

Dear PhD applicant,

Please note the following as you consider applying to work with me as a PhD supervisor:

1. I am only interested in supervising theses that will pursue anthropological and historical questions, especially on topics related to: human rights and humanitarianism, the UN and its histories, Israel/Palestine, Lebanon, political anthropology, the Middle East, ethics, violence, forensics, and political conflict. I am also interested in broader issues related to the social construction of knowledge, historical anthropology, subaltern studies, post-colonialism, and anthropological theory more generally.

2. In order for you to qualify to become a PhD candidate, you must have:

(a) excellent academic credentials;

(b) training at the undergraduate or postgraduate level in some aspect of Middle East studies and preferably anthropology as well;

(c) advanced research proficiency in Arabic;

(d) a research proposal (3,000-7,000 words) outlining a clear research question, a critical review of the relevant scholarly literature, a discussion of research methods, both theoretical and practical (including source material to be used and fieldwork plan), an indication of the potential argument and its significance, and an indicative bibliography.

Students interested in working with Dr. Allen should send her a CV and a research proposal that fulfils the criteria listed above.