

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**THE INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY, RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

AND

**THE INSTITUTE OF ISMAILI STUDIES
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM**

Preamble

1. WHEREAS, The Institute of Philosophy of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russian Federation (IPhRAS), founded as the Institute of Scientific Philosophy in 1921, is the principal institute in Russia for academic research in this field incorporating within the Institute faculties of philosophy and politics, enabling cutting edge research in the fields of philosophy, politics and the study of oriental philosophy, and oriental languages;
2. WHEREAS, The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, United Kingdom (IIS), established in 1977 with the object of promoting scholarship and learning of Muslim cultures and societies, historical as well as contemporary, and a better understanding of their relationship with other societies and faiths conducts programmes that seek to explore the relationship of religious ideas to broader dimensions of society and culture encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to the materials of Islamic history and thought;
3. WHEREAS, IPhRAS and IIS, have in recent years advanced dialogue and co-operation, resulting most notably in a seminar devoted to the Russian scholarship on the Ismailism and held at IIS in London in November 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, IPhRAS and IIS agree as follows:

1 Common aims

- 1.1 That one common aim under this Memorandum is a shared recognition that co-operation between the two institutions is mutually beneficial and will lead to the enrichment of the academic quality, potential and creative productivity of both institutions.
- 1.2 That another common aim is the desire to collaborate on a range of academic activities to enable each institution and its scholars to enhance research, teaching and publications.
- 1.3 That the present Memorandum will focus on co-operation with respect to manuscripts and publications of the two institutions as are approved by each institution.

2 Areas of Potential Collaboration

That IPhRAS and IIS will endeavour to:

- 2.1 Together identify and implement the translation from their original language into either or both of Russian and English, as agreed between the two institutions, of selected important classical works of philosophers and thinkers associated with Ismaili and Shi'i intellectual traditions and of cultures of peoples of those traditions.
- 2.2 Collaborate, as each determines feasible, on enabling privileged access by scholars of their respective institutions, to manuscripts and other material for the purpose of improving wider public understanding of the knowledge contained in such manuscripts and materials, through research, teaching and publication, all only as consistent with the objectives of IPhRAS and IIS.
- 2.3 Arrange for the exchange of scholars between each of IPhRAS and IIS to pursue internships, lectureships and fellowships in the other institutions to achieve the outcomes relating to the research, translation, publication and knowledge-dissemination objectives set forth in this Memorandum and to enrich the quality, credibility and reach of the publications of each institution.
- 2.4 Provide, to the extent possible, access to published and unpublished materials in their custody, including for review, and where possible, copying for the purposes of academic research.
- 2.5 Share to the extent feasible, for the purposes of inclusion in their respective libraries, copies of publications emanating under their auspices.
- 2.6 Organise, periodically, under joint-sponsorship, seminars, workshops, conferences and exhibitions to achieve their respective and shared objectives as set forth herein.
- 2.7 Facilitate links to their respective websites to improve wider knowledge of the work of each institution.
- 2.8. Facilitate formalities to enable travel to undertake the collaborative activities set forth herein.

3 Administrative Procedures

- 3.1 Collaborative initiatives, projects and programmes pursued under this Memorandum shall be as approved by each of IPhRAS and IIS and shall be monitored by a Standing Committee comprising one member from each institution that will meet as needed, and being designated as Liaison Officers for their respective institutions.
- 3.2 Matters for consideration by the Standing Committee will include a review of each institution's participation in this collaboration, an assessment of its effectiveness, and any modifications that might be necessary.

3.3 The individuals named herebelow are designated as Liaison Officers:

For IPhRAS:

**Dr. Andrey Smirnov
Deputy Director
The Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences**

For IIS:

**Mr. Hakim Elnazarov
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3.4 Any differences between IPhRAS and IIS arising out of the interpretation or application of this Memorandum will be settled amicably by agreement.

3.5 This Memorandum may be amended at any time by common consent of IPhRAS and IIS.

3.6 This Memorandum shall come into effect as of the date of the last signature affixed thereto.

3.7 This Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of twenty-four (24) months following its signature and may, by common written consent of IPhRAS and IIS, be renewed for a further twenty four (24) months as mutually agreed by .

3.8 Each of IPhRAS and IIS may decide to terminate this Memorandum by notifying the other party with ninety (90) days advance written notice.

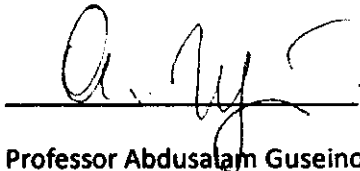
3.9 Communications in relation to this Memorandum will be made by registered post, express courier, or facsimile, to:

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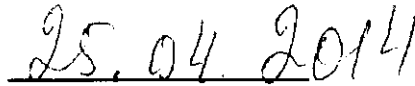
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This Memorandum of Understanding is accepted and approved by each institution as witnessed by the signatures of their designated representatives appearing herebelow.

For The Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences

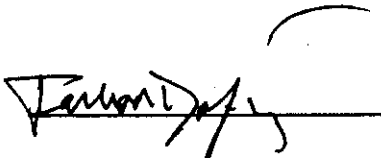


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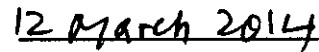


Date

For The Institute of Ismaili Studies



Dr. Farhad Daffary
Co- Director
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Date

