

PhD Programme at the European University Institute

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European University Institute

- International organisation founded in 1972 (opened since 1976), based in Florence, Italy
- 23+2 Member States
- Focus on research and doctoral training
- Disciplines: Political Science and Sociology, Economics, History, and Law
- No bachelor's or master's students (exception: master's in economics, STG)
- Crucial role in equalizing opportunities for doctoral research across the EU



SPS Department

- Political Science and Sociology
- Leading centre for research and doctoral studies in a large variety of subfields:
 - comparative politics
 - political behaviour and political sociology
 - demography and sociology of inequality
 - micro sociology
 - international relations and security
 - computational social science

Who's who (full-time faculty)



Jeffrey T. Checkel



Elias Dinas



Juho Härkönen



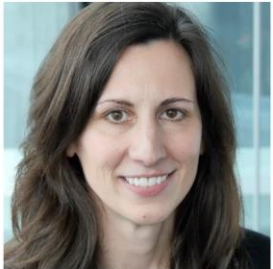
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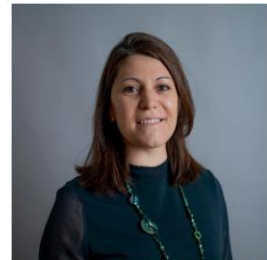
Arnout Van De Rijt



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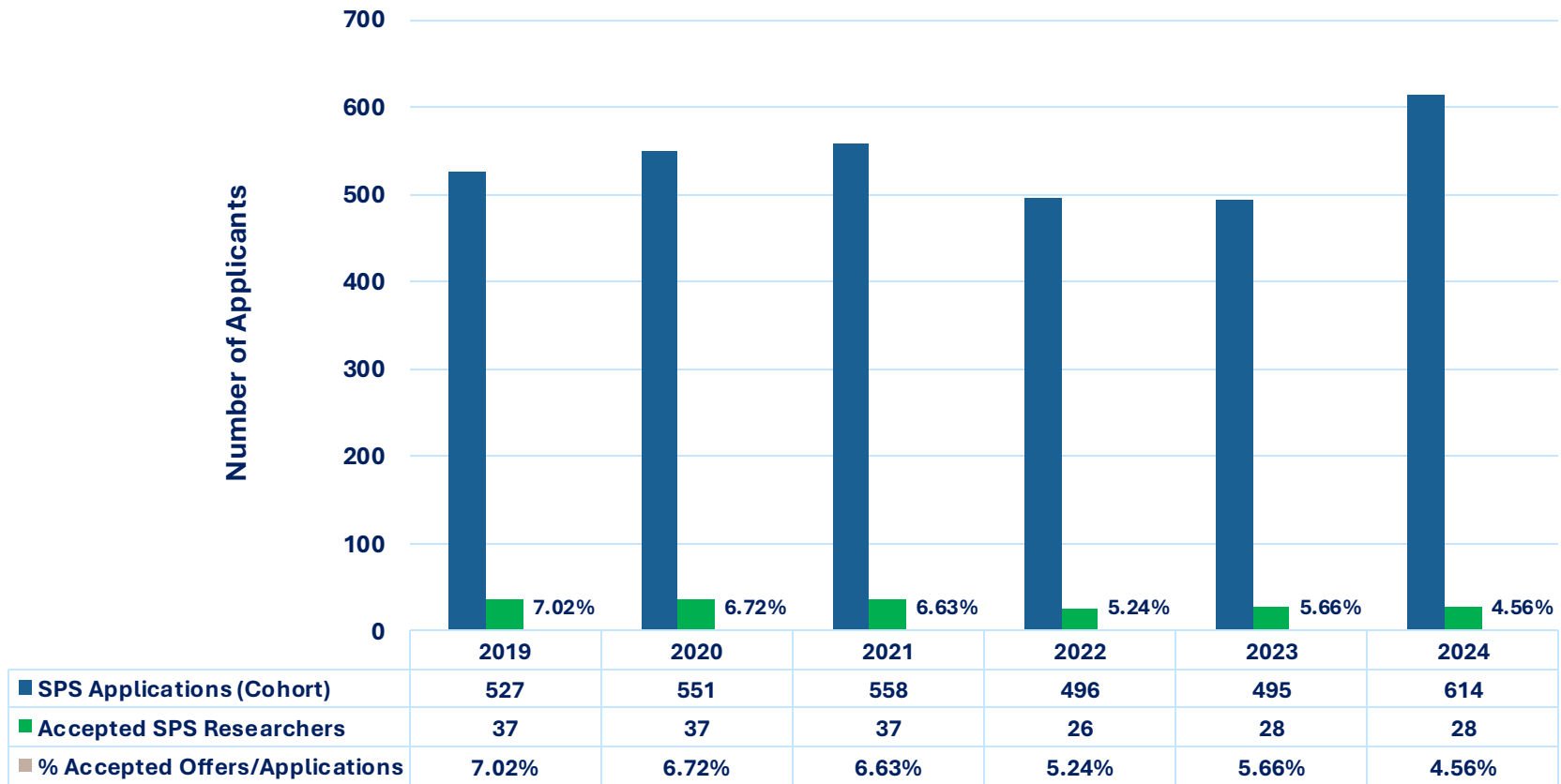


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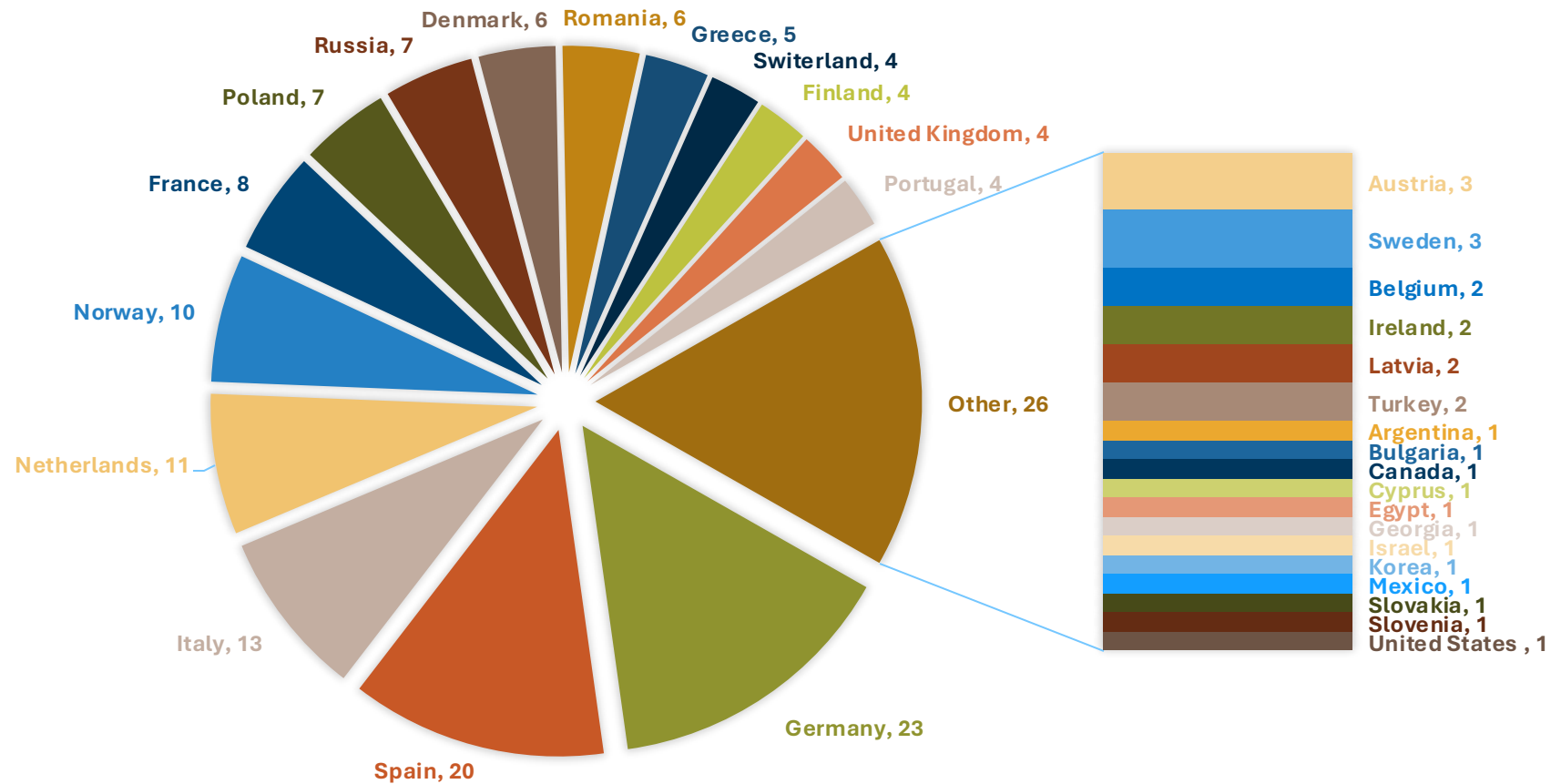
Internationally Recognised

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects 2024								
Political Sciences								
Rank	Institution	Country /Region	Total Score	World Class Faculty	World Class Output	High Quality Research	Research Impact	Intl Collab
1	Harvard University		450.6	134.1	177.8	92.3	40.7	5.5
2	Stanford University		400.4	93.2	164.2	87.7	50.0	5.4
3	Princeton University		350.4	83.2	134.2	78.7	48.9	5.5
4	Columbia University		331.6	84.0	134.7	68.2	39.3	5.4
5	London Sch Economics		320.9	96.8	83.0	93.5	40.6	7.0
6	European University Institute		300.1	84.2	89.7	72.7	45.4	8.2
7	New York University		284.4	65.9	99.5	68.1	44.7	6.2
8	University of California, Berkeley		280.0	55.9	113.4	65.8	39.4	5.5
9	University of Oxford		265.0	63.0	57.3	100.0	38.1	6.7

Selective

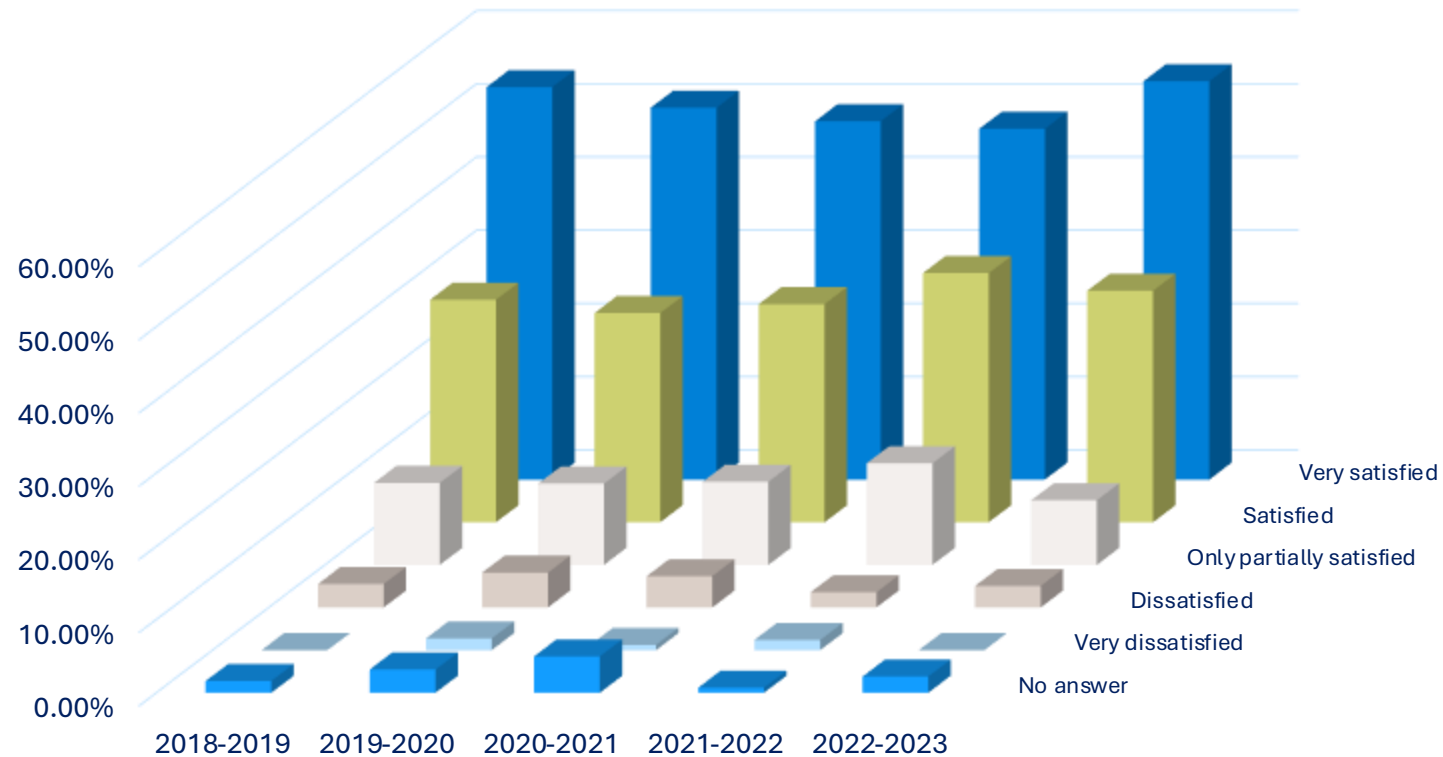


International

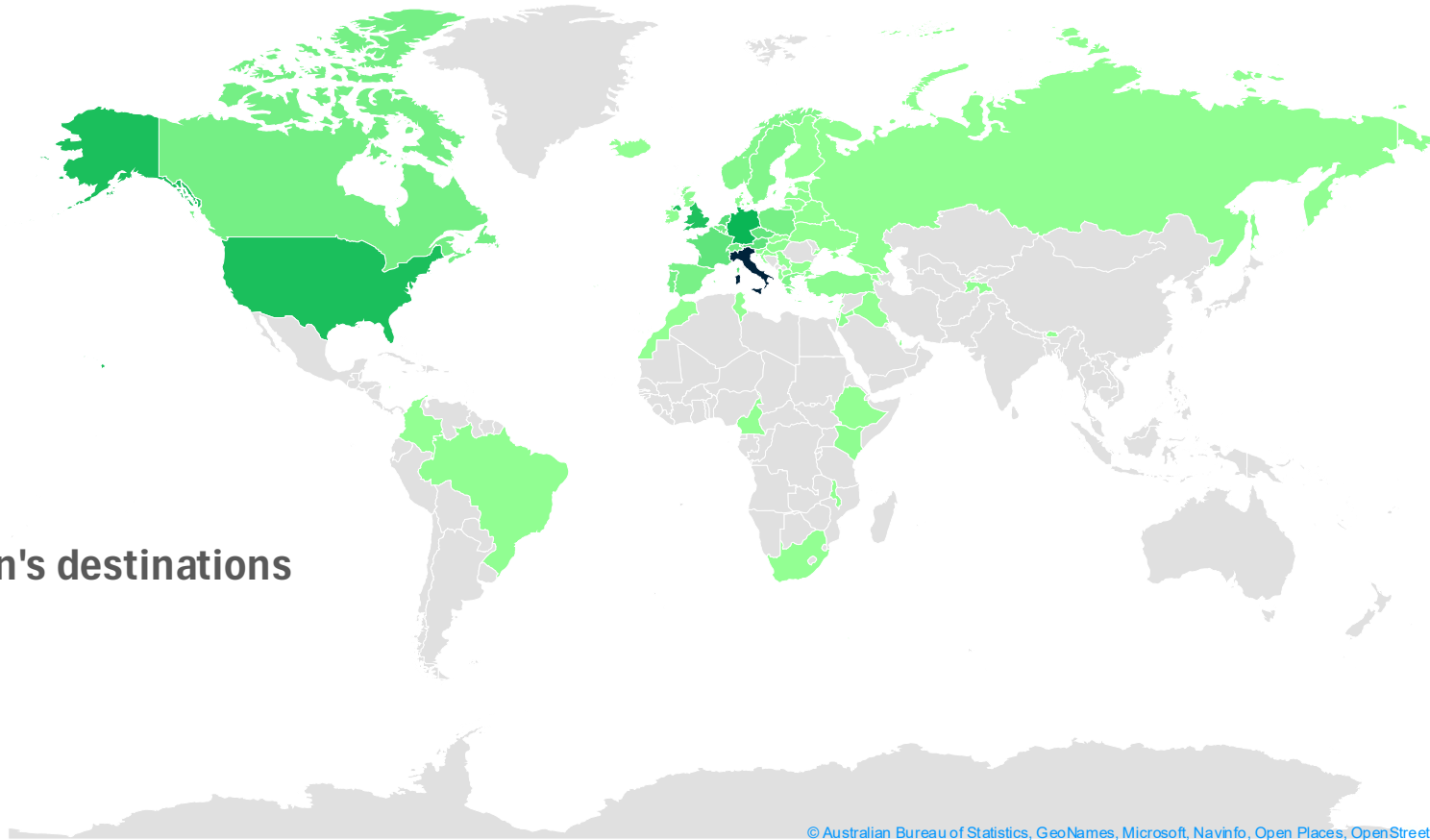


High-Quality Supervision

How satisfied are you overall with your supervisor?



Global Reach



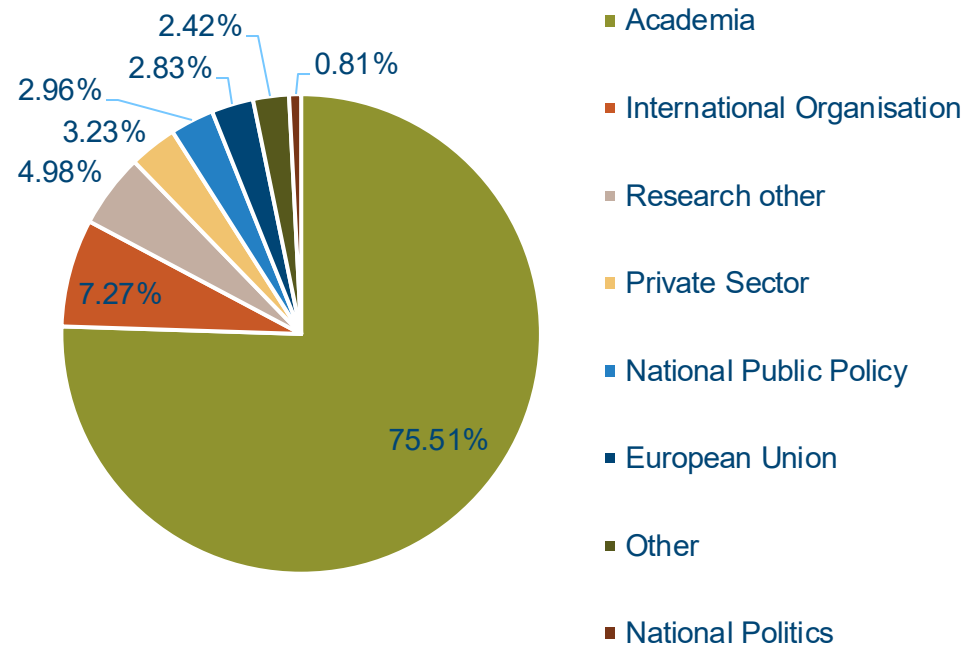
2018 - 2023 Mission's destinations

Well-funded

- PhD grants paid in regular monthly intervals
- Funding for missions (conferences, summer schools)
- Funding for projects (experiments, fieldwork etc.)
- TA and RA opportunities

Leading to Attractive Employment

Employment of SPS alumni



Source: Alumni Surveys

Structure of the programme



Structure of the programme (cont.)

- Four-year programme
- Doctoral research and coursework (seminars and workshops)
- Progress is assessed each year
- Expectation: active participation in the academic life of the institute

Programme milestones

- **First year**
 - Write thesis prospectus
 - Take seminars and workshops worth 110 credits
- **Second year**
 - Submit draft of 25% of the thesis + present
 - Take seminars and workshops worth 60 credits
- **Third year**
 - Submit draft of 2/3 of the thesis
- **Fourth year**
 - Submit draft of full thesis
- **Fourth / fifth year**
 - Defend



First year: Coursework

- **110 credits of coursework**
 - Seminars: during the first two terms
 - "Field seminars": Soc, Comp Pol, IR, Pub Pol Ins
 - 1 is compulsory
 - Methods seminars
 - 2 are compulsory (1 in quantitative and 1 in qualitative methods)
 - "Research seminars": topical, specialized
 - Workshops: focused on specific methods or topics, usually in the third term,
- You can take seminars in the other departments (and even partner universities)

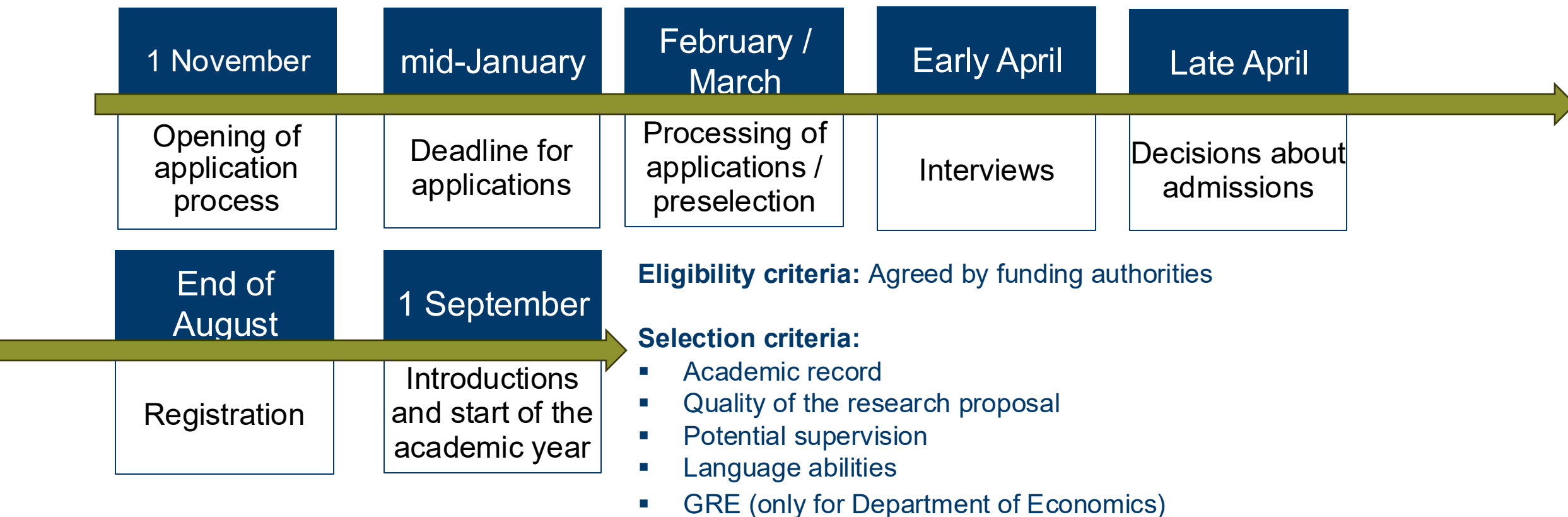
Missions, exchanges, fieldwork

- The department has funding to support research missions
 - Conferences, extra training, etc.
 - From second year onwards
- Exchange programmes
 - Second or third year
 - Agreements with NYU, Wisconsin, CEU, LSE, Sciences Po, Humboldt...
- Funding for data collection, experiments, etc.

Academic life

- Endless opportunities
- Literally thousands of seminars, workshops, colloquium meetings, and guest lectures every year. <https://www.eui.eu/events>
- Most supervisors organize research colloquia for their supervisees and others
- Researchers can also organize their own working groups

Application and Selection



How to get in?

- Register after November 1st (as early as possible):
<https://www.eui.eu/apply?id=doctoral-programme-in-political-and-social-sciences>
- Prepare a strong research project
- Choose wisely your potential supervisor(s)



Why do a PhD in the SPS department?

- Great conditions!
- Get a PhD from a top institute
- Large, international PhD program: a great professional network
- High-Quality supervision
- The food, the art, and the weather



Want to know more?

- Check out the website and our researcher's guide
- Ask me now!



<https://www.eui.eu/Documents/DepartmentsCentres/SPS/ResearchAndTeaching/SPS-Researchers-guide.pdf>

Life of a PhD Researcher

Maša Krajnc,
1st-year researcher
& Representative



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Our campus

Situated in the Tuscan hills, between Fiesole and Florence



Our academic community

Join our culturally diverse academic community – study alongside 1000+ scholars from 100+ countries

590+

Full-time researchers
(PhD, LLM and
MRes)

60+

Visiting
Students

150+

Full- and part-time
professors

100+

STG Master
Students

120+

Full-time fellows
(post-doctoral and
senior)

Our academic community

- Lively: seminars, workshops, events...
- A Cohort
- Close supervision
- Other mentorship opportunities
- Research representatives



Extracurricular activities



Any questions?