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**Memorandum of Understanding between
Panjabi University, Patiala and
The American Institute of Indian Studies, New Delhi**

Whereas the Punjabi University, (hereinafter referred to as PUP) located in Patiala, 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 60 Universities in the United States 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 47 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 Science and Industrial Research Organization by the Department of Science & 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 15-12-2005.

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C) A Not-for-profit organization by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Ministry of Finance under section 10(23C) of the Income Tax Act 1961

Whereas a number of scholars from USA and other countries engaged in Indian Studies are enrolled as doctoral students or appointed as faculty in American Universities and 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.

Whereas it is necessary under the Laws, Rules and Regulations in 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, and a number of such scholars face difficulties in locating the University/Institution and getting the necessary COA.

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 AIIS, 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, PUP and AIIS have reached an understanding on the issues set-forth in this MOU.

1. PUP shall encourage and promote studies on Indian Civilization, Culture, Languages and other subjects by foreign scholars. Both the PUP and AIIS, will undertake to assist each other in developing a proper database, library and archives that can assist the studying of Indian Civilization, Culture and Languages etc.
2. PUP shall simplify the procedure for issue of COA to scholars, affiliated with Universities outside India, sponsored by AIIS for issue of COA.
3. The simplified procedure and formats etc for furnishing information for the purpose shall be prescribed by PUP and intimated to AIIS from time to time. PUP may consult and seek suggestions from AIIS for formulating and finalizing the procedures.
4. AIIS will pay an affiliation fee equivalent to \$ 100 (in Indian) per scholar for the purpose of issuing COA to AIIS Scholars. The fees can be reviewed

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periodically by mutual discussions. PUP will grant affiliation to AIIS scholars subject to availability of faculty member in the concerned field.

- 5 This MOU will come into effect from the date of signing of this understanding and will be valid until renewed or replaced by a fresh MOU or terminated.
- 6 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
Punjabi University
Patiala

Director General
American Institute of Indian Studies
Defence Colony, New Delhi

7. Correspondence on e-mail address (properly intimated) may also be accepted if acknowledged by the other party. The correspondence relating to the procedures for COA and fees shall be valid only if they are signed by the said two officers.
8. That this MOU has been signed by the Registrar, on behalf of PUP and by the Vice President/Director General on behalf of AIIS, in their ex-officio capacity, who have declared that they have the necessary authority of the organizations to enter into this MOU.

Signed and delivered on this 21st day of April, 2009 in token of acceptance of the above-mentioned terms & conditions.

Registrar,
Punjabi University
PATIALA

For & on behalf of the
Punjabi University
Patiala

For & on behalf of the
American Institute of Indian Studies
Defence Colony, New Delhi