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Doctoral Programme

Why choose the EUI?

- Fully-funded four-year Ph.D. programmes – approximately 150 scholarships offered annually
- A culturally diverse academic community – study alongside approximately 900 scholars from over 80 countries
- Develop your intellectual curiosity – well-structured Ph.D. programmes that enable original research in four disciplines
- An inclusive, dynamic multi-lingual environment – work predominantly in English, while enjoying our view on the beautiful city of Florence
- Be part of an international professional network – our alumni hold positions in academia (60%), international organisations (6%), national/public institutions (7%), EU institutions (5%), the private sector (4%), law firms (7%) and banks (1%)*

* Alumni Career Survey 2018

“ The EUI offers researchers a truly unique experience in a multicultural and international community. The enthusiasm and kindness of professors and staff, combined with stimulating seminars and workshops, enables researchers to develop fruitful academic and professional relationships.

Matteo Calcagni

Researcher in the Department of History and Civilization



Fully-funded four-year Ph.D. programmes

The EUI offers four-year Ph.D. programmes in four departments: Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences. It also offers an LL.M. programme in Comparative, European and International Law.

Each year there are approximately 150 fully-funded scholarships for Ph.D. study, provided by EUI Member States and Associated Member States.

Our online application form opens in November, for admission the following September. You must complete our online application form and submit all required documents by 31 January.

Check your eligibility and apply online at: www.eui.eu/phd

85%

of researchers (admitted 2008-2012) successfully defended their thesis*

*EUI Academic Service



Join our culturally diverse academic community

Forty years' experience in focusing exclusively on doctoral programmes, post-doctoral study and research has made the EUI a global leader in high-quality postgraduate education. Our leading scholars in economics, history and civilization, law, and political and social sciences create, develop and supervise innovative and original research.

Our culturally diverse academic community, which hails from over 80 countries, has grown to include world-leading experts, visiting to present and discuss their work, and around 80 post-doctoral fellows, who further strengthen our interdisciplinary environment.

Yet an EUI Ph.D. is more than writing a dissertation. Our research, academic and professional development activities include seminars and conferences in your own department, as well as all other EUI departments, the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and the Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies.

“ The diversity of native languages, cultural backgrounds, and past personal experiences make the EUI a true sociological laboratory. Apart from strong academic training and opportunities, the EUI provides an inspiring and unique human setting that I will never forget.

Sergi Pardos Prado

EUI alumnus and Professor of Comparative Politics,
University of Glasgow





“ The busy calendar of research events, ranging from conferences to more intimate book presentations and workshops, means that each researcher becomes part of a huge academic network that cuts across national boundaries and disciplinary fields.

Serena Ferente

EUI alumna and Reader in Late Medieval and Renaissance History, King's College London



Develop your intellectual curiosity

On arrival at the EUI, you are assigned a supervisor for guidance in developing your ideas, while first-year courses provide research training. In your second and third years, you continue to work on your dissertation, which might include fieldwork, data collection or statistical analysis. You may also participate in departmental seminars and workshops across the Institute, or take advantage of professional or university traineeships and teaching opportunities. During your fourth year, you finish your thesis and prepare for your thesis defence.

EUI supervision is thorough and intense, with high quality ensured through regular assessment. We offer support in developing teaching skills, exchanges with major European and North American universities are available, and there is funding for research missions abroad.

EUI facilities include the prestigious Historical Archives of the European Union, while our world-class social sciences research library has extensive multi-lingual collections and services to support advanced research.

An EUI Ph.D. aims to develop your intellectual curiosity and craft a professional academic researcher, not simply a dissertation.

“ I chose the EUI for a number of reasons, not least broadening my legal academic experience and savouring life beyond the shores of my birthplace. What was originally meant to be a year and a resulting LL.M. became three years, a Ph.D. and a realisation that I loved legal research.

Siofra O’Leary

EUI alumna and Judge for the European Court of Human Rights



A dynamic multi-lingual environment

Located on the scenic hills of Fiesole, just above Florence, our supportive EUI community ensures researchers from around the world feel immediately at home.

The variety of nationalities and academic backgrounds represented across the EUI population stimulates lively debate, comparisons and the sharing of knowledge. While we work predominantly in English, the use of other languages is encouraged and supported.

On- and off-campus entertainment and extracurricular activities offer a break from your studies, and our researcher-organised sports and cultural clubs reflect the range of interests pursued by our members. The Tuscan countryside around our EUI villas allows you to simply step out the door for hiking or cycling, while nearby Florence, regularly voted one of the world's most beautiful cities, is an unparalleled cultural and artistic centre.

80+

nationalities from around the world are represented in our academic community



“ There is a vibrant community here. Joining the EUI rowing club let me train under the Ponte Vecchio and later participate in the Venetian Vogalonga. I would never have rowed a boat in Venice had I not been part of the EUI!”

Anna Rogantini Picco

Researcher, Department of Economics





“ The structure of courses, close interaction with top professors and visiting scholars, and the facilities make the EUI’s Department of Economics a very stimulating environment to develop state-of-the-art research.

Bertrand Gruss

EUI alumnus and Senior Economist at the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund

Department of Economics

Our Department of Economics is producing the next generation of top-class economics researchers.

- Study all the main fields within economics – Ph.D. opportunities across theoretical and applied topics
- Be part of a cohesive community – benefit from close supervision and on-going support by our excellent professors
- Learn from the experts – present, discuss and interact with the world leaders in their field who regularly visit our Department
- Develop your employability – receive comprehensive training, assistance and preparation for the job market and beyond
- Build networks – our graduates pursue successful careers in academia, and in the private and public sector, across the globe




52%

of our alumni work in academia and research*

International organisations and institutions that employ our graduates include the World Bank, the IMF, the European Commission and the European Central Bank.

* Alumni Career Survey 2018
(Department of Economics)



“ The EUI’s Department of History and Civilization facilitates encounters between scholars from different origins, with different approaches. This diversity is priceless; it enriched my vision of history and, ultimately, made me a better researcher.

Thomas Cauvin

EUI alumnus and Assistant Professor of History at Colorado State University

Department of History and Civilization

Our Department of History and Civilization examines Europe's relationship to the world.

- Think beyond boundaries – study global connections within early modern and modern European history
- Explore transnational and comparative European history – access the Historical Archives of the European Union and be supported in visiting other archives
- Benefit from close thesis supervision – our professors and researchers create a constructive working environment, developing projects together through close consultation
- Be part of an intellectual cosmopolitan community – meet and discuss with leading scholars, from all over the world, who regularly visit our Department
- Establish international links – our graduates are employed in universities, research centres, and organisations around the globe




70%

of our alumni work in academia and research*

Our graduates can be found within international organisations and institutions such as the European Parliament and UNESCO.

* Alumni Career Survey 2018
(Department of History and Civilization)



“ Life in the EUI’s Department of Law is always very rich. Usually, a researcher is tempted to spend all their time on their Ph.D. research, but this is not possible here. There are so many interesting opportunities to take part in seminars that you are stimulated to think beyond your own research.

Marta Cartabia

EUI alumna and Vice-President of the Italian Constitutional Court

Department of Law

The Department of Law examines questions of global importance today, offering an LL.M. and a doctoral programme.

- Study the challenges facing European, international and private law – research opportunities across social, cultural, political and economic topics
- Explore global dimensions – the range of interests amongst our faculty allows your research to transcend national boundaries and contexts
- Enjoy a high-level intellectual environment – learn from and collaborate with the distinguished practitioners, academics and experts who visit and research in our Department
- Develop yourself – our courses, working groups and tailored supervision gives you the tools needed to write your best possible thesis
- Advance your career – our graduates hold important posts around the world in academia, within European, national and international organisations, and across the private sector




39%

of our alumni work in academia or research*

Many of our alumni are employed within law firms and courts, international organisations or NGOs, national organisations and EU institutions.

* Alumni Career Survey 2018
(Department of Law)



“ When I entered the Badia Fiesolana I found a truly diverse intellectual environment, not only in terms of topics, but also in terms of methodological approaches and disciplinary bridges. (...) The Institute’s emphasis on interdisciplinarity and policy-relevance ultimately shaped me as a professional: I am now an academic researcher at NATO.

Andrea Gilli

EUI alumnus and Senior Researcher at NATO Defence College & Affiliate at Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Our Department of Political and Social Sciences explores political and social change within and beyond Europe.

- Study the important issues of our time that the social sciences are uniquely suited to – Ph.D. opportunities across politics and comparative politics, political theory, international relations, and sociology
- Enter an interdisciplinary world – by uniting key fields within political and social sciences, our researchers and our research projects interact on an unprecedented level
- Collaborate with distinguished scholars and policy-makers – present and discuss your ideas with the world-leading experts who regularly visit our Department
- Discover your intellectual dynamism – our Ph.D. programmes give you the close supervision to build your knowledge, alongside the freedom to undertake independent research
- Connect globally – our graduates work within academia, European and national-level government institutions, international organisations and the private sector



74%

of our alumni work in academia or research*

Our graduates are employed by international organisations, like the UN, and within the EU institutions.*

* Alumni Career Survey 2018
(Department of Political and Social Sciences)

Be part of an international professional network

Our graduates enjoy excellent career prospects in Europe and around the globe. EUI alumni now hold positions within academia (60%), international organisations (6%), national/public institutions (7%), EU institutions (5%), the private sector (4%), law firms (7%), cultural institutions (1%) and banks (1%)*.

Our culture of conversation and interdisciplinary research allows you to build strong links with our faculty, visitors, post-doctoral scholars and your fellow researchers. These connections form an international professional network that endures throughout your time at the EUI, and after. Our alumni often reconnect as partners in large-scale international research projects in other universities and research centres, or as colleagues in international institutions and organisations such as the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank or the International Monetary Fund.

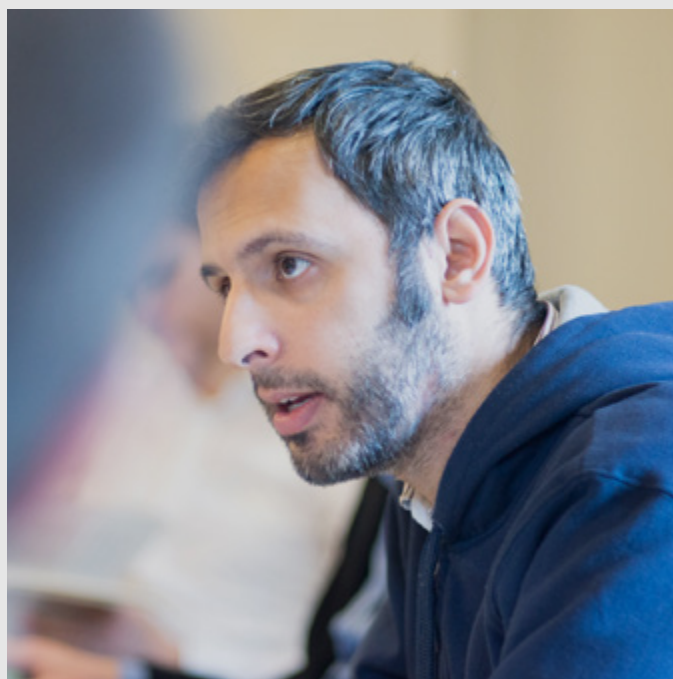
The intellectual autonomy given to our researchers, alongside our professional training opportunities, ensures you develop yourself and forge your career, with support and guidance from the EUI.

* Alumni Career Survey 2018

“ The EUI is a unique place to undertake doctoral studies, with a formidable academic faculty, a wide postgraduate community, stimulating seminars, and conferences that provide an invaluable intellectual background to writing a successful thesis.

Robert Schütze

EUI alumnus and Professor of European and Global Law, University of Durham



Well-structured Ph.D. programmes in four disciplines

An EUI Ph.D. is internationally recognised and respected. Our fully-funded four-year doctoral programmes are well-structured, with clear academic rules and standards that are in line with other top institutions around the world.

To find out more about our doctoral programmes in Economics, History and Civilization, Law, and Political and Social Sciences, please visit:

www.eui.eu/PhD

84%


of researchers very satisfied or satisfied with EUI supervision*

*Supervision Assessment Survey 2019



“ The EUI is a truly exciting place: intellectually stimulating, culturally diverse and interdisciplinary. I can think of no better place to do a Ph.D. in terms of supervision, support and academic life.

Christian Thauer,
EUI alumnus and Senior Lecturer
in International Relations, The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem



“ The EUI ticks too many boxes to be ignored by any aspiring Ph.D. researcher. It offers a fully-funded, world class, and genuinely international Ph.D. programme in one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

Bosko Tripkovic

EUI alumnus and Senior Lecturer
in Law University of Birmingham

Find out more and apply online at: www.eui.eu/PhD

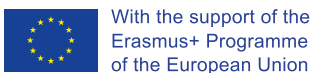
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