contribute to the 'reimagination of Europe' as set out in the [EUI Strategy 2026-2031](#).

The Chair holder should come from the social sciences or the humanities and should be able to lead an interdisciplinary team.

In line with the December 2024 [Vision of a future EUI](#), the successful candidate will have a strong research record, a demonstrated excellence in exploring the many facets of contemporary European governance and integration, and a proven capability to communicate with a broader audience. They should also have experience engaging with stakeholders outside academia.

As Ernst B. Haas Chair holder, the successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the achievement of the goals set out in the EUI Strategy for 2026-2031 by collaborating with the relevant departments and to contributing to their research and training activities (e.g., by contributing to seminars or providing secondary supervision for a limited number of doctoral researchers). They will also be responsible, with the support of the Global Governance Programme, for the growth and development of the EGPP, including through the mobilisation of external funding and the mentoring of early-stage researchers.

The EUI is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to descriptive, intellectual, and institutional diversity. We find such diversity to be a source of enrichment and strongly encourage applications from the most diverse pool of candidates.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide major input in research, supervision and administration, including:

Research:

- To develop and lead research in the fields mentioned in the profile, specifically challenges to European governance and the future of integration as they will shape the wider European project;
- To promote the integration of their research with other research interests within the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies; as well as interdisciplinary research with the other Departments and Centres of the EUI;
- To maintain a high national and international profile of publications in books and in internationally recognised journals, with an interest in contributing to the intellectual and public life of the EUI;
- To acquire research funding on an individual basis and in collaboration with others.

Supervision and mentoring:

- To provide high-quality doctoral co-supervision for a limited number of PhD researchers;
- Fostering an intellectually stimulating and inclusive research environment at the EUI;
- To mentor early-stage researchers, including Max Weber and Jean Monnet Fellows, contributing to their academic and professional development.

Administration:

- To make a significant contribution to the promotion of the EUI, and to contribute to the transition of EUI researchers into professional life, especially in academic careers;
- Serve on appropriate institutional committees, and to contribute fully to the general life the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and the EUI;
- To contribute to an inclusive and diverse institutional culture at the Robert Schuman Centre and the EUI.

Working at the European University Institute

The European University Institute (EUI) is an international organisation created by treaty in 1972; it opened its doors to its first 70 researchers in 1976. The EUI has grown to incorporate academics from across the globe, spanning borders and staying true to its mission of the 1970s: to 'foster the advancement of learning in fields which are of particular interest for the development of Europe'. The EUI has 24 Contracting States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. The EUI is funded by its 24 Contracting States, the European Union (Erasmus+), and its own revenue, drawn from competitive research funding, partnerships with public and private actors, and executive education.

The EUI consists of four academic departments - [Economics](#), [History and Civilisation, Law](#), and [Political and Social Sciences](#) – and two academic units: [the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies](#); and [Florence School of Transnational Governance](#).

In line with the EUI's [2026–2031 Strategy](#), the EUI fosters academic excellence, interdisciplinary collaboration and engagement with major societal and European challenges across all its departments and academic units.

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

The Robert Schuman Centre was created in 1992 as a centre for interdisciplinary research on contemporary challenges of European integration. The Centre now conducts theoretical, normative, analytical and applied policy research in a number of domains, drawing on the disciplines present at the EUI. Professor Erik Jones has directed the Centre since September 2021.

The Centre consists of full-time professors, faculty members holding joint chairs with departments, part-time professors, research fellows and academic assistants, and professional staff. In addition, the Centre hosts post-doctoral fellows and visiting fellows. The RSCAS also hosts ERC grant holders and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellows. As of June 2026, approximately 360 people are affiliated with the Centre. A list of current faculty of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies can be found at [People](#).

The Centre runs an extensive conference programme, and publishes (mainly on-line) research working papers, policy papers, research reports, and several research tools. Many of its research activities are organised in special programmes or units, including the Florence School of Regulation, (covering the areas of Energy, Communication and Media, Transport, Water and Climate), the Migration Policy Centre, the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, the Florence School of Banking and Finance.

Further details about the RSCAS can be found on [Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies \(eui.eu\)](#)

Conditions of employment – salary – benefits

The European University Institute is an equal opportunity employer.

Full-time professors at the EUI are appointed on a five-year contract with possibility of renewal for further three years. Under certain conditions, a professorial contract may be extended up to a maximum of twelve years.

In addition to a competitive salary, the EUI offers an attractive benefits package, including family allowances and a generous severance grant.

In particular, the amount of take-home salary varies and depends on seniority, eligibility to expatriation, household, dependent children and other allowances.

Under the terms of the Convention establishing the EUI, professors are exempt from income tax on their salary paid by the EUI anywhere in the Contracting States. In lieu of national taxes, a deduction is carried out by the EUI. It might be taxed if you are not a national of an EUI contracting state.

Summary of Conditions of Employment and Benefits

- Expatriation or foreign residence allowance of 16% or 4%, depending on circumstances;
- Household allowance;
- Dependent child allowance;
- Pre-school allowance (for children aged less than 6);
- Education allowance (for children up to the age of 26 in educational or vocational training);
- Possibility to opt for the EUI's social security scheme for the risks of sickness, maternity, accident and occupational disease, invalidity. The health insurance administered by the EU Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS) for the contract holder and dependent family. An average of 80% of medical expenses may be reimbursed upon presentation of invoices and/or upon prior authorisation;
- Possibility either to opt for the EUI's social security scheme for the risks of invalidity, death and old age/severance, or for a payment to be made into a national or private social security fund. In the former case, 10,25% of an EUI professor's salary is withheld monthly; twice this amount is contributed by the EUI. Upon departure a generous severance grant, corresponding to approx. 30% of the aggregate of the basic salary is paid.
- Installation and resettlement allowance upon entry and termination of service;
- Reimbursement of removal costs upon entry/termination of service, if applicable, up to a maximum equivalent of a monthly basic salary;
- Travel expenses upon entry/termination of service;
- Annual flat-rate payment of travel expenses based on distance from Florence to the place of origin, if entitled to expatriation or foreign residence allowance;
- Other benefits which may apply.

There are no citizenship requirements for faculty members. Professors are expected to be fluent in English and have a working knowledge of at least one other EU language. Teaching is mostly done in English. PhD theses and seminar papers are mainly written in English, but may also be written in French, German, Spanish, Italian or other European languages.

The Human Resources Service is available to provide more information based on the actual family situation of the short-listed candidates.

The recruitment procedure at the EUI

The rules governing the selection procedure of full-time Professors are laid down in Annex III the Conditions of Employment of the Teaching Staff of the EUI ([CETS](#)).

When a chair is vacant, the Academic Unit submits a profile for the chair to be filled to the Academic Council, which sets up the Selection Board.

The Selection Board is composed of professors from the EUI, external experts, the President of the EUI or their delegate (consultative voice with no vote) and a representative of the researcher students (consultative voice with no vote). The Human Resources Service is in charge of administering the recruitment process.

According to the Annex III of Conditions of Employment of the Teaching Staff of the EUI, the Selection Board shall:

- assess how well the academic curriculum and experience of candidates fit the profile of the post to be filled;
- take candidates' publications into consideration;
- assess candidates' suitability to fit in the Department's and the EUI's work programme in consultation with the Department;
- assess the interest to the EUI of research planned by candidates.

In the shortlisting process, the Board members first assess the eligibility and the suitability to the advertised profile of the applications submitted. In a second step, after consensus has been reached in the Selection Board regarding the first step, the Selection Board discusses the candidates that fulfil the criteria, and in a comparative evaluation, taking into account the needs of the hosting academic unit regarding the position, sets up the final shortlist.

Having set up a shortlist, the Selection Board subsequently interviews the shortlisted candidates and submits a recommendation of one or more candidates to be appointed.

The Selection Board's recommendation is transmitted to the Academic Council, which acts as a sovereign body for appointments.

Tentative schedule for the present procedure

The schedule we would like to adhere to is the following:

- shortlisting decisions should be made by mid-December 2026;
- presentations and interviews will take place on 25 and 26 January 2027 respectively. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview, and asked to present a recent piece of research (published or unpublished) that relates to the research programme proposed in their application and that they plan to further develop over the next five years within the framework of the European Governance and Politics Programme;
- the Selection Board's proposal will be submitted to the first available Academic Council;
- the successful candidate is expected to commence in September 2027 or as soon thereafter as can be satisfactorily arranged.

Application file

Your file should contain the following elements.

- 1) **Application form** (to be filled in [online](#)) in which you are invited to provide your personal data, and to indicate two “**signature publications**” which you consider most representative of your work, one of them an article and the other one either a monograph or an article. Normally they should be single-authored. If you submit jointly authored work, please specify the contribution of each co-author. Please provide the full bibliographic citation and if available, also a link to the publication.

Please submit **four** names of possible **referees** whom the EUI contacts. The referees should not include members of the EUI professorial staff. Please provide the names and e-mail addresses of referees who know you in both your teaching and research functions.

The Selection Board consult other external experts for its deliberations.

Attach the following documents as PDF files to the online application form:

- 2) **Cover letter**
- 3) **CV:** Please present a **short** CV of maximum 5 pages including education, professional experience, prizes and other major achievements
- 4) **List of publications:** Please present a list of your books, contributions to books, journal articles, and other relevant publications
- 5) **Research project:** The research project should be designed to cover a five-year contract duration and correspond to the profile. It should specify the objectives and scope of the project and give indications on the background, especially how it relates to work you have already undertaken and published. It should also give some preliminary indications about the methodology you intend to follow in exploring the proposed hypotheses or theories; indications as to the empirical components and sources; management of the research especially its organisation and the possible running of a research team. It should also include some preliminary indications on the type of outcome you have in mind. The project should preferably be written in English, and have a length of up to 2000 words.

The proposal should also meet the requirements established by the [EUI Guidelines for the Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence for Research](#).

In particular, candidates should refrain from having Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) autonomously write substantial or integral parts of the documents. When using AI to produce novel content, they must acknowledge and reference the parts of the content that have been AI-generated.

Formal applications should be submitted [online](#) by **2 November 2026** at midnight (CEST). For any queries about the application procedure, you may contact applypro@eui.eu.

Practical information about life in Florence

Learning Italian

The EUI's [Centre for Academic Literacies and Languages \(CALL\)](#) offers intensive Italian courses in September and less intensive courses throughout the year. Some other European languages are also taught.

There are several private language schools in Florence as well.

Housing

Rents are very variable, likely figures for Florence and its immediate surroundings are € 700-900 for a studio, € 900-1200 for a one-bedroom flat, and from € 1200/1300 for a two-bedroom flat. Larger flats with three or four bedrooms run from € 2500, depending on size and location.

The Real Estate and Facilities Service has a Housing Office through which you can be offered accommodation at the EUI flats

[EUI Residential Accommodation • European University Institute.](#)

Accommodations on the private market are instead offered by Florence Housing Service - the Real Estate Agency which offers free service exclusively for the EUI members.

For more information you may consult [EUI4U Housing Service • European University Institute.](#)

Daycare and Schools

The EUI has a [Crèche](#) which provides preschool childcare.

In addition to private and public Italian schools there are amongst others a French, an International School and a Canadian School in Florence:

The French School offers a programme that goes from Maternelle to Terminale, a good programme that many at the EUI take advantage of. Further information is available at [Lycée Victor Hugo - Un établissement de la Mission laïque française \(vhugo.eu\).](#)

The International School of Florence (ISF) offers an elementary through to high-school programme in English. Places should be reserved as soon as possible and are expensive. The high school offers the International Baccalaureate, which is recognised for university entrance throughout the world. Its American high school diploma is also recognised by the Italian government as equivalent to that of a *liceo linguistico*. Further information: [The International School of Florence \(isfitaly.org\).](#)

The Canadian School of Florence is an international school that promotes global education in an international environment, and offers programmes from Kindergarten to Senior School: [Home - Canadian School of Florence \(csflorence.it\).](#)

More detailed information about day care and schools is available in our website at:

[About the Crèche • European University Institute](#)
[Nurseries, Preschools, Schools • European University Institute.](#)

Potential applicants requiring information beyond that contained in these further particulars are welcome to contact the Human Resources Service (applypro@eui.eu).