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Internship, ECO-Syria Project

CMES is offering 1 part-time internship within the MECW project “[ECO-Syria: Exploring Conflict-Environment Interactions for Sustainable Development and Conservation](#)”.

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

More than a decade has passed since the war in Syria began in 2011, and since then the region continues to be a zone of armed conflict with devastating humanitarian and environmental consequences. In the midst of this turmoil, a new venture has emerged in the form of the Autonomous Administration of Northern and Eastern Syria (NES), commonly known as Rojava. In 2012, Rojava cantons started forming as self-proclaimed independent, self-governing units. Later, in 2014, these cantons claimed de-facto independence by adopting a social contract, effectively establishing the region as a self-governing entity.

The project aims to understand the ongoing socio-economic, political, and ecological transformations in Rojava. The research team will employ interdisciplinary methods to generate scientific knowledge and policy recommendations for environmental and ecological sustainability and democracy in Rojava.

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 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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