



#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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# SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY)

a University established under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and having address at: Symbiosis
Knowledge Village, Gram: Lavale, Taluka: Mulshi, District: Pune 411042 (India), for and on behalf of its
Department the Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE), having its campus at: Senapati
Bapat Road, Pune 411 004
Represented by Dr. Shejul, Registrar

and

UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG
UHH-FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1, 20148 Hamburg
Represented by Prof. Dr. Oliver Huck, Dean

### INTRODUCTION

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is written in the spirit of promoting international friendship and understanding by stimulating and supporting international activities and projects with emphasis on internationalization of higher education.

In furtherance of their mutual interests in teaching and research, desire to strengthen mutual contact, and as a contribution to increased international cooperation the SYMBIOSIS INTERNATIONAL (DEEMED UNIVERSITY), PUNE, INDIA, hereinafter referred to as, **SIU**, and the UHH-FACULTY OF HUMANITIES, UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG, HAMBURG, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as **UHH-HUM**, have entered into the following MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU). Based on principles of equality and reciprocity, this MOU serves as a basis for cooperation between both parties.

### PURPOSE

Through this MOU the parties express their intention to facilitate the development of technical and educational cooperation, to foster advancement in teaching and research and to enhance educational and cultural understanding between the parties.

#### INTENDED AREAS OF COOPERATION

Subject to the availability of funds and approval of the authorized representative of the SIU, and the authorized representative of the <u>UHH-FACULTY OF HUMANITIES</u>, or their authorized deputies, in the interest of expanding and providing high quality education, the two parties will facilitate cooperation in areas of mutual interest:

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- (a) Joint research

  Both parties shall encourage and explore opportunities for joint research activities in the fields of South Asian Studies.
- (b) Exchange of undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students Both parties shall encourage students to study abroad at the partner faculty, and both parties shall provide exchange students with opportunities to take courses of their choice at the partner faculty. Both parties attempt to facilitate credit transfer for students participating in an exchange.
- (c) Joint programs Both parties shall facilitate the development of joint programs for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students.
- (d) Exchange of academics
  The parties intend to provide academics from both parties with opportunities to offer courses and seminars, and teach in the partner faculty. They shall, where possible, set in motion development programs for academics and young researchers.
- (e) Joint lectures and seminars
  Academics from both parties shall be encouraged to develop and implement joint lecture series and joint seminars.
- (f) Exchange of administrative staff
  The parties intend to provide members of the administrative staff of both parties with opportunities to take part in staff exchange programs and engage in activities such as work shadowing at the partner institution.
- (g) Exchange of academic material and information publications
  The parties intend to exchange academic material and other publications of the departments that are of interest.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Any specific program, joint activity and sharing of confidential information will be subject to the conclusion of a separate formal agreement, including the necessary budget for the program or activity as the need may arise.
- 3. Each party understands that the cooperative activities envisaged by this MOU will be subject to the negotiation and conclusion of separate formal agreements and the availability of funds. This MOU places no financial obligation on either of the partner institutions.
- 4. The parties will designate one officer each at their institutions who will facilitate and oversee implementation of this MOU. The expansion of cooperative areas and activities is to be further discussed based on the needs and interest of both parties.



## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Each party's rights, title and interest in its intellectual property and confidential information remain unaffected by this MOU. For the avoidance of doubt, neither party is obliged to disclose any confidential information to the other party. Any disclosure or exchange of confidential information must be covered by an appropriate confidentiality agreement.
- 6. Any intellectual property rights or other results which may originate from the envisaged collaboration of the parties will be separately discussed between the parties and determined in separate written research arrangements.

## DURATION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

- 7. The parties will review the terms of the MOU on a regular basis to assess the success and will determine whether to continue, modify or discontinue the MOU. Each party has the right to terminate this MOU by giving six months' prior written notice to the other. Such termination will not automatically terminate separate formal agreements concluded between the parties according to Sections 3 and 4. A termination of this MOU shall not affect the completion of any joint activities or programs underway at the time that the notice of termination is given.
- 8. This MOU may only be amended in writing either by the exchange of letters between the two institutions or by signing an amending agreement. Such amendments, once approved by both parties, will form part of the MOU.
- Unless validly terminated earlier, this MOU will remain in effect for a period of <u>five</u> years from the date of the last signature. It may be renewed afterwards.

## LANGUAGE

This MOU is written in English and both parties retain one copy each of the authentic texts.

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In agreement with the above terms of participation, the authorized representatives of the SIU, and the UHH-HUM, hereby affix signatures.

For On Behalf of Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

Dr Vidya Yeravdekar Executive Director Symbiosis Centre for International Education

Date: 02 Dec 2019 Date: 4,9,19

For UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG Faculty of Humanities

Prof. Dr. Oliver Huck Dean

Date: 4,9,19

For Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

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