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Advertisement for appointment of Research Assistant
Ref: **RSC 2/2007** (please quote in all correspondence)

Department:	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
Length of contract and % of full-time:	Initially for 7 months, possibly renewable . Half time. Starting date: as soon as possible. The monthly net stipend will be approx. € 1.290.
Director of project:	Prof. Stefano Bartolini; (coordinators: Dr. Valérie Amiraux and Dr. Alessandro Silj)
Title of project:	Research Centre on Muslim Minorities in Europe - MUSMINE

Job description:

MUSMINE is a Centre for the Study of Islam in Europe, put forth by the European University Institute in collaboration with the Consiglio italiano per le Scienze Sociali /Ethnobarometer. It aims to create *a permanent research and training centre on questions raised by the presence of Muslim minorities in Europe* that would serve as a meeting place and laboratory for experts and scholars in Europe currently addressing these questions. the Centre aims to establish itself as the reference point and information repository for work in this area, taking as its task the diffusion of data and information on the Muslim presence in Europe to a wide range of interested users (academics, the media, the political sphere, NGOs, and relevant institutions at the local, national and European level, etc.). Furthermore, the Centre would also seek to identify and assess emerging problems, and to stimulate research where information is lacking or incomplete. To these ends, the Centre's website will have a central role.

Under the supervision of the directors, the assistant will provide technical and scientific assistance by:
- designing, constructing and updating the webpage,
- helping in administrative organization of scientific meetings, creation of a mailing list of potential partners institutions and NGOS in the field of Muslim minorities in the EU,
- collecting all sorts of public sources related to the issues covered by the Centre,
- providing constructing advice in the starting phases of the project.

Qualifications:

The applicant must:
- have a degree in political science, sociology, law or history,
- have an interest in and a good understanding of issues related to Muslim minorities settled in the EU, ethnicity and migration questions,
- have strong computing skills, in particular for creating homepages and websites,
- be able to work in a multidisciplinary and multinational environment.

Languages:

Excellent written and oral communication in English, French, Italian. Additional linguistic skills would be an asset.

Applications, consisting of a cover letter and curriculum vitae, must be addressed to valerie.amiraux@eui.eu. The deadline for applications is **2 March 2007**.