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Your impact

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The EUI offers four-year PhD programmes in four departments:
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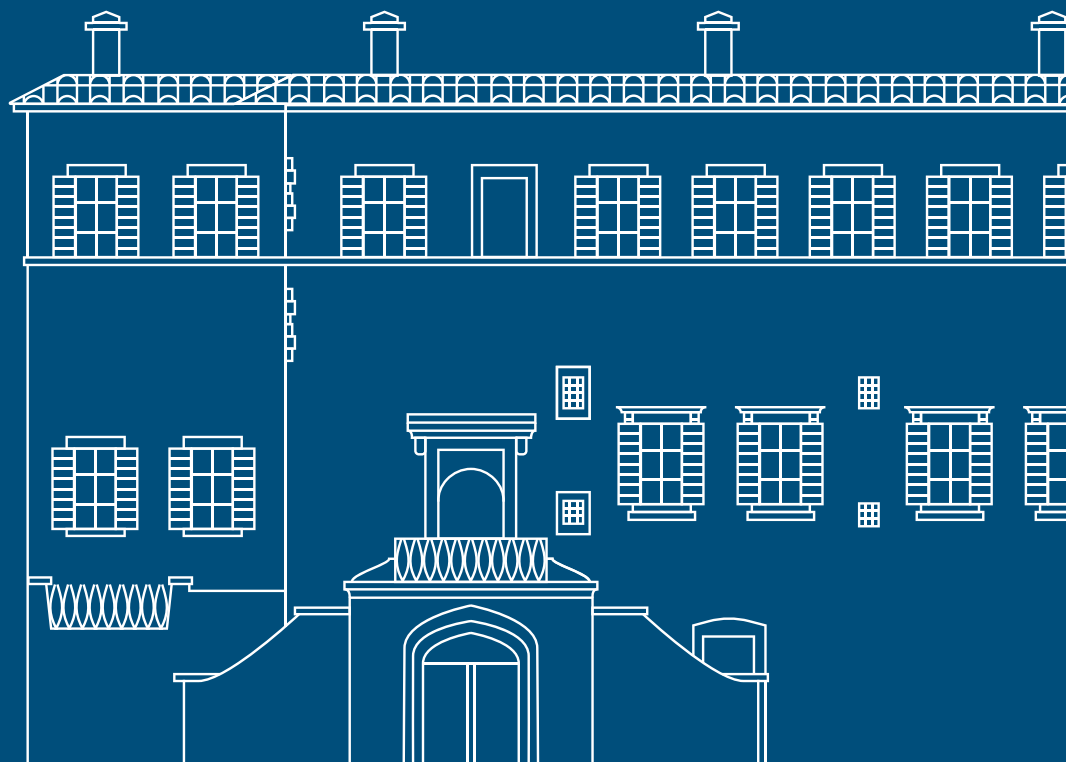
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ENGLISH

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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 of Research in Economics (MRes) and a doctoral programme.

We study a wide range of subjects within the fields of **microeconomics, macroeconomics and econometrics** with PhD opportunities across theoretical and applied topics.

57%

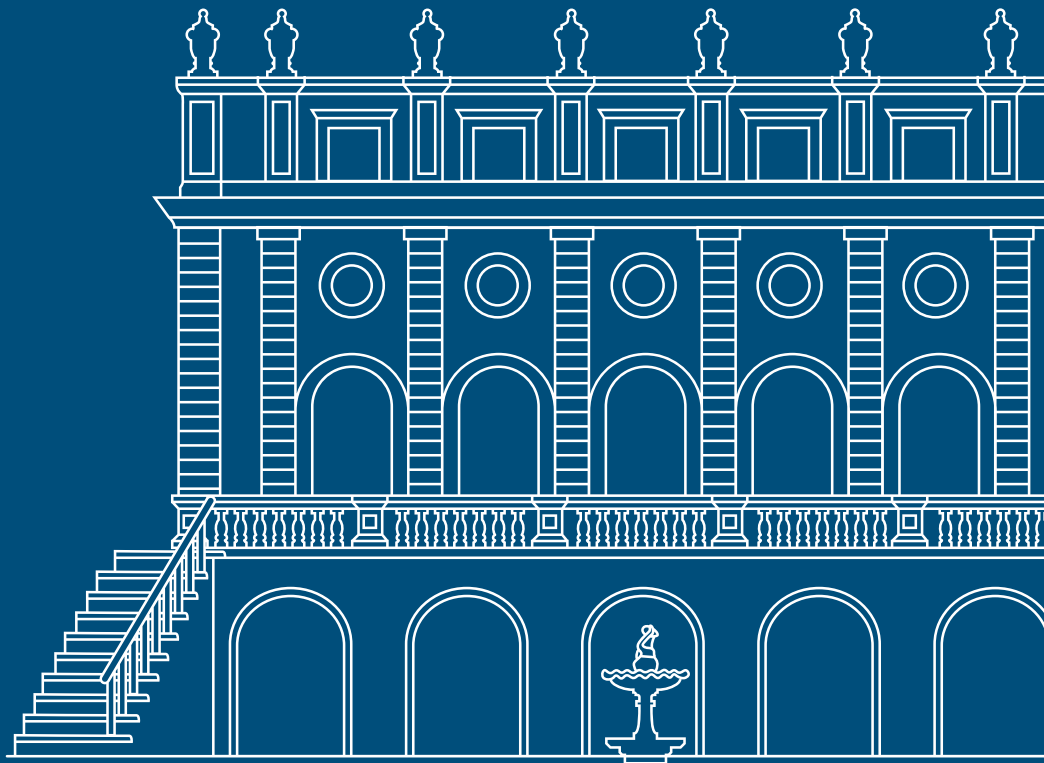
of alumni in the Department of Economics work in academia and research*.

*Other career prospects for EUI alumni in Economics include EU and international institutions (18%), Central Banks (15%), private sector (8.3%), and European Central Bank (1.7%).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

| BLOCK 1 | BLOCK 2 | BLOCK 3 | BLOCK 4 |
|-------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Microeconomics | Advanced Time Series: Forecasting | Topics in Development Economics | Empirical Political Economy |
| Statistics and Econometrics | Macroeconomics | Theory and Practice of Causal Inference | International Macroeconomics |
| The Econometrics of Causality | Life-Cycle Heterogeneous Agents Models: Solution and Estimation | Public Finance in Macroeconomics | 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 European history**.

74%

of alumni in the Department of History work in academia and research*.

*Other career prospects for EUI alumni in History include private sector (12.4%), Museums, archives or libraries (6%), national institutions (4%) and international organisations (3.6%).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

TERM 1

Material History

Global Histories:
Beyond West-centric perspectives

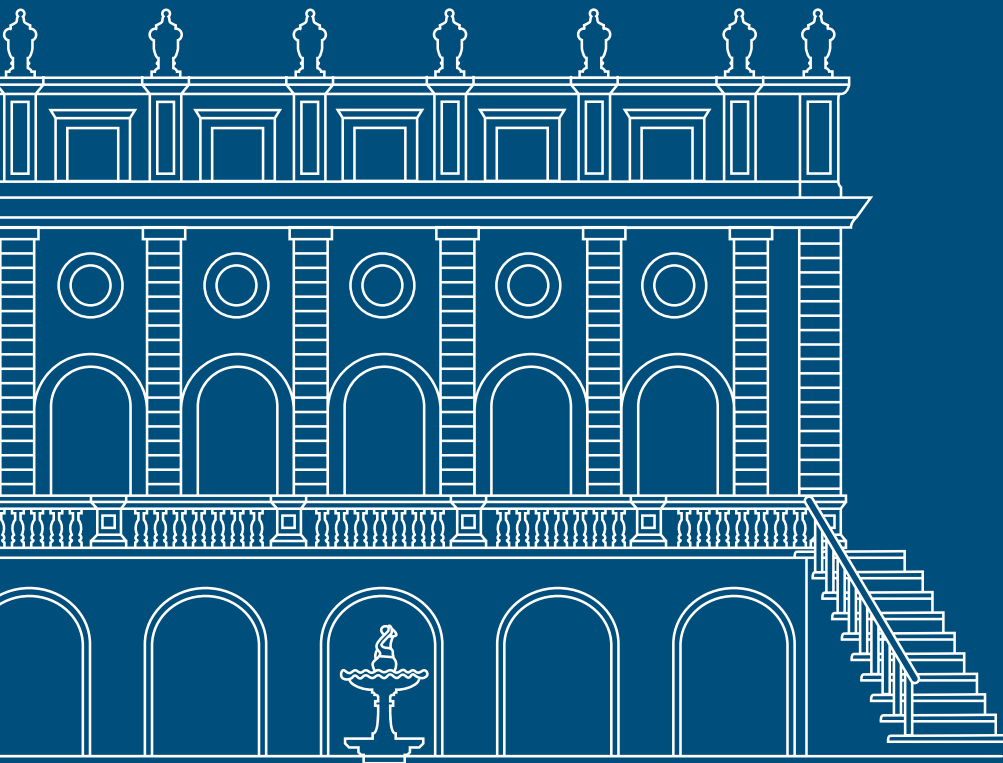
Advanced Dissertation Writing

TERM 2

History of Medicine

History of Race
(16 to 20 Century)

Dissertation Writing Seminar A



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.

The offerings of the Department of Law include a Master of Laws (LLM) in Comparative, European and International Laws as well as the doctoral programme.

63%

of alumni in the Department of Law work in academia and research*.

*Other career prospects for EUI alumni in Law include law firms (11.3%), EU institutions (7.7%), national institutions (6%) and international organisations (5%) and private sector (4%) and other (3%).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

| TERM 1 | TERM 2 | TERM 3 | SUMMER COURSES |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--|
| Traditions of Legal Thought | Show and Tell: Law as Performance and Narrative | Regulating Uncertainty | The Law of the European Union |
| Comparative Constitutional Law | Untangling the EU Green Deal | A Practical Guide to Interviews | Law and Logic |
| New Enforcement: Putting EU Law into Practice | Introduction to AI & Ethics | Law and Economics | Human Rights - Peace Negotiations: What's Law Got to Do with It? |



DOCTORAL PROGRAMME *in Political and Social Science*

The Doctoral Programme in Political and Social Sciences (SPS) explores **political and social change within and beyond Europe**.

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

80%

of alumni in the Department of Political and Social Sciences work in academia and research*.

*Other career prospects for EUI alumni in Political and Social Science include international organisations (7.2%), private sector (4%), national institutions (4%), EU institutions (3%) and other (1.8%).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SAMPLE COURSES

| TERM 1 | TERM 2 | TERM 3 |
|--|--|------------------|
| Comparative Politics | Political Culture | Workshops |
| History and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa | Stereotyping, prejudice and discrimination | Tailored courses |
| Mathematics for Political and Social Scientists | Europe in the world | |

WHY CHOOSE *the EUI?*



A COMMUNITY OF PEERS AND SUPPORT

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.

88% of researchers are very satisfied or satisfied with EUI supervision.

SOCIAL IMPACT BEYOND ACADEMIA

At the EUI, your research extends far beyond academic circles. We prepare scholars to engage with the world, engaging politics and society. Research at the EUI is relevant, outward-looking, and designed to shape sustainable futures.

CRITICAL THINKING AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

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.

87% of researchers (admitted 2012 - 2016) defended their thesis.

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.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS EUROPE AND BEYOND

Rooted in Europe, the EUI's vision is global. Whether exploring European history, international law, or global political issues, the EUI provides opportunities to make a meaningful impact on society.

ALUMNI CURRENTLY HOLD POSITIONS IN*:

ACADEMIA
65.5%

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS
7.9%

PRIVATE SECTOR
4.9%

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
4.3%

EU INSTITUTIONS
3%

CENTRAL BANKS
2.9%

LAW FIRMS
2.9%

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
1.5%

OUR ALUMNI, OUR STORY



"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 President of the European Court of Human Rights

DEPARTMENT OF LAW



"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



"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





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