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### European University Institute Professor Lucy Riall elected to prestigious British Academy fellowship

[Lucy Riall](#), European University Institute Professor of the History of Europe in the World has been made a Fellow of the prestigious British Academy for the humanities and social sciences.

**Professor Riall is among 76 distinguished scholars** to be elected to the fellowship in recognition of her work in the field of modern European history. These world-leading academics have been selected from universities across the UK and around the world.

Professor Riall joins the British Academy, a community of over 1400 of the leading minds that make up the UK's national academy for the humanities and social sciences. Current Fellows include the classicist Dame Mary Beard, the historian Sir Simon Schama and philosopher Baroness Onora O'Neill, while previous Fellows include Sir Winston Churchill, C.S Lewis, Seamus Heaney and Beatrice Webb.

As well as a fellowship, the British Academy is a funding body for research, nationally and internationally, and a forum for debate and engagement.

Professor Sir David Cannadine, President of the British Academy, said *"I am delighted to welcome this year's exceptionally talented new Fellows to the Academy. Including historians and economists, neuroscientists and legal theorists, they bring a vast range of expertise, insights and experience to our most distinguished fellowship"*.

**EUI President Renaud Dehousse** noted that Professor Riall's honour is *"a well-deserved tribute to her scholarship and a source of great pride to the EUI, the activities of which have always been enriched by leading British scholars"*.

In her reaction to the news, Professor Riall stated *"I am thrilled and honoured by the invitation to become a fellow of the British Academy. As an Irish-born, British-trained historian, and now based in Italy at the EUI, I also see this award as an opportunity to reinforce cultural links between Britain and Europe at this time of political uncertainty"*.

### About the European University Institute

The European University Institute is an international organisation set up in 1972 by the six founding member states of the then European Communities. As a Higher Education institution, its aim is to provide advanced academic training for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, and to foster research in fields of particular relevance for the development of Europe. With 23 contracting states, the Institute hosts around 1000 academic members in its departments of Economics, History, Law, and Political and Social Sciences; it is home to the Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies; the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies; the School of Transnational Governance; and the Historical Archives of the European Union.

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