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Vacant chairs at the European University Institute

CHAIR IN TWENTIETH CENTURY EUROPEAN CULTURAL AND/OR SOCIAL HISTORY (HEC6)

Please find attached an information pack about the Institute and a note from the Head of the Department setting out further particulars for chair holders in the Department.

Your application should contain the following documents:

- Your **curriculum vitae**
- An **application form**, to be completed and returned to us, in which you are invited to provide us with your personal data, the names of four referees, and to list 3-5 of your publications you consider most relevant to the post for which you are applying.
- A short **research proposal** which outlines the research you plan to undertake during the first five years were you to be appointed at the Institute. It should give a clear picture of research you want to develop and its relevance for Department's programme and profile. Financial statement is not required, but if you have potential external resources for the funding of the project, they can be mentioned. The research proposal is expected to be of approximately 4 – 5 pages of length.

Please submit your application documents in one of the working languages of the Department, which are English and French.

The Academic Service assures the strict confidentiality of the application procedure. The deadline for receipt of applications is **15 September 2006**.

Further and more up-to-date information about the Institute can be gathered from our website: <http://www.iue.it>.

We thank you for your interest in the European University Institute and wish you every success with your application.

NB: We accept electronic applications, and in fact welcome them. The e-mail address is ***applypro@iue.it***.

Please do **not** send us your publications; in the event, they may not be returned to you.

Yours sincerely,

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Job description for the vacant chair

Chair in Twentieth Century European Cultural and/or Social History (HEC6)

The History Department seeks a specialist in Twentieth Century European Cultural and/or Social History. It is looking for a scholar who works across a wide range of European countries and who is well versed in comparative and transnational approaches. The chair will become available in January 2007.

Candidates must have experience in doctoral supervision, as well as strong academic publications records.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate actively in the Department's and the Institute's research, teaching and management, as follows:

Research:

- To develop and lead research in the fields mentioned in the profile;
- To promote the integration of his/her research with other research interests within the Department 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;

Teaching:

- To teach effectively postgraduate students both in departmental and research seminars;
- To provide high quality doctoral supervision and attract research students to the EUI.

Management:

- To make a significant contribution to the promotion of the EUI in his/her country's academic community, and to contribute to the insertion of EUI alumni in professional life, especially in academic careers;
- To make the best use of his/her research budget and try to complement it with outside funding;

- To provide support for the Head of Department, amongst others by serving on appropriate Committees, and to contribute fully to the general life of the Department and the Institute;
- To contribute to the promotion of cultural diversity in the Department and the EUI.

Working in the European University Institute

The European University Institute is a postgraduate research institute set up in 1976 by the Member States of the European Union. It is not an institution of the European Union, however. Rather, it is an international treaty organisation in its own right, funded directly by the signatory states.

The EUI consists of four academic departments - Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences - and an interdisciplinary centre - the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies - supported by administrative, computing and library staff. The research students of the EUI are drawn mainly from the graduates of universities in the Member States, though some students come from neighbouring East European and Mediterranean countries, and a small number of students from outside Europe.

In order to work effectively we all have to be fluent in English and at least one other EU language. *Une bonne compréhension du français écrit et parlé est également nécessaire du fait que beaucoup de nos réunions ont lieu en anglais et français, chacun utilisant la langue dans laquelle il se sent le plus à l'aise. Essendo l'italiano la lingua del paese dove viviamo e lavoriamo, è utile che i professori dell'Istituto abbiano almeno una conoscenza elementare di questa lingua.* Teaching is done mainly in English, but a number of seminars are also held in French and some sessions are held in Italian. Our students are interested in increasing the range of languages in which seminars are offered. Theses and seminar papers are usually written in English or in French, but a number of them are written in German, Spanish or Italian, some in other European languages if the supervisor reads them. As a matter of fact, all European Union official languages are also EUI official languages, although English, French and Italian (for administration mainly currently) are used as working languages.

Moreover, we all have to take into account that our students come not only from all the EU member states, but also from other European countries as well and also from overseas. This means that their education is mainly based on single language studies and culture. Therefore, a good awareness of and a sensitivity to differences in national academic traditions are useful in order to teach and supervise effectively. Cultural differences also emerge in all academic matters, of content and substance. They are elements that make the EUI a place that is both attractive and not always easy to cope with.

The Department of History and Civilization

The Department of History and Civilisation focuses on the history of Europe from the 15th century to the present. It is bound together by a common endeavour to rethink the

history of Europe, encompassing also its Mediterranean and its eastern peripheries. It strives to see the history of the continent not as the sum of the histories of its nation states and empires, but as a dynamic and shifting balance between larger, universalizing institutions and ideas and particularistic institutions and practices. The department is committed to the promotion of interdisciplinary, comparative and transnational studies of European history. The history of Europe is studied in terms of comparisons with other of the world's regions and cultures, and through its interaction with the world's other societies and cultures. Through its connections with the other departments of the EUI, the department promotes a close dialogue between History as a discipline and the other Social Sciences. It seeks to relate research on the past to current contemporary preoccupations. The department is committed to the promotion of innovation as regards historiographical and methodological practices.

The department aims to achieve a full integration in its programme of all professors, all researchers, together with the Max Weber postdoctoral fellows, and visiting scholars. All these scholars, coming from a diversity of different intellectual traditions, contribute to the rich diversity and plurality of approaches in the department, and act as a stimulus to new thinking. The department comprises of twelve full professors. The department has 5 main areas of research and teaching:

- Europe and the World in the Early Modern and Modern Era
- Social and Cultural History (16th-20th century)
- Intellectual History and the History of Science
- The development of industrial societies and modern political regimes
- International History and the History of European integration

The precise areas of expertise of the department are modified in response to its changing composition.

Faculty

- Giulia Calvi (Università di Siena)
- Diogo Ramada Curto (University of Lisbon)
- Giovanni Federico (Università di Pisa)
- Heinz-Gerhard Haupt (Universität Bielefeld)
- Anthony Molho (Brown University)
- Arfon Rees (University of Birmingham)
- Antonella Romano (CNRS Paris)
- Bo Stråth (Göteborgs Universitet)
- Martin Van Gelderen (University of Sussex)
- Pascaline Winand, (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- Bartolomé Yun Casalilla (University of Sevilla)

Teaching and Supervision

As we only have postgraduate students (generally referred to as researchers), our teaching takes the form of seminars (about one two-hour session a week), and advising. Recently, the Department restructured its curriculum. Experimentally for the coming years, we introduced a small number of broadly conceived seminars which first-year students are asked to take. In contrast to monographic, “research seminars,” these new seminars (called “departmental seminars”) have a broad, conceptual and diachronic focus such as "the history of the state", "Europe and the world", "European Economic history" and so on. Members of the faculty will take turns teaching these seminars. By contrast, research seminars are generally focussed on students’ and professors’ current research projects. All researchers are required to register for one Research Seminar for each semester. They should choose that seminar which most closely corresponds to their own particular research interest. In most cases this will be the Research Seminar organised by their supervisor. Attendance at these seminars is mandatory. Researchers, with the agreement of the professors concerned, may of course attend other research seminars other than those they are registered for.

Research

Apart from teaching and supervision, the major part of our work is devoted to research. Each professor receives funding for his/her research project(s), on a yearly basis and upon decision of our Research Council, which is composed of experts coming from academia and practice. Each professor normally receives a flat allocation of about 10.000 € a year upon presentation of a short description of his/her project. Supplementary funding may be obtained from the Research Council for seed money for innovative projects and for co-operative projects involving several professors. Research projects should have an international dimension. Although no guarantee can be offered on this point, EUI funding usually allows for the employment of a part-time assistant and for inviting to seminars and workshops outside experts.

In addition, professors are strongly encouraged to raise external funds as internal resources are often insufficient to cover all research costs.

At the time you apply for this position, you are requested to present a research project for the duration of about five years (which corresponds to one contract). This project will serve as a basis for discussion during your interview.

Administrative Duties

Normally, Departmental meetings are held monthly. One faculty member acts as Head of Department, and meets frequently with the Heads of other Departments and with the President of the Institute to prepare the monthly meeting of the Institute faculty, known as the Academic Council.

Professors also have the responsibility of judging applications for the doctoral programme and for post-doctoral fellowships. From time to time professors are expected to participate in committees to select new colleagues. Some colleagues serve on Institute-level committees, dealing with Library and Information Technology issues,

with Computing Services, with Admissions, etc. These committees do not occupy more than a very small part of professors' time.

Staff in the Department

The History and Civilization Department comprises at present twelve chairs. They are held by professors representing eight different nationalities, (one holds a joint appointment with the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies), a Departmental assistant and three secretaries. Each year the department has about 10 Max Weber post-doctoral fellows. These often work closely with an individual professor or group of professors. In addition, a number of scholars visit the Department each year for shorter periods, offering brief lecture courses in their fields of interest.

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 which may be renewed for further three years. Professors are frequently able to obtain extended leave from their home institutions.

Salary

The amount of take-home salary can vary and depends on seniority, eligibility to expatriation, household and dependent children allowances. Analysing the current composition of the teaching staff members, the average basic monthly salary is approximately Euro 8,800.

Additional benefits

The Institute covers moving expenses to and from Florence (up to a maximum equivalent of a monthly basic salary) in addition to a settlement allowance calculated on each individual family situation.

Faculty members and their families are entitled to a flat-rate payment of travelling expenses from Florence to the place of origin; the flat-rate payment is based on an allowance calculated on distance.

Faculty members at the Institute are covered by health insurance administered by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme of the European Communities Ispra Settlements Office. An average of 80% of medical or dental expenses is reimbursed upon presentation of invoices. Some treatment (dental braces, for example) requires authorisation in advance.

There is a generous educational allowance for school or university costs of Institute members' dependent children.

Currently 8,75 percent (increasing to 10,25% in 3 years' time) of an EUI professor's salary is withheld for a severance payment scheme; twice this amount is contributed by the Institute (total monthly contribution = presently 26,25 percent of base salary – 30,75% in three years time). This can be paid into a national or private retirement scheme, or into the Institute's plan. If the latter option is selected, the amount due is paid to the EUI member upon departure.

Under the terms of the treaty establishing the Institute, EUI professors are exempt from income tax on their salary paid by the Institute anywhere in the Contracting states. In lieu of national taxes, a deduction is carried out by the Institute..

Further details on all information contained in this note are available from the Personnel Service.

The recruitment procedure at the EUI

The selection procedure at the EUI has some specific features due to our character as an international (European) organisation, and to the fact that our faculty is based on medium-term appointments with a high level of turn over.

Procedure and organs involved

Final approval of the vacancy profile rests with the Research Council. When a Chair is vacant, the Department submits a profile for the Chair to the Academic Council, which, following the profile's approval, transmits it to the Research Council, which establishes the Selection Committee.

Several Committees and Councils are involved in our selection procedure, which is regulated by Decision n° 2/03 of the High Council of the EUI:

- the Department of History and Civilization (all professors of the Department)
- the Academic Council (all EUI professors and the President of the Institute)
- the Research Council (independent external experts in all fields covered by the EUI)
- the Selection Committee

When a chair is vacant, the Department submits a profile to the Academic Council for the chair to be filled, for approval by the Research Council, which sets up the Selection Committee.

The composition of the Selection Committee depends on the nature of the appointment (i.e. a committee for one chair only, joint committee for more than one chair, or committee for a joint chair Department/the RSCAS). The selection committee is composed of professors from the EUI, external experts appointed by the Research Council, the President of the EUI (consultative voice) and a representative of the researcher students (consultative voice). The composition of the Committee is kept confidential until the invitations for interviews are sent to shortlisted candidates. They will receive further information about the composition of the selection committee.

After publication of the vacancy and reception of applications, the Committee may either draw a short list of candidates to be interviewed or turn into a search Committee,

which happens whenever the number and/or quality of applications does not seem adequate.

A few weeks after having set up a shortlist, the Committee interviews the candidates and submits a recommendation of one or more candidates to be appointed.

The Committee's recommendation is transmitted to the Academic Council, which acts as a sovereign body for appointments. It does not vote on the recommendation immediately, but has one month at least (the interval between two of its meetings) to reflect upon the proposal.

At its meeting following the one where it has acknowledged the transmission of the Committee's report, the Academic Council votes on the recommendation. A recommended candidate is appointed if the majority (50%+1) of members present vote in favour, with a quorum of the majority of members of the Council.

Tentative schedule for the present procedure

In the case of the chair at present being advertised, the profile (in the advertised wording) has been approved by the Research Council in June 2006.

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

- shortlisting decisions should be made early October 2006;
- interviews are planned to take place **20 and 21 October**: shortlisted candidates will receive details of the procedure for the interviews, which are usually mainly based on the applicant's research projects;
- we plan to submit the proposal of the Selection Committee to the Academic Council of November 2006;

Application file

Your file should demonstrate how your application covers the job description above, and it should contain the following elements:

CV: Please present your CV to highlight all elements that are relevant to the profile and job description.

List of publications: Please highlight the publications that are relevant to the profile of the Chair you are applying for. A short summary report on your past and present publications and research linked to the profile would be helpful. Please do not send in publications unless asked for.

Referees: Applicants are requested to submit four names of possible referees whom the EUI may contact. The referees may not include members of the professorial staff of the EUI. Please try to give us the names of referees who know you in both your teaching and a research functions. E-mail addresses or fax numbers are essential in order to get a quick confidential reply.

Research project: Please take great care in presenting your research project(s), which should be designed to cover a five year contract and correspond to the profile. The Selection Committees always attach considerable importance to the quality of the proposals.

The project should preferably be written in English or French, and have a length of 1500 to 2500 words approximately.

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; guidelines; 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 give some preliminary indications on the type of outcome and the type of support for publication you have in mind.

Formal applications should arrive by **15 September 2006** and be addressed to the Head of Academic Service at the European University Institute, by e-mail (**applypro@iue.it**) or by post - Via dei Roccettini 9, I-50016 San Domenico di Fiesole (Fi).

Practical information about life in Florence

Learning Italian

The Institute's language service offers intensive Italian courses in September and less intensive courses throughout the year. Some other European languages are also taught. Florence has an abundance of private language schools.

Housing

Rents are very variable, likely figures for Florence and its immediate surroundings are: 750-1000 Euros for a one-bedroom flat and 1000-1300 Euros for a two-bedroom flat. Larger flats with three or four bedrooms run from 1300-1500 Euros, depending on size and location, and can rise to 2000-2500 Euros (villas or large luxury flats).

The Logistics Service has a Housing Office to help new faculty find suitable private accommodation. It gathers offers of private accommodation (houses, studios and rooms, generally furnished) within a radius of 10 to 12 kms from the Institute. The housing office can provide advice and language help with finding accommodation.

Where to live depends on taste, and you should acquire additional information from the Institute's Housing Office. There is much to be said for renting a casa colonica (farmhouse) in the countryside as this will ensure that you are in contact with the real Italy but it can, however, be somewhat isolated. Equally there is much to be said for living in Florence proper. There is an excellent public transportation system. Living in Florence has all the pluses and minuses of living in a medium-sized city.

Schools

For infants, there is a crèche run by the Institute near Villa Schifanoia. For young children (8 or below), the Italian system should be seriously considered if you intend to remain eight years in Florence. There is a menu of private and public Italian schools to choose from. Many State schools still have a 6-day week, which makes it tough to take weekend trips around Tuscany. Private schools are more likely to have a 5-day a week schedule. Details will vary from school to school, and your own reaction will depend on the national system that you use as a basis for comparison, but the general feeling is that in terms of quality the Italian system is satisfactory. Italian high schools (liceo) are differentiated by type (classico, scientifico, linguistico, others). They have the reputation of offering a traditional, i.e., rigorous but dry programme that gives good preparation for university.

A small French school offers a programme that goes from maternelle to quatrième included and apart from stopping at a critical age does offer a good programme that many at the Institute take advantage of. From troisième up, the liceo "Machiavelli-Capponi" has set up an international section in which some courses (like literature and history) are taught in French.

The American International School offers an elementary through to high-school programme in English. It is small (places should be reserved as soon as possible) and 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.

More detailed information about daycare and schools is available in our website at <http://www.iue.it/Servac/PracticalInformation/Children/>.

Potential applicants requiring information beyond that contained in these further particulars, or who would like to discuss the vacancies informally, are welcome to contact the Head of the Department, Prof. Arfon Rees (tel. +39 055 4685 257, fax: +39-055-4685203, e-mail: arfon.rees@iue.it).