

SEPTEMBER ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2026-27
Department of Political and Social Sciences

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TIME	PLACE	ACTIVITY DETAILS
Monday, 17 August 2026 - onwards		
09:00-17:00	EUI Flats, via Faentina 386	EUI Flats staff welcoming of new tenants who rented a room at PAB and PDM Florence Housing Service (FHS) is available to assist newcomers looking for housing on the private market in office BF 443 (Badia Fiesolana, Welcome Office) from 09:00-17:00
Tuesday 01/09/2026		
10:00-12:30	Badia, Lower Loggia	Welcome and Check-in of First-year SPS Researchers (ICT, Library, CALL, Psychological Support Service, and HAEU desks - Emeroteca and SR2)
14:00-14:45	Badia, Refectory	Introduction of the Dean of Graduate Studies and of Dr. Fatma Sayed, Academic Service Director , to the new Researchers
14:45-15:15	Badia, Lower Loggia	Coffee break with the office of the Dean
Wednesday 02/09/2026		
14:00-14:45	Badia, Refectory	Introduction to the Institute's Digital tools for new Researchers , by Martin Legner, ICT Service
15:00-17:00	Badia, Refectory	Intro session on Student Services (Academic Service introduction, Presentation on Psychological Support and Wellbeing Service, Info session on Health Insurance and CIGNA)
17:00-19:00	Badia, Church	Welcome by Prof. Patrizia Nanz, EUI President, and the Provosts followed by group photo and cocktail in Church Square with new Researchers, Fellows and STG-MA students
Thursday 03/09/2026		
09:15 -10:45	Badia, Refectory	Introduction to Library Resources for Research in Social and Political Sciences by Dr. Thomas Bourke (SPS Library Information Specialist) - For new SPS Researchers, Fellows and MW Fellows
10:00-13:00	Badia, Lower Loggia	Photo session for all newcomers (no reservation required)
13:45-14:30	Badia, Refectory	MOFA Cards info session for non-EU newcomers
14:30-15:00	Badia, Refectory	Introduction to the EUI Environmental Sustainability Policy and related Management system
15:00-17:00	Badia, Library	Library Open Afternoon and walk around tours
17:30-onwards	Fiesole, Teatro Romano	Welcome event in Fiesole for all newcomers
Friday 04/09/2026		
10:00-11:00	Badia, Fiasco Social Club	Fiasco Breakfast (registration required)
10:00-13:00	Badia, Lower Loggia	Photo session for all newcomers (no reservation required)
14:00-15:00	Badia, Refectory	Presentation of the Scholars' Hub (Centre for Academic Literacies and Languages, Academic and Professional Development) for new researchers
15:00-15:30	Badia, Refectory	Introduction to the Institute's Digital and Web tools for new Researchers and Fellows , by Francesco Martino, Web Communications Manager
16:30-17:00	Badia, Refectory	Presentation of the Fiasco Social Club for all newcomers
19:00-onwards	Badia, Fiasco Social Club	Welcome BBQ for all newcomers (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)
Saturday 05/09/2025		
10:00-12:30	Badia	EUI Campus tour with shuttle bus (registration required)
Monday 07/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Refectory (+ Zoom) Mandatory	Ethics and Integrity in Academic Research. Mandatory hybrid session for all newcomers. By the Chair of the Ethics Committee, Dr. Fatma Sayed (Academic Service Director), Dr. Mary Greenshields, and Dr. Silke Tork (Centre for Academic Literacies and Languages) Zoom link:
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Beginning of Italian Language & Skills courses for new Researchers (Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri, until 29 Sept.)
Tuesday 08/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Refectory (+ Zoom) Mandatory	Orientation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness at EUI, and available institutional support in cases of harassment or bullying. By Dr. Giuseppe Zago (EDI Officer) and members of the CHAS Team Zoom link:

15:30-16:00	Badia, Refectory	Presentation on opportunities for early stage researchers by the Provost for Research and External Relations
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Italian Language & Skills courses for new Researchers (Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri, until 29 Sept.)
Wednesday 09/09/2026		
14:30-17:15	Historical Archives	HAEU Open Afternoon and treasure hunt in Villa Salviati (registration required)
Thursday 10/09/2026		
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Friday 11/09/2025		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Theatre	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Saturday 12/09/2026		
09:00-12:00	Badia	Drawing classes (registration required)
10:00-12:30	Badia	EUI Campus tour with shuttle bus (registration required)
Monday 14/09/2025		
11:00-12:30	Badia, Theatre	Research Data: Resources, Tools and Services for the EUI Community – Presentation by Dr Simone Sacchi (Research Data Information Specialist)
14:00-15:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Tuesday 15/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Wednesday 16/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-17:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Introductory/Q&A session for new SPS researchers with the Head of Department and Director of Graduate Studies
17:30-19:00	Badia, Lower Loggia	SPS Welcome Drinks for new Researchers, Fellows and Visitors
Thursday 17/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
19:15-20:30	Badia, Library Garden and Loggia	EUI Clubs and Activities fair for all Researchers, Master Students and Fellows co-ordinated by Martina Mancini (Academic Service)
20:30 onwards	Badia, Fiasco Social Club	Welcoming party @ Fiasco Social Club
Friday 18/09/2026		
14:00-15:30	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily (compulsory) Preparatory courses in the SPS Department
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
18:00-onwards	Buontalenti	Amici della Musica concert
Saturday 19/09/2026		
10:00-12:30	Florence City Centre	Florence Walking Tour (registration required)
Monday 21/09/2026		
09:00-16:00	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily Preparatory courses in the SPS Department (optional)
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Tuesday 22/09/2026		
09:00-16:00	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily Preparatory courses in the SPS Department (optional)
Wednesday 23/09/2026		
09:00-16:00	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily Preparatory courses in the SPS Department (optional)
16:30-18:45	Convento, various rooms	Language & Skills courses for new Researchers
Thursday 24/09/2026		
09:00-16:00	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily Preparatory courses in the SPS Department (optional)
Friday 25/09/2026		
09:00-16:00	Badia, Sala del Capitolo	Daily Preparatory courses in the SPS Department (optional)
15:00-16:00	Palazzo Venturi Ginori Florence	Visit to Palazzo Venturi Ginori (Lycée Victor Hugo) (registration required)
Thursday 01/10/2026		
TBC	Badia, Refectory	General Researcher Assembly. Place for Concerns, Information and Questions with Researcher Representatives, for all PhD researchers