

Vacancy

Research Assistant, LSE Middle East Centre

The LSE Middle East Centre seeks a part-time Research Assistant to provide efficient, comprehensive and proactive support in Arabic and English for a research project on gender and media in the Palestinian West Bank, led by Principal Investigator Dr Polly Withers. This post will be based at the LSE Middle East Centre and will report to Sandra Sfeir, Projects Manager.

Start Date: 2 November 2020. The contract will run until 31 April 2021.

Hours: Averaging around 14 hours per week over the duration.

Pay: £19.86 per hour

Responsibilities

- Provide research support to the Principal Investigator in Arabic and English.
- Conduct and write up a thorough literature review of academic and media-based sources related to gender, consumer culture, neoliberalism, and advertising media in Palestine.
- Carry out qualitative, independent research and analysis of online advertisements, including translation and transcription into Arabic and English.
- Research Arabic materials that explore neoliberalism from sociological and/or gendered perspectives to support curricula development at partner (Birzeit) University.
- Liaise with research assistants undertaking primary data collection in the Palestinian West Bank, and report findings back to Principal Investigator.
- Assist the Principal Investigator in the writing of reports and other research outputs.
- Update the project webpages in close liaison with the Communications team.

Person Specification

- An ability to carry out detailed desk research in Arabic, including translation into English and transcription.
- Excellent verbal communication skills in Arabic and English.
- Strong writing, administration and organisational skills.
- Ability to conduct high quality, independent qualitative research (using visual/ media culture: desirable).
- Master's degree in a relevant discipline including Middle East studies, media and communications, cultural studies and gender studies.
- Interest in gender, identity, culture and media in the Middle East (Palestine: desirable).
- Experience of administering research activities, including organising events.

Closing date for applications: 22 October 2020 (23.59 UK time)

To apply, please send a CV and short covering letter to Sandra Sfeir, Projects Manager, LSE Middle East Centre: s.sfeir@lse.ac.uk.

All candidates must have the right to work in the UK at the time of application and are asked to confirm this in their covering letter.

Interviews will be held on **26 October 2020** at LSE.