



École Pratique  
des Hautes Études



THE UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

## SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

### BETWEEN

**The Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes** (hereinafter 'EPHE'), of 4-14 rue Ferrus, F-75014 Paris, France, a public scientific, cultural and vocational establishment under French law, represented by its President, Professor Hubert BOST,  
*on the one hand,*

### AND

**The Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir**, Hazratbal-190006, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India, represented by its Registrar, Professor Khurshid Ahmad Butt,  
*on the other hand,*

hereinafter 'the Parties',

### IT HAS BEEN AGREED THE FOLLOWING:

#### Preamble

The purpose of the present Agreement is to foster cooperation in research and teaching between the Parties in all their common fields of competence.

#### Article 1 – Forms of cooperation

For the purpose of the present Agreement, collaboration between the Parties may include the exchange of students, researchers and faculty members; the exchange of scientific and scholarly publications; the joint organisation of symposia, seminars and conferences as well as the development of joint research programmes and projects.

#### Article 2 – Procedures and funding

Each Party may, if it so wishes, appoint a scientific coordinator in charge of the implementation and follow-up of the present Agreement.

Each project undertaken in implementation of the present Agreement shall be recorded in a specific annex stating its object, modalities, duration and funding.

The Parties are agreed to facilitate the organisation and funding of activities within the framework of the present Agreement, as the case may be with the support of appropriate third parties.

### **Article 3 – Intellectual property**

Intellectual property created as a result of cooperative activity undertaken by the Parties shall be co-owned by the Parties in proportion of each Party's respective intellectual, financial, human and material contribution to the creation of said intellectual property.

Publication or dissemination of information pertaining to the cooperative activities and the intellectual property resulting from the Parties' cooperative activity shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the Parties and shall explicitly mention the participation of each Party.

### **Article 4 – Student exchanges**

- i) Student exchanges shall be on the basis of full reciprocity between the Parties for the entire duration of the present Agreement.
- ii) The number of exchange students and the duration of each exchange period at the host Party shall be agreed upon by the Parties on a yearly basis.
- iii) Each Party shall select which of its students take part in the exchanges in agreement with the other Party. Exchange students shall remain registered and pay all relevant registration and tuition fees at their home institution; they shall not have to pay any fees to the host Party.
- iv) Exchange students shall choose the lectures and seminars which they want to attend at the host Party, subject to the prior approval of the academic supervisors concerned.
- v) Travelling and accommodation expenses, as well as any other costs as the case may be, shall be at the charge of students taking part in the exchange. Within the limits of its resources the host Party shall make its material facilities available to exchange students, especially for finding accommodation.
- vi) Exchange students must be covered by an appropriate health, accident and third-party liability insurance for the whole duration of their stay at the host Party. If their insurance policy does not afford them full cover in the host country, exchange students must subscribe appropriate additional cover in conformity with the relevant legal provisions of the host country.

### **Article 5 – Exchange of teaching staff**

The Parties hereby undertake to exchange teaching staff members within the limit of available material and financial resources. The selection and formal invitation of teaching staff shall be on the basis of proposals made by the host Party in agreement with the other Party. Invited teaching staff may sit on examination juries of the host Party subject to approval by the relevant authority appointing said juries.

### **Article 6 – Co-supervision of doctoral theses**

The co-supervision of doctoral theses (Ph.D.s) shall be encouraged in implementation of the present Agreement, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of each country concerned.

A specific co-supervision agreement shall be negotiated by the Parties for each co-supervised doctoral thesis (Ph.D.).

#### Article 7 – Participation in multilateral programmes

The Parties shall, as much as possible, link their joint cooperation with such multilateral programmes as they deem useful for the purpose of their common objectives.

#### Article 8 – Entry into force, duration and termination

The present Agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) years. It shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties. Before its date of expiry, the Parties shall jointly decide on the desirability and, as the case may be, the modalities of its renewal.

A Party shall have the possibility of terminating the present Agreement by notifying the other Party in writing not later than December 15, with effect on September 30 of the following year, so as not to disrupt the academic calendar. The termination of present Agreement shall not affect cooperative actions undertaken under the present Agreement which shall be carried out to their agreed term.

Done in two sets of original copies in English and French, both linguistic versions being of equal legal value,

*For the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes*

*For the University of Kashmir Hazratbal*

The President,

The Vice-Chancellor



**VICE CHANCELLOR**  
**University of Kashmir**  
**Srinagar**

Professor Hubert BOST

Professor Khurshid Iqbal Andrabi

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13<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

Jean-Michel VERDIER  
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Sub: Renewal of MoU with Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL University,  
Paris, France.

Sir,

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you that the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of University of Kashmir is pleased to give her consent for renewal of MoU between University of Kashmir, Srinagar, UT of J&K (India) and Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL University, Paris, France for a period of 5 years w.e.f 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 until July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

We look forward to have a fruitful academic collaboration with your University for times to come.

With Regards,

Sincerely Yours

Prof. Farooq A. Masoodi  
Dean Academic Affairs  
University of Kashmir



## Memorandum of Understanding

between

### **India Central Asia Foundation**

(hereinafter referred to as 'ICAF', New Delhi, India)

and

### **Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir**

(hereinafter referred to as 'CCAS', Srinagar, India)

**The India Central Asia Foundation** is a Track-II non-profit organisation based in Delhi which works for the creation of an institutional framework in which the links between India, Central Asia and Eurasia are strengthened in sectors of activities like the political, economic, strategic, military, science & technology and cultural. ICAF promotes scholarly exchanges in Indian and Eurasian Studies between appropriate institutions. The Foundation has proven expertise in understanding the past and present socio-political and strategic realities of the Eurasian region. The foundation is located at 306, Block 'B - 608", Vasant Kunj Enclave, New Delhi – 110070, represented by the Director, India-Central Asia Foundation, shall hereinafter be referred to as "**ICAF**" of the first part which expression shall include its permitted assigns and legal successors.

and

**Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, is a multidisciplinary research Centre focusing on Central Asia-India-related issues. The CCAS, Srinagar, having its office, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, represented by the Director, Centre of Central Asian Studies, shall hereinafter be referred to as "**CCAS**" of the second part which expression shall include its permitted assigns and legal successors.

*Samuel Srinivas*

*[Signature]*

## Objectives

- Whereas, the Parties are engaged in research on topics of Cultural, Historical, socio-political, strategic, economic and contemporary relevance.
- Whereas, the Parties have been articulating policy orientations with a bearing on national and international affairs, and realize the importance of enhancing India's visibility and interests in the Central Asian and Eurasian matrix;
- Whereas, the Collaboration would serve beyond the confines of formal governmental engagements as a substantive unit of bridge-building with Central Asia and Eurasia, on issues central to cultural and historical ties, foreign policy planning, national security, diplomatic and economic relations;
- Whereas, the Parties have honed their academic experience and scholarship in the Central Asian and Eurasian region, the existing gaps shall, through the promotion of research, scholarships and other linkages with the countries and their languages, aptly complement India's commitments in the region;

The Collaboration between the Two Parties, towards the fulfilment of above-mentioned objectives, would be guided by the following Articles:

### Article 1: Scope of Collaboration

1.1 The Parties will undertake mutually agreed collaborative research in political, economic and strategic studies focusing on the Central Asian and Eurasian region. For the purpose of the present collaboration, 'Eurasia' would be deemed to include –

- The five Central Asian States (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan)
- The four Slavic States (Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine and Moldavia)
- The three Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania)
- The three Caucasian States (Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia)
- Afghanistan, Iran and Xinjiang

- 1.2 India's interest in Central Asia and Eurasia would be the pivot of the collaboration and inspire the research projects. Dissemination of research findings would be in the form of thematic/promotional conferences, seminars, Round Tables and other modes involving academics, technocrats, diplomats, defence analysts, entrepreneurs, administrators and other stakeholders in the policy-making process.

### **Article 2: Medium of Dissemination**

- 2.1 The research cooperation on mutually agreed topics would be promoted through various methods, including:
- a) Holding of regular and structured dialogues/seminars/conferences
  - b) Exchange of research scholars, faculties and stakeholders
  - c) Joint research projects and publications
  - d) Exchange of research publications.

### **Article 3: Programmes and Activities**

The objectives of the collaboration would be fulfilled through an annual schedule comprising the following programmes:

- 3.1 One national/international level conference every year aimed at broadening the scope of public debate;
- 3.2 Publication of a periodic journal, occasional monographs, policy and issue briefs, reports and other relevant literature, which shall form a major share of the tangible outcomes of the partnership.
- 3.3 In addition, four programmes would be organized annually under the auspices of the Collaboration. Each party would bear the responsibility for organizing two programmes annually.
- 3.4 These programmes and activities would be planned, budgeted and implemented by the Steering Committee (see Article 5).

### **Article 4: Finances**

- 4.1 The Parties would endeavour to approach suitable funding agencies for support in the execution of the objectives of the collaboration if required.
- 4.2 Funds received under the Collaboration would be vested with either of the two parties as per the terms and conditions of the funding agency. The

funds would be utilized for the enshrined purposes of the Collaboration and the disbursal shall be overseen by the Steering Committee.

- 4.3 ICAF shall carry out an audit of the accounts raised in line with the Steering Committee guidelines and prevailing practices.

#### **Article 5: Steering Committee**

- 5.1 The objectives of this Collaboration would be realized by the collective endeavours of the Two Parties functioning through a coordinating and monitoring mechanism. To this end, the two Parties would appoint a Five-member 'Steering Committee', comprising the members nominated by the Director, ICAF, and the Director, CCAS.

#### **Article 6: Amendments**

- 6.1 This agreement may be amended by the Parties through mutual consent.

#### **Article 7: Effective Date and Validity**

- 7.1 This Memorandum shall be effective upon signature of the Parties and will remain in force for five (5) years.
- 7.2 Any Party which wishes to withdraw shall give a notice of three (3) months in writing.

#### **Disclaimer:**

The present agreement does not impose any legal binding on the Two Parties and does not preclude any of the Parties from pursuing their institutional programmes and objectives.

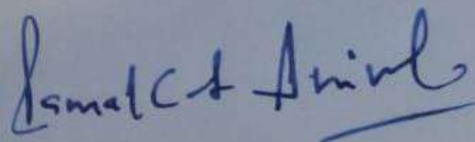
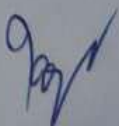
#### **Article 8: Nodal Points**

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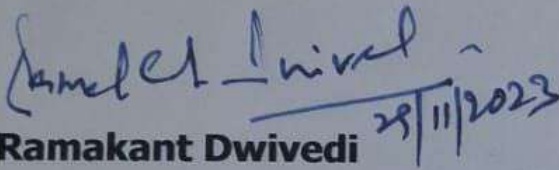
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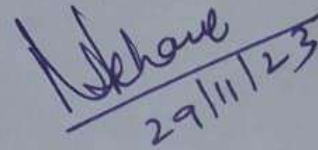
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The Memorandum of Understanding is signed on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, in Srinagar, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir in the English language in three copies and all three are equally authentic.

  
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**Dr. Ramakant Dwivedi**  
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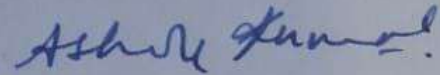
  
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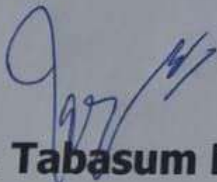
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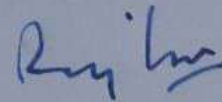
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