



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 EUI's **Robert Schuman Centre for Advances Studies (RSCAS)** carries out research on the major issues facing Europe, bridging the world of academia and practice through interdisciplinary and applied research.

The **[Centre for a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#)** is part of the RSCAS. The CDS is an academic hub gathering scholars, public enforcers, practitioners and representatives of industry and civil society to debate the challenges of digital transformation and its impact on markets and democracy. The Centre builds upon the experience gained during the past decade by the Florence School of Regulation – Communications and Media Area (FSR C&M) and by the Florence Competition Programme (FCP). With the establishment of the CDS, the two projects merge into a unique programme, broadening their focus beyond the regulation of the media sector and competition policy. Within the Robert Schuman Centre, the CDS sets the ground for close collaboration with the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom.

Employment details

Contract type	Part-time, 80% (24/30, 32 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months, negotiable start date
Salary indication and grade	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2.480 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Place of work	To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Directors

Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu and Prof. Erik Jones

Project details

With its research, policy debate and training programme, the [Centre for a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#) aims at advising policy makers on how to cope with the challenges that digitalisation poses to markets and democracy. To do so, it adopts an interdisciplinary approach relying on in-house expertise in law, economics and political sciences. For a better understanding of the technical aspects of digitalisation, the Centre actively cooperates with computer scientists and engineers from partner institutions.

The Centre engages in the public debate on digitalisation by focusing on the following core areas:

- Innovation: this area deals with General Purpose Technologies, standardisation, and the evolution of IP rights in the digital context;
- Competition, with a strong focus on competition policy in digital markets;
- Regulation, to address the evolution of sectoral regulation in electronic communications, media and postal markets, as well as the emerging regulatory framework for digital platforms;
- Democracy: this area assesses the role of digitalisation in the evolution of civic participation, good governance and fundamental rights.

Job description

The Research Assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Providing assistance in developing, designing and conducting theoretical economics research activities in the fields of digital economy and innovation;
- Contributing to the dissemination of knowledge through the publication of high quality research articles in academic publishing;
- Supporting the dissemination of the project's results through the organisation of training, seminars, workshops, roundtables and conferences.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA (or equivalent according to EHEA) in Economics;
- Demonstrated research experience in theoretical economics;
- Proven communication skills acquired through previous experience;
- Proven experience in working effectively with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Desirable:

- PhD in Economics;
- Track record of relevant research and/or publications as well as demonstrated analytical skills;
- Proven Research focus on the economics of digital markets (e.g. platforms economics, AI, digital networks);
- Proficiency in the use of software platform for handling a wide class of economic models and/or econometrics acquired through previous experience (such as Latex, Dynare, Matlab, Markup, Stata, R, Mathematica...).

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 **17 March 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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