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.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	3 years, start date April 2024 (with flexibility)
	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: CDR 3 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 Daniele Caramani
Project details	[GLOBAL](#) is a macro project that investigates the dimensionality of global politics. It analyses the cleavages that structure world politics and asks whether conflicts are shaped territorially or along functional dimensions cutting across world regions. Global cleavages are addressed in a long-term empirical analysis from the 19th century to the present. The goal is to establish if, and under what conditions, international divisions opposing world regions – core−periphery, North−South, or civilizational contrasts –increasingly blur giving way to conflict lines that oppose groups functionally. This is done at the level of citizens, actors and institutions.

GLOBAL combines a comparative approach (between the largest world polities) and supranational one (global actors, attitudes, discourse and institutions). The project categorizes cleavages according to three types of inequality: economic, political-military and socio-cultural. It focuses on how actors compete to politicize different inequalities.

A multi-pronged research strategy based on statistical, scaling and network methods is used to analyse electoral, socio-economic, roll-call, text, survey and organizational data. The project is organized in 4 work packages based on methods and data: (1) voting, organizational and network analysis (2) discourse and text analysis (3) scaling techniques with roll-call data (4) survey analysis. Each post-doctoral research fellow takes responsibility for a work package.

GLOBAL will lead to an authored book by the Principal Investigator (PI) that follows work on the nationalization and Europeanization of politics, as well as a special issue, an edited volume, and 11 journal articles by the research team.

Job description	The position is 1 of 4 post-doctoral positions in the ERC Advanced Grant project "Global Cleavages: The Shape of Political Conflict across World Regions in Historical Perspective" (GLOBAL, 2023–28, 2.5 million Euro) led by PI Daniele Caramani and hosted by the Robert Schuman Centre (EUI).

The position is focused on semi-automated text analysis, machine learning.

The Research Fellow will carry out research work in an independent manner and collaborate on the research work of the project. Main tasks include:

- Leading the work package devoted to semi-automated text analysis, machine learning;
- Carrying out high-quality research toward the goals of the project, in an independent and collaborative manner;
- Engaging in data collection, management and analysis, working theoretically and producing literature reviews, producing graphs and tables;
- Being author and co-author papers and publications in the frame of the project and with project members;

- Presenting research results and output at international conferences worldwide;
- Working in a team together with PI, Prof Daniele Caramani, 3 other post-doctoral fellows, and various research assistants, as well as members of an international research network on the topics of the project;
- Collaborating in disseminating research results through the project's webpage and social media.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- PhD in political science (PhD candidates about to defend their thesis are eligible conditional on the successful thesis defence by the contract start date);
- Proven strong methodological and quantitative background; excellent command of Stata and/or R, Excel, expertise in data collection and analysis;
- Demonstrated experience with network analysis and comparative methods;
- Demonstrated knowledge of parties, party organizations, elections, with a worldwide focus;
- Ability to collaborate within a team and to work independently taking individual initiative, gathered through previous experience;

Desirable:

- Experience with analysis of transnational party organizations and/or global actors;
- Ability to collaborate in disseminating research results through the project's webpage and social media.

To be also assessed during the interview:
- Commitment to work with the ERC team and toward the goals of the ERC project in co-authored publications;
- Willingness to engage to learn new methods;
- Readiness to travel to conferences to present research output;
- Commitment to a multi-year postdoctoral position.

Languages

Excellent command of academic English, both written and spoken. Knowledge of other major world languages (Chinese, Hindi, Spanish, Portuguese, etc.) constitutes an advantage.

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **18 March 2024** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For administrative queries please contact Joanna WIELGO (**joanna.wielgo@eui.eu**). For queries reated to research aspects of this postion please contact Daniele CARAMANI (**daniele.caramani@eui.eu**).

How to apply

Fill in the online application form and upload documents as requested.

Please submit in one single pdf document:

- An **application letter** describing motivation and qualifications related to the position and the project
- **CV** with publication list and contact details of 3 referees;
- 2 **writing samples** (published or unpublished) of which at least one sole-authored.

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