



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Research Assistant 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 centre at the heart of the European University Institute. 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 centres 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

Contract type	Part-time 50 % (15/30, 20 hours/week)
Length of contract	6 months. Start date: 16.09.2026 or soon after This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.
Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1460 Euro, plus

allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Jelena Džankić

Project details

[Southeastern Europe - Transitions, Prospects, Crossroads](#) is one of the main strands of the Global Governance Programme research area, which creates new knowledge on the politics, societies, economies and cultures of Southeastern Europe. The focus of research is on workings and shortcomings of democracy, regime transition, European integration, conflict, and geopolitics.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Director of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Providing day-to-day management of the programme, including literature review, reporting and research proposal writing;
- Contributing to drafting short texts and reports;
- Collecting and analysing country and comparative data;
- Contributing to events organisation and research communication;
- Maintaining and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders;
- Coordinating the publication process, including proofreading, copy-editing, formatting and submitting to the EUI Research Repository (CADMUS).

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA (or equivalent according to EHEA) in Political Science, International Relations, or a related discipline with a focus on comparative research;
- Previous proven experience or knowledge in politics, history, and culture in Southeastern Europe;
- Excellent demonstrated communication and drafting skills in English, acquired through previous experience (e.g., official correspondence, short texts, blogs, text editing and formatting);
- Demonstrated experience in managing international networks or academic collaborations in a multi-country context.

Desirable:

- Previous proven experience with data collection across countries and/or over time;

- Strong analytical skills, both quantitative and qualitative, acquired through previous experience.

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **25 June 2026** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For more information contact Joanna Wielgo (joanna.wielgo@eui.eu)

How to apply

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

Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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