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Florence, Italy

FULLY-FUNDED PHD PROGRAMMES *in the* SOCIAL SCIENCES *and the* HUMANITIES

The EUI offers four-year PhD programmes in four departments: Economics, History, Law, and Political and Social Sciences.

Located in the scenic hills of Fiesole overlooking Florence, the EUI hosts a diverse and international academic community. Over 1,000 scholars of more than 100 nationalities pursue their training, research and work here. Their diverse backgrounds stimulate lively debate and the sharing of knowledge.

Our facilities include a world-class social sciences research library with extensive multilingual collections and services to support advanced research, as well as exclusive access to the Historical Archives of the European Union.



APPLICATIONS OPEN
EACH YEAR FROM
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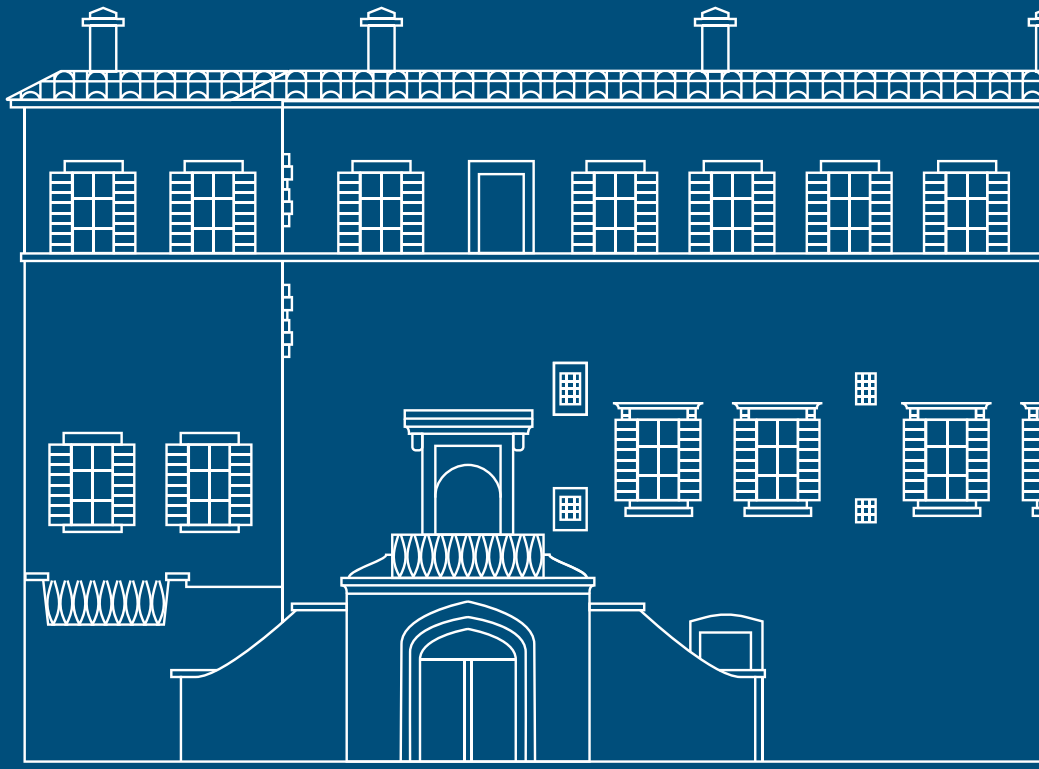
LANGUAGE:
ENGLISH

DURATION:
4 YEARS

SCHOLARSHIPS:
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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *in* ***Economics***

The Doctoral Programme in Economics (ECO) supports and trains the **next generation of researchers in economics**.

The offerings of our department include a Master in Economic Research (MRes) and a doctoral programme.

Research topics studied by faculty and researchers in the department cover a **wide range of subjects** within the fields of microeconomics, macroeconomics, and econometrics, using both **theoretical and empirical approaches.**

57% of our alumni work in academia and research

EUI PhD graduates in Economics can also be found in:

18% International institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank

15% National central banks

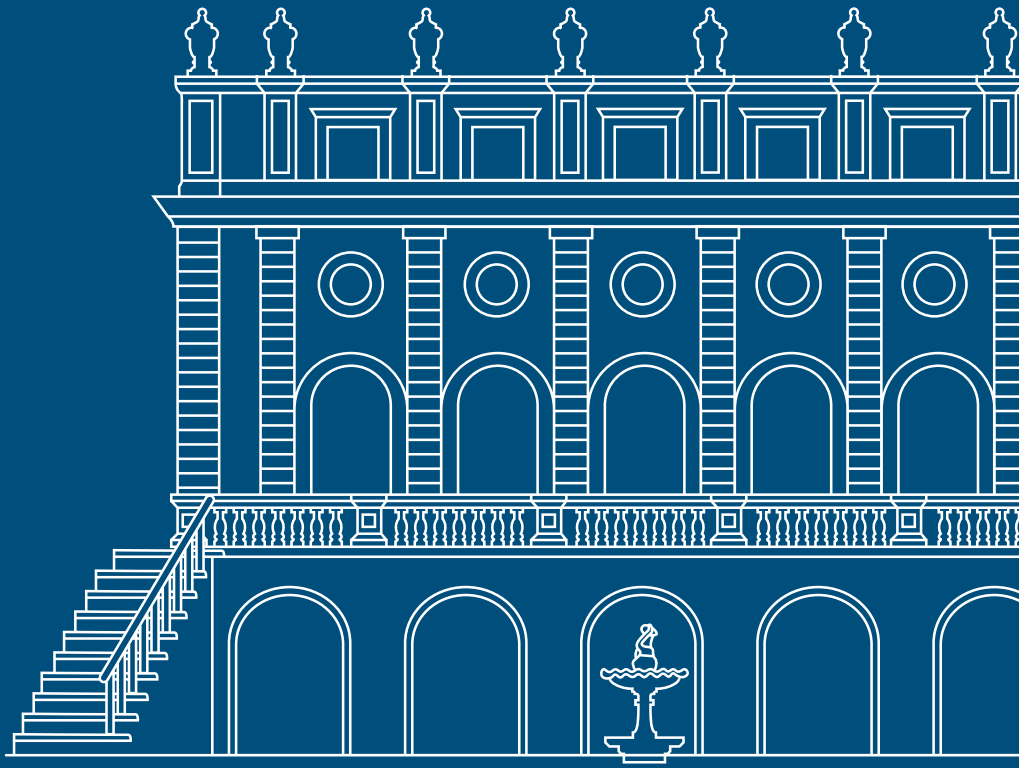
8.3% Private sector

1.7% European Central Bank

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Microeconomics	Climate Economics	Topics in Development Economics	Empirical Political Economy
Statistics and Econometrics	Macroeconomics	Environmental Economics	International Macroeconomics
The Econometrics of Causality	Life-Cycle Heterogeneous Agents Models:	Topics in Political Economy and Social Mobility	Statistics and Econometrics



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *in* ***History***

The Doctoral Programme in History (HEC) examines Europe's history and its relationship to the world.

This programme pushes our researchers to **think beyond boundaries** and study global connections within early modern and modern European history and **explore transnational and comparative history**.

74% of our alumni work in academia and research

EUI PhD graduates in History can also be found in:

12.4% Private sector

6% Archives, museums, and libraries

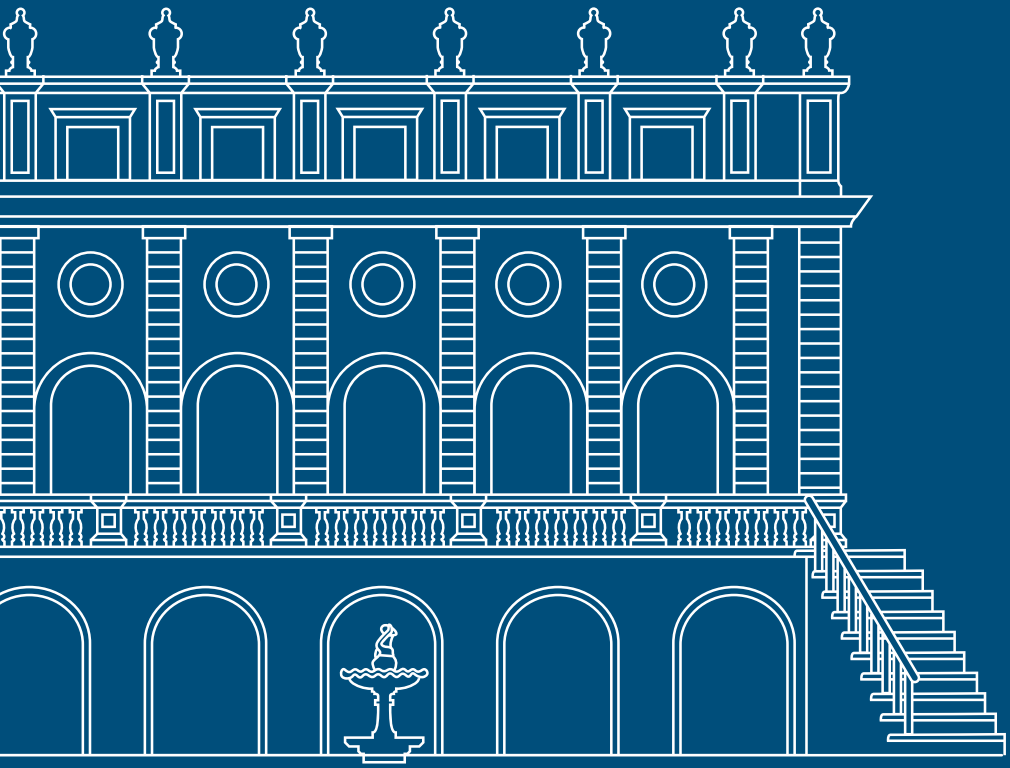
4% National institutions

3.6% International organisations such as the European Union and UNESCO

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

Term 1	Term 2
Cultural history	Decentering Europe
Intellectual history	Histories of intimacy
Intersectional histories	March paper seminar in early modern/ modern history
History of science, medicine and technology	Dissertation writing seminar



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *in* ***Law***

The Doctoral Programme in Law (LAW) examines questions of global importance focusing on the challenges facing **European law, public international law,** and **private law**, across cultural, political, and economic topics.

63% of our alumni work in academia and research

EUI PhD graduates in Law can also be found in:

11% Law firms

8% EU institutions

6% National institutions

5% International organisations

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Summer courses
Infrastructure & Regulation	Law and Economics	Law and X	The Law of the European Union
Normative approaches to law	Crime, Statecraft and the Imagination of the Global	(Legal) Archives of the Present	AI & Law
Doctoral Workshop in International Economic and Environmental Law	Law and Technology: Towards a General Theory	Living Constitutions	Human Rights



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *in* ***Political and Social Science***

The Doctoral Programme in Political and Social Sciences at the EUI trains researchers to analyse and shape **political and social change in Europe and globally.**

This programme addresses important issues of our time, covering the key fields of politics and comparative politics, political theory, international relations, and sociology.

Research in the department has direct **policy impact** with contributions to OECD, the European Commission and ECFR.

The Department of **Political and Social Sciences** ranked:





80% of our alumni work in academia and research

EUI PhD graduates in SPS can also be found in:

7% International organisations such as the UN

4% National institutions

3% EU institutions

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Comparative Politics	Political Culture	Professionalisation seminar
History and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination	Workshops co-designed with researchers
Public Policy and Institutions	Europe in the world	

WHY CHOOSE *the* EUI?

EXCELLENCE. DIVERSITY. IMPACT.



A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF PEERS

With top-tier faculty, structured and close supervision, and an inspiring environment, the EUI is dedicated to your success. Here, you will collaborate with practitioners, access unparalleled resources, and enjoy continuous training, allowing you to thrive in your PhD journey.

FACULTY, ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH STAFF
+460

FROM COUNTRIES
+90

LANGUAGES SPOKEN ON CAMPUS
+30

CRITICAL THINKING AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

The EUI offers a unique environment where multidisciplinary collaboration is central. Our PhD programmes empower researchers to address pressing social challenges by combining diverse perspectives and expertise. Training is structured and comprehensive: the Academic Service and departments offer **dozens of seminars, workshops, and training sessions each year**, ranging from research design and data analysis to academic publishing, teaching practice, and professional skills.

SOCIAL IMPACT BEYOND ACADEMIA

At the EUI, research extends far beyond academic circles. Our doctoral researchers actively engage with European institutions, international organisations, NGOs, and civil society actors. Alumni trajectories reflect this outward-facing mission: more than **90% of PhD and LLM holders graduating between 2016 and 2020 were employed within 18 months**. Of these, around **65% work in academia**, while many others hold key positions in EU institutions, central banks, international organisations, and think tanks.



Employment within 18 months

ACADEMIA	INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	PRIVATE SECTOR
65%	8%	15%	12%

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The EUI upholds high standards of academic freedom and ethical research. Here, scholars explore and defend their work confidently, contributing responsibly to European and global debates. The Institute consistently ranks as one of the **world's top centres in political science, law, history, and economics** in international evaluations. Its charter guarantees full academic independence, ensuring that doctoral researchers can pursue bold, innovative projects in a framework of trust and integrity.

The Department of **Political and Social Sciences** ranked:

#1 *in Political Science* **in the EU**

#6 *in Political Science* worldwide in the **Shanghai Ranking 2025**

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS EUROPE AND BEYOND

Rooted in Europe, the EUI's vision is global. Researchers regularly carry out fieldwork, present at international conferences, and consult archival collections worldwide. The Institute provides dedicated funding for these activities, supporting **hundreds of research missions each year**. In addition, the EUI maintains **formal collaborations with more than 130 universities and institutions worldwide**, enabling exchanges, joint projects, and visiting fellowships.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



"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 LLM became three years, a PhD and a realisation that I loved legal research."

Siofra O'Leary
EUI alumna and former President of the European Court of Human Rights

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

"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





"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 Professor of Medieval History at the University of Amsterdam

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

"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."

Andrea Gilli
EUI alumnus and Lecturer at the University of St. Andrews

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE





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