

## International Cooperation and Research Project

Scholars and Researchers around the world are increasingly agreeing that knowledge is today's most valuable commodity. In this respect institutions of higher education in every region of the world are increasingly investing time, energy, and resources into two things that they believe will improve the quality of learning, increase international collaboration, improve their ranking, and contribute to generating research grants: the first is the internationalization of their programs and the second, closely related to the first, is increasing the research activity of the institution and its faculty. This interuniversity research project is congruent with several joint programs between India and The European Union that promote cooperation for the generation and dissemination of knowledge. In this respect this agreement is intended to establish a means by which the participating institutions can increase their international activity by increasing the number of international students and faculty affiliated with their programs, by engaging in comparative national and international research projects, and, consequently, acquire national and international research grants. This project aims to generate the resources necessary to complete its objectives by participating in collaborative international research programs established by the European Union Horizon 2020 Program. Europe has extended this program to establish Co-Funding Mechanisms (CFM) between India (DBT and DST) and the European Commission.

Along those lines the Department of Sociology, Lucknow University, UP Lucknow, India formally agree to play an active role in an international research network. This formal agreement establishes general terms for cooperation and collaboration which is aimed at improving, strengthening and promoting relations between the member institutions. The cooperation is primarily intended to be between the academic members, students, and research groups of the participating universities.

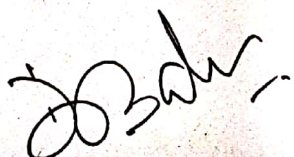
### Article I

Within the framework of the fields of common interest participating universities agree to the following general principles:

1. To promote and encourage the exchange of academic staff and students.
2. To extend invitations to scholars and students to participate in academic activities such as exhibitions, lectures, conferences, symposia, and workshops.
3. To facilitate the exchange of information, experiences, and ideas that promote mutual benefit.
4. To promote and encourage activities of joint research in fields of common interest.
5. To exchange research and educational data, where possible, to be used for education and training purposes.
6. To establishment programs, seminars, and courses that the students of the participating universities can attend.

### Article II

The precise nature and specific details of cooperation and collaboration between the participating universities, including topics of common activities and formalities concerning visits, exchanges, and other forms of cooperation, will be defined by additional "Agreements of Cooperation" which

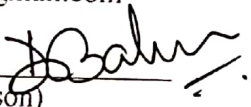


will be prepared and authorized by administrative officials and departmental members of the participating universities (i.e. members of the participating universities who wish to collaborate under the framework of this agreement).


### Article III

The present agreement will come into force as soon as it has been signed by the authorized representatives of the participating universities, will remain in force for a five year period from the date of execution, and may be renewed for an additional five years upon mutual consent. The agreement may be terminated by an authorized official representing one of the participating institutions by written notice. However, such termination shall not affect the completion of any activity underway at the time or the rights of individuals exchanged under this agreement, prior to the notice of termination.

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