

**NELSON MANDELA CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA**

Minutes of the Committee of Studies (CoS) Meeting held on September 11, 2015:

The following members of the CoS were present:

- Prof. Tasneem Meenai, Officiating Director
- Prof. Nisarul Haq (Internal member)
- Prof. Ajay Darshan Behera (Internal member)
- Prof. Sujit Dutta
- Dr. Kaushikee

Agenda: Presentation of Research proposals & Interviews of Candidates seeking admission to the Ph. D. programme in the Centre (Semester I – 2015):

1. Susezzit Kumar: Registration No. – JMIP004340; Roll No. – R41003647 (Exempted Category; Main Subjects)
Proposed Theme: "Visionary Socio-Economic & Techno-Spiritual (V-SETS) Innovations Promoting Ecological Balance and Management of Good Environment for Global Peace & Sustainable Development"

The candidate is not eligible as he has an MSc in Geology, which is not within allied subjects of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

2. Hafida Begum: Registration No. – JMIP003014; Roll No. – R31003335 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: "Identity Conflict between Self and Other and its impact on Human Security: A Study of Bodo Movement in Assam"

- The candidate has not been selected as the proposal has been poorly written and thus it is weak. Additionally, the candidate had inadequate knowledge of the field. 'Identity' and 'Human Security', the two core concepts of the topic have not been linked in the proposal and hence the theme itself is problematic. Moreover, the candidate failed to establish a linkage between the hypothesis and the research topic. Overall, the proposal has not been properly conceived.

3. Divya Katiyar: Registration No. – JMIP003001; Roll No. – R31003371 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: "Indo-Iran Relations since 9/11: U.S as a Factor"

The candidate has not been selected as her theme is not related to peace and conflict studies. The title was vague and she was unable to defend it. Besides, the candidate failed to conceptualise the theme as per the domain of the Centre.

4. Antora Borah: Registration No. – JMIP000589; Roll No. – R28003159 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: "The Assam-Nagaland Foothill Border: The Site of Co-Existence and Social Harmony in the Midst of Ethnic Conflict"

The candidate has not been selected as her proposal was not well argued and developed. It lacked the methodological rigour and was not theoretically sound.

5. Vishnupriya: Registration No. – JMIP001888; Roll No. – R42003672 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Study of the Changing Trends of Language in Popular Hindi Cinema Post Liberalization as a Tool for Maintaining Peace in the Society”

The candidate is not eligible as she has an MA in Mass Communication, which is not within allied subjects of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

6. Rajendra Prasad Misra: Registration No. – JMIP000912; Roll No. – R34003467(Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Role of Media in Kashmir Conflict: Media an Escalation or De-escalation Agent?”

The candidate is not eligible as he has an MA in Mass Communication, which is not within allied subjects of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

7. Ghulam Rasool: Registration No. – JMIP003285; Roll No. – R16002679 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Articulating an Islamic Narrative of Peace, Conflict Resolution and Non-Violence: The Perspective of Fethullah Gulen”

The candidate is not eligible as he has an MA in Islamic Studies, which is not within allied subjects of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

8. Udai Pratap Singh: Registration No. – JMIP002138; Roll No. – R45003774 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Evaluation of the Principle of Use of Force under the United Nations Charter with special reference to the Humanitarian Crisis in the Israel-Palestine Conflict”

The candidate is not eligible as he has an MA in Law, which is not within allied subjects of the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution.

9. Chandrajeet Singh Yadav: Registration No. – JMIP003101; Roll No. – R31003363 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Impact of Ethnic Conflict on Democracy in Sri Lanka”

The candidate has not been selected as he failed to defend his proposal. He lacked research-orientation and had very weak understanding of the field of Peace and Conflict Studies.

10. Khwaja Danish Hameed: Registration No. – JMIP001189; Roll No. – R14002546 (Exempted Category; Allied Subjects)
Proposed Theme: “Pakhtun Movement in Pakistan: Origins, Development, and Transformation 1957-86”

The candidate has not been selected as the topic is historical in nature and scope and is not focused on Peace and Conflict Studies.

Agenda: Presentation / Progress of Ph. D. scholars enrolled in previous years:

The CoS assessed the progress of three PhD students who were enrolled last year (September 2014) and for whom this is the last chance to make changes in their PhD topic, if any, with the consent and inputs of the CoS.

- Ms. Brinda Banerjee: Ms. Banerjee's PhD topic is 'Internal Armed Conflict and The Indian Experience: A Study of Mizoram and Punjab'. She has proposed changes in the title of her thesis so as to make it more focused and has also added the case study of Tripura to make it more relevant. Her new title is 'Settlement of Internal Armed Conflicts in India: A Study of Mizoram, Punjab and Tripura'. The CoS approved the changes.
- Ms. Manjrika Sewak: Ms. Sewak is working on the title 'Education for Peace: An Approach to Conflict Transformation in India'. She does not wish to make any changes in her PhD topic.
- Gajinder Singh: Mr. Singh's PhD topic is 'Protection of Civilians: A Study of United Nations Peacekeeping Missions Post 2000'. He has proposed changes to his title to make the study more focused. The new topic is 'Protection of Civilians: A Study of United Nations Peacekeeping Missions with special reference to Democratic Republic of Congo and Republic of South Sudan'. The CoS allowed the changes in the title of the thesis.

The CoS assessed the progress of one PhD student enrolled in the previous years:

- Mr. Umair Gul: Mr. Gul is working on the theme 'Religion and Armed Conflict: A Comparative Study of Insurgent Groups in India – Hizbul Mujahideen, Babbar Khalsa and NSCN (National Socialist Council of Nagaland)'. The CoS was satisfied with his presentation and his progress.

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

✓ CBCS Paper on Conflict Analysis: CBCS Paper 1 on Conflict Analysis has been approved by the CoS.

- Supervisor of Mr. Umair Gul: Mr. Gul is no longer under the co-supervision of Dr. Tanweer Fazal because he submitted his technical resignation from the services of Jamia Millia Islamia on June 5, 2015. Dr. Kaushikee is his Supervisor.
- Paper on Development and Security: For the current Semester I batch (July-December 2015), the paper on Development and Security has been included as an optional paper in Semester IV (January-June 2017).
- MA Thesis: For the current Semester I batch (July-December 2015), MA Thesis will be a compulsory paper in Semester IV (January-June 2017).

The meeting concluded with the Officiating Director thanking the CoS members for their time and contribution.

Tasneem Meenai

(Prof. Tasneem Meenai)
Officiating Director

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Minutes of the Committee of Studies (CoS) Meeting held on November 13, 2015:

The following members of the CoS were present:

- Prof. Tasneem Meenai, Officiating Director
- Dr. Anita Inder Singh (External member)
- Prof. Nisarul Haq (Internal member)
- Prof. Sujit Dutta
- Dr. Kaushikee

Agenda: Confirmation of the minutes of the last CoS meeting

- The minutes of the last CoS meeting held on September 10-11, 2015 were confirmed.

Agenda: Revision of List of Allied Subjects for Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies

- The following subjects have been included in the list of allied subjects for Ph.D. in Peace and Conflict Studies:
 1. International Law
 2. Social Work
 3. Development Studies
 4. Peace and Conflict Studies
 5. Journalism / Mass Media / Mass Communication

Agenda: Pre-PhD Seminar

- Ms. Aditi Paul made her Pre-PhD Seminar on 'Regionalism in South Asia: Alternative Approaches to Peace'. The CoS was satisfied with her presentation and approved the same.

Agenda: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- Ms. Aditi Paul in a letter dated November 13, 2015, 2015 has requested for extension of one year to complete her Ph.D. thesis. Ms. Aditi Paul registered for Ph.D. on December 21, 2010. The Committee granted Ms. Paul one year extension (up to December 21, 2016) for completing her Ph.D. thesis.
- The Committee approved the CBCS paper on Research Methodology and Field Work for Semester II.

The meeting concluded with the Officiating Director thanking the members.

Tasneem Meenai
Prof. Tasneem Meenai 25/02/16

(Officiating Director)