Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)  
Between  
Anna University (AU), Chennai, INDIA  
and  
Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research (AISSR, University of Amsterdam),  
The Netherlands  

AU, represented by the Chairperson, Convener Commitee, Anna University, Chennai, INDIA:  
AISSR-UvA, represented by the director of the Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research,  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands:  

(A) Agree to promote a general scientific co-operation of both institutions, covering  
research, education and training in the fields of mutual interest.  
(B) Agree in particular to co-operate within the frameworks of education and training.  

(A) General cooperation and research  
1. Both parties have an interest in joining efforts and resources to reach  
objectives in common. The main objective is to encourage the training of  
scientists through joint research, formal courses, lectures and exchange of  
faculty staff and students.  
2. Both parties will work together to develop a series of actions, including  
exchange of personnel and joint research, with participation of scientists from  
both institutions. There is a mutual interest in promoting long-term research  
programs. The specific focus of such programs will be added in addendum to  
the overall MoU by specific institutes within the university.  
3. There is an explicit intention to broaden the scope of co-operation as  
required, to include other scientific activities of mutual interest, which can, as  
appropriate, also involve other institutions.  
4. In order to reach these objectives, the AU will, within its possibilities, facilitate  
teaching and research activities of AISSR-UvA scientists visiting AU, such as  
for example the use of field stations. Such activities must be coordinated  
through AU. The AISSR-UvA will encourage the participation of its scientific  
personnel in joint research projects together with the scientific personnel of  
AU. The AU shall not be obliged to expend funds under this MoU. AISSR-UvA  
will, within its possibilities, facilitate research activities of AU scientists, visiting  
AISSR-UvA.  
5. Both parties will share equally the benefit of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)  
generated from co-operation in scientific and research activities. Either party  
shall not claim any exclusive right to the benefits of IPR generated from  
cooperation in scientific and research activities. Further technical  
arrangement of this matter will be discussed between the two parties.
(B) Co-operation in Education and Training

1. General Aim
The general aim of this joint agreement between AU and AISSR-UvA is to advance scientific education and training within the frame of research projects to be pursued jointly by the AU and UvA.

2. Special Courses
Both parties will explore possibilities for the development of special courses and block training courses, which are tailored to the needs of the AU.

This Memorandum will be effective for a period of five years from the date of signing of both parties. It may be extended for equal periods if both parties agree in writing. Any party may terminate the agreement by notifying the other party, in writing, at least six months in advance. However, such termination should not affect any on-going project. Either party shall not claim any justifiable right under this MoU.

The MoU will become effective today, provided Indian and Dutch authorities concerned, will agree. In testimony of the agreed, we subscribe the present document in two originals.

For and on behalf of
Anna University, Chennai

Mr. Sunil Pallwal, I.A.S.
Chairperson
Convener Committee

Prof. S. Ganesan
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For and on behalf of
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Date: