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Memorandum of Understanding between University of Rajasthan, Jaipur and American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi

Whereas the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur (hereinafter referred to as University of Rajasthan) located in Jaipur, India is one of the premier Universities of India, which has necessary facilities for study of Indian Culture and Social Sciences.

Whereas the American Institute of Indian Studies (hereinafter referred to as AIIS) is a consortium of 64 Universities in the United Sates of America established for the purposes of encouraging and facilitating scholarly studies in India about Indian Civilization, Culture and Languages, Social Sciences, and has been functioning in India for over 49 years.

Whereas AIIS has been recognized by the Government of India as:

- A) An Educational & Research Institution by the Ministry of Education, Government of India vide Letter DO. No. 25-01/81-U4 dated 27-05-1981
- B) A Scientific and Industrial Research Organization by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology, under the Scheme of Recognition of Science & Industrial Research Organizations (SIROs) 1988 vide letter No. 13/229/04-TU-V dated 4th May 2009.
- Q) A Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 10(23C) (vi) of the Income Tax Act 1961

Whereas a number of Ph.D. students and Faculty Members from USA engaged in Indian Studies wish to come to India for conducting field studies as well as collecting the necessary research materials, data etc., relevant to their topics of research study.

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Whereas it is necessary under the Laws, Rules and Regulations of India for such scholars for conducting such field studies etc, to have a Certificate of Association (hereinafter referred to as COA) from an Indian University / Institution in the appropriate region.

Whereas the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India had issued:

- a D.O. Letter No. 25-2/2001-U4 dated 24th May 2001 to Vice-Chancellors of Central, State and Deemed Universities for affiliation of such scholars and charging them concessional affiliation fees.
- b DO Letter No. 25-3/2002-U4 dated 28th August 2002 that the university may consider simplifying the procedure for issue of COA to scholars sponsored by AllS, Fulbright Foundation and Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

Recognizing the importance of fostering and enhancing the awareness and better understanding of Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages, and other Subjects by scholars out side India, University of Rajasthan and AIIS have reached an understanding on the issues setforth in this MOU.

- 1. University of Rajasthan and AIIS encourage and promote studies on Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and other subjects by foreign scholars.
- 2. University of Rajasthan shall simplify the procedure for issue of COA to scholars, affiliated with Universities in the USA, sponsored by AIIS for issue of COA.
- The simplified procedure and formats etc for furnishing information for the purpose shall be prescribed by University of Rajasthan and intimated to AIIS from time to time. University of Rajasthan may consult and seek suggestions from AIIS for formulating and finalizing the procedures.

If desired, AllS will pay an affiliation fee of Rs. 2,500/- for a junior fellow (Ph.D. student) and Rs. 3,500/- for a senior faculty fellow affiliated with University of Rajasthan.

- 5. The AIIS will have the following responsibilities for each student / faculty sponsored by the Institute:
 - (a) AllS will be responsible for all the financial liability for the students and scholars sponsored by it.
 - (b) AIIS will take complete responsibility in making housing arrangements for its scholars and pay the rental.
 - (c) AllS will take complete responsibility for travel costs of the students / scholars from the US/India/US for the sponsored fellows.
 - (d) AIIS will take complete responsibility for police registration and other legal requirements.
 - (e) In the event of illness Institute will take full responsibility of treatment / repatriation, if necessary, of the sponsored scholar.

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- (f) AllS scholars will submit quarterly academic reports and final report to the University Department with which they are affiliated or as required by the University of Rajasthan.
- (g) AllS sponsored scholars will report to the Indian scholar named in the COA upon their arrival in India.
- (h) AllS scholars will be available to deliver lectures in their field of specialization (if and when required by the University of Rajasthan).
- (i) AllS sponsored scholars will abide by the University of Rajasthan rules and regulations provided in writing at the time of arrival of the scholar.
- (j) As the scholars come for doing the research work in their field of specialization duly approved by the Government of India or its consulates, they will have the freedom to travel within the country to interact with their counterparts under intimation to the supervisor named in the COA.
- 6. The Rules of the University of Rajasthan regarding affiliation and Research will apply on the scholars and incase of any casualty happens due to negligence of the students or illegal acts of the students, the University of Rajasthan will not be responsible for any damage / compensation during the period of Association of the Scholars.

That either of the parties may at any time terminate this MOU by giving notice of at least 3 months in writing, to the other party at the address given hereunder or any change of address intimated in writing to the other party.

Registrar
University of Rajasthan Rajasthan
Jaipur
University

Director General
American Institute of Indian Studies
D-31, Defence Colony, New Delhi – 110 024

Signed and delivered on this ______ day of ______ in token of acceptance of the above-mentioned terms & conditions.

For & on behalf of the University of Rajasthan Jaipur For & on behalf of the American Institute of Indian Studies D-31, Defence Colony, New Delhi – 110 024



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Education

08/2015 - Present University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. Candidate

Department of South Asia Studies

08/2012 - 08/2014

University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

M.A. South Asian Studies

M.A. Thesis: "Bhats, Bards, and Beggars: The Making of a Modern Caste in Late Colonial Rajasthan"

08/2006 - 05/2010

Cornell University - Ithaca, NY

B.A. Economics

Minors: South Asian Studies, German Studies, and Music

Language Skills

Hindi:

Advanced proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking (6 years of training)

Punjabi:

Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking (1 year of training)

Marwari:

Intermediate proficiency in reading (1 year of training)

German:

Advanced proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking (9 years of training)

English:

Native speaker

Language Training (Extra-curricular)

09/2014 - 05/2015

American Institute of Indian Studies - Jaipur, India

Completed the Institute's academic-year program in advanced Hindi. 25 hours of classroom

instruction per week, plus weekend field visits.

06/2013 - 08/2013

American Institute of Indian Studies - Jaipur, India

Completed the Institute's summer program in advanced Hindi. 25 hours of classroom instruction per

week, plus weekend field visits.

Academic Presentations

11/2013

Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association of Asian Studies (MAR-AAS)

2013 MAR-AAS Conference: Asia's Global Intersections - The University of Delaware

Presented paper "(Re-)Theorizing Bollywood: An Extra-textual Approach for the Liberal Moment" in

the panel "South Asia in the 21st Century: Politics, Society, and Culture."

Teaching Experience

01/2016 - 05/2016

University of Pennsylvania Department of South Asia Studies - Philadelphia, PA

Teaching Assistant, "Hindu Mythology" undergraduate course under Dr. Deven Patel

Course description:

This course introduced students to the literary and social scientific interpretation of mythology, covering Hindu myths from the Vedic period, through the Puranic literature and the Sanskrit epics, and into the

present day.

Role:

Prepared and led two weekly recitation sections (fifty total students) engaging with course readings;

advised students on the research and writing of research assignments; graded student papers.