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Internship, BEGIN Project

CMES is offering 1 part-time internship within the MECW project [“BEGIN – Being Young in Conflict”](#).

The Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) coordinates the Strategic Research Area (SRA) [“The Middle East in the Contemporary World”](#) (MECW). The research program consists of four research themes: 1) Environment and sustainable development; 2) Security and sustainable peace; 3) Democratization, migration and sustainable socio-economic development; and 4) Religion, identity and culture.

Project Description

The conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) since 2011 have resulted in two broad societal changes that challenge the political exclusion of youth: (1) new spaces and institutions have opened up for youth action, allowing young women and men to assume new roles as political and social leaders; and (2) the launch of the UN Youth, Peace, and Security Agenda, based on Security Council Resolution 2250.

The project seeks to identify the changing norms and political experiences of youth in conflict; evaluate the design and implementation of the YPS agenda; compare the YPS and the WPS agendas; assess youth grassroots political agency and the conditions for empowerment with a specific focus on sustainable peace and gender norms. The project is based on participatory research with key stakeholders in Syria, Iraq (including Iraqi Kurdistan), Libya and Jordan to produce scientific and actionable knowledge. It builds on

data collected through participant-action workshops; semi-structured interviews; working group meetings with policymakers, civil society actors and organizations; and analysis of UN documents.

Qualifications

- Be a registered student at Lund University for the duration of the internship
- Ability to work both independently and in a research team
- Skills in English – required
- Good written and verbal communication skills

Intern Responsibilities

The exact tasks to be carried out by the intern will be discussed with the research team but may include:

- Assisting the research team in collecting and compiling written data on subject area
- Compiling a literature review
- Assisting the research team in organizing events related to the project

Internship Details and Duration

The internship is unpaid, part-time and temporary.

- Number of positions: 1
- Duration: 1 February – 2 June 2024 (or as per agreement)
- Part-time: At most 10 hours/week as per agreement

Application

Submit the application form and a CV (no longer than 2 pages) to ansokan@cme.lu.se no later than 19 January 2024.

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