



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Research Fellow in the

# Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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## Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) is an inter-disciplinary research center at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centers of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

## Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Full time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	01.09.2024 (or soon after) until 30.06.2025
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: CDR3/1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 3.750 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .

<b>Place of work</b>	To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)
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## About the project

<b>Project Director</b>	Waltraud Schelkle
<b>Project details</b>	ERC Synergy Grant ' <a href="#">SOLID</a> – 'Policy crisis and crisis politics. Sovereignty, solidarity and identity in the EU post 2008' jointly led by Maurizio Ferrera (University of Milan), Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute) and Waltraud Schelkle (European University Institute).
<b>Job description</b>	<p>The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project.</p> <p>Main tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studying the policy-making processes across several EU crises, at the transnational and the supranational level. This includes the reconstruction of these processes, the mapping of conflicts, and the identification of the relevant coalitions for policy decisions based on document analysis, expert interviews, and content analysis of national newspapers;</li> <li>• Studying the interdependent negotiations at the supranational and the national level with advanced methods of policy process analysis that involves text-as-data analysis and surveys;</li> <li>• Designing and conducting field-work;</li> <li>• Writing up research for publication in a variety of modes, including peer reviewed journals;</li> <li>• Creating and maintaining relationships with external bodies to foster collaboration;</li> <li>• Presenting research papers at conferences;</li> <li>• Organising conferences, seminars and workshops.</li> </ul>

## Qualifications and experience

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#### Essential:

- PhD in political science, political economy or related fields of study;
- Demonstrated research interests and comprehensive knowledge and expertise in the politics of crisis and a keen interest in European polity formation, including protest movements;
- Proven ability to analyse and research complex ideas, concepts or theories.
- Demonstrated applied statistical skills;
- Proven expertise in at least one of the following methods: text-as-data approaches, network analysis, survey design (conjoint survey experiments);
- Demonstrated experience in a lead role in pursuing the activities and objectives of the research project;
- Demonstrated experience in working as part of a collaborative research team, training and guiding junior colleagues.

**Desirable:**

- Excellent written and oral communication skills, acquired through previous experience;
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate research findings to a different range of audiences;
- Proven ability to develop a coherent programme of research and establish models in the context of the research project;
- Previous experience of participation in academic/ policy events, and conferences.

**Languages**

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

**Deadline**

The closing date for applications is **09 May 2024** at midnight (Florence time)

**Contact details**

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**How to apply**

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested

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