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Our [Department of Political and Social Sciences](#) explores political and social change within and beyond Europe.

- Study the important issues of our time that the social sciences are uniquely suited to – Ph.D. opportunities across politics and comparative politics, political theory, international relations, and sociology
- Enter an interdisciplinary world – by uniting key fields within political and social sciences, our researchers and our research projects interact on an unprecedented level
- Collaborate with distinguished scholars and policy-makers – present and discuss your ideas with the world-leading experts who regularly visit our Department
- Discover your intellectual dynamism – our Ph.D. programmes give you the close supervision to build your knowledge, alongside the freedom to undertake independent research
- Connect globally – our graduates work within academia, European and national-level government institutions, international organisations and the private sector

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Our active faculty, and strong cohort of Ph.D. researchers and post-doctoral scholars, creates a stimulating environment for study. By covering key fields across the political and social sciences within one department, we enable cross-disciplinary research conversations to take place, meaning ideas and research findings are easily shared and discussed further.

While our experienced staff offer intense supervision, you also receive the academic freedom and time for your own independent research. In addition, our researchers benefit from interacting with the academics, practitioners and other leaders in their field, who are regular visitors to our Department, so able to offer their advice and thoughts on your work.

Our alumni

EUI alumni form an inclusive global network, holding positions within academia (69%), international organisations (12%), national institutions (6%) and the private sector (4%)*. The intellectual autonomy given to our researchers, alongside our professional training opportunities, ensures you develop yourself and forge your career, with the support and guidance from the EUI.

Graduates of our Department of Political and Social Sciences work within academia, European and national-level government institutions, international organisations and the private sector.

While 83%* of our alumni now work within academia and research, we also find our graduates employed by international organisations (like the UN) and the European Union, as well as undertaking consultancy work within the private sector.

The EUI's culture of conversation and interdisciplinary research allows you to build strong links with our faculty, visitors, post-doctoral scholars and your fellow researchers. These connections last throughout your time at the EUI and beyond.

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