



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 centre 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 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	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months, starting date: October 2024 or as soon as possible thereafter.
Salary indication and grade	Grade: CDR3 step 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 here .

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Director

Prof. Stephanie Hofmann

Project details

[**ENSURED - Transforming and Defending Multilateralism: European Union Support for more Robust, Effective and Democratic Global Governance.**](#)

The research project “*Transforming and Defending Multilateralism: European Union Support for more Robust, Effective and Democratic Global Governance*” (ENSURED, 2023-2026) is based on the observation that the European Union (EU) and its members have long been key supporters of global governance. Yet the rules-based international order and multilateralism are widely believed to be in crisis. The emerging powers and populist forces have contested and put demands on global governance often resulting in a gridlock of international cooperation. The Russian war in Ukraine will likely further undermine the ability to address global problems.

It studies how the EU and its members, in a contested world in transition, can transform and defend global governance to make it more robust, effective and democratic. It develops a conceptual framework on global governance transformation. It outlines a triangular dilemma in which the EU and its members must make choices between the robustness, effectiveness and democracy of global governance. It also considers, in this respect, different scenarios for multilateralism in a contested world in transition.

ENSURED is a project that includes 14 universities, think tanks and civil society partners from Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands as well as Brazil, China, India, South Africa, and the US. Through case studies of five policy areas, a quantitative analysis and expert survey, ENSURED empirically assesses and compares the unexploited potential for global governance transformation. Based on this empirical analysis, ENSURED provides support for the EU and its members to lead the transformation and defence of multilateralism. ENSURED aims at advancing our knowledge about global governance transformation and provides the EU and its members with the tools to navigate a world in transition.

Job description

The research fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project. The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Project Director(s).

Main tasks include:

- Developing, designing and conducting scientific and policy research in the field of multilateral arrangements and the EU;
- Contributing to data collection, database management, and data analysis;
- Contributing to the drafting of two policy reports (one on intersecting challenges & global governance complexity and another one on reconceptualizing multilateralism in the emerging multipolar global system);

- Contributing to the conceptual framework of the research project;
- Coordinating the outreach activities and relations with academic and institutional partners.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in Political Science, International Relations, Global/International History, or International Law;
- Demonstrated experience and advanced level knowledge of in data collection and qualitative/quantitative social science methods;
- Proven research experience on international organisations and multilateralism.

Desirable:

- Proven knowledge of the EU system;
- First peer-reviewed publication(s) on the topics of the project.

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 **15 June 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

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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