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The Department of Social Anthropology at the University of St Andrews is offering an AHRC funded doctoral studentship for the *Burkett and Beyond* project. The project offers a doctoral student the unique opportunity to work with **Dr Stephanie Bunn** at the **University of St Andrews** and **Dr Fiona Kerlogue** at the **Horniman Museum** on an exceptional collection of felt textiles gathered by curator and traveller Mary Burkett in the 1960s and 1970s from the Middle East and Afghanistan and housed at the Museum. The aim is to contextualize this collection in the light of events in the subsequent 40 to 50 years. Focusing on Iranian felt textile practices, it is anticipated that a doctoral student will bring Burkett's research up-to-date, ascertaining links between the Horniman collection and felt's place in the cultural heritage, memories and life-worlds of people in the Iranian region today, including exploring the impact of events such as revolution and war on domestic production of these textiles. The student will be encouraged to adopt innovative methods in conjunction with their study of the collection.

The research will be both field-based and archival and involve a 12 month fieldwork period. The studentship covers fees and a stipend over 3 years. The successful candidate must hold a good degree in Social Anthropology, Iranian Studies, Textile History, Textiles or similar fields. We are particularly interested in candidates with background in one or more of the following: Textile History, Ethno-history, Social Anthropology or Iranian Studies. It is anticipated that the student may have some knowledge of Persian/Farsi.

The application process is in two stages: In the first instance, you will have to apply to the University of St Andrews (<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/admissions/pg/>) as soon as possible. You should then send a letter of application, outlining your qualifications for the research, with an example of your work and a short proposal for conducting the research in Iran (before end of May 2016). The start date for the studentship is October 2016. You will have the necessary English language qualifications.

Informal enquiries can be sent to Dr Stephanie Bunn, sjb20@st-andrews.ac.uk
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