**ANNEXURE – 3 (c)**

**FACULTY AT THE SCHOOL OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT STUDIES**

Given the inter-disciplinary character of the School, the University has appointed a core faculty drawn from natural sciences, social sciences, and the humanities.

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Dr. Kishore Dhavala holds a Doctoral degree in Economics from Florida International University, Miami, USA. He worked as a Postdoctoral researcher at Basque Centre for Climate Change, Bilbao (Spain). He has worked as a consultant at Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi prior to his journey to Bilbao. Kishore is currently working on various research projects on low carbon economy, mitigation and adaptation policies for climate change.

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After the completion of his PhD, Bharath was a Visiting Fellow in the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India. At Nalanda University, Bharath offers a course on the Ecology of Alien Invasive Species, and another on Political Ecology.

**FACULTY AT THE SCHOOL OF HISTORICAL STUDIES**

The faculty in the School of Historical Studies consider it imperative to develop and apply a multidisciplinary approach to the study of history. They bring a rich variety of methodologies and disciplinary backgrounds to bear on their research and teaching including anthropology, sociology, archaeology, religious studies, philosophy, political science, philology, and art history. The faculty offers courses in Asian modernities, maritime networks, trade and commerce, economic development, histories of circulation, religions of Asia, inter-Asian cultural interactions, oral histories and performance, material-culture, and politics of heritage.

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Pankaj Mohan studied East Asian languages, history and cultures, initially at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and subsequently at Peking University, Beijing, Seoul National University, Seoul and the Australian National University, Canberra where he received his Ph.D. degree in East Asian history. He taught Korean language, Classical Chinese and various courses in Korean and East Asian history at the Australian National University, the University of Sydney and the University of Copenhagen between 1991 and 2009. In July 2009 he was appointed Professor and Dean of the Faculty of International Korean Studies, the Academy of Korean Studies, South Korea, and he held this position until January 2015 when he moved to Nalanda University.

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MurariJha was trained at Leiden University, the Netherlands (2006–2013) and also at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (1999–2006). He has a PhD (2013) from the Institute for History, Leiden University, and another PhD (2006) from the Centre for Historical Studies, JNU. From June 2013 to December 2014 he held a postdoctoral position at History Department, National University of Singapore. His Leiden-PhD thesis was among the three shortlisted dissertations (the early modern section) for the best prize at the XVIIth World Economic History Congress held at Kyoto, Japan.

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Kashshaf Ghani received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Calcutta. His dissertation explored Sufi rituals and devotional practices in South Asia across Sufi orders, connecting it to areas beyond South Asia. His fields of interest include Sufism, Islam in South Asia and Muslim societies with a focus on pre-modern India (1000-1800). He has held research positions at the Asiatic Society, Kolkata; the University of Sorbonne-Nouvelle, Paris, and at the ZentrumModerner Orient, Berlin.

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Abhishek S. Amar specializes in the archaeological history of South Asian religions especially Buddhism and Hinduism. After completing his Ph.D. in History from SOAS, University of London, he received a fellowship from Kate Hamburger Kolleg at Ruhr University, Germany in 2009 to conduct research on inter-religious interactions in the early medieval India. Amar has co-edited Cross-Disciplinary Perspective on a Contested Buddhist Site: Bodhgaya Jataka (2012) and also published articles in leading scholarly journals and edited collections. He is currently working on his monograph, Contextualizing Bodhgaya, which examines the issues of expansion, sustenance and religious transformation of Buddhism at the site of Buddha’s enlightenment. His current research and teaching focuses on themes of inter-religious dynamics, syncretism and religious transformation, religion and water management and colonialism and reconfigurations of sacred centers in the Buddhist and Hindu traditions.

**FACULTY AT THE SCHOOL OF BUDDHIST STUDIES, PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS**

**Prof.SukhbirSingh** Visiting Professor and Dean (I/C)

Professor Sukhbir Singh is an eminent scholar in Comparative Literatures and Yoga Philosophies. He retired from Osmania University, Hyderabad (India) as Professor Emeritus after serving for more than three decades. He holds a Ph.D. from the Central University of Hyderabad and an M.A. from the Punjab University, Chandigarh. Prof. Singh has specialised and taught Comparative Literatures and Yoga Philosophy over a long period. He is actually one of the most accomplished Professors in his field today in India. He was awarded the Senior Fulbright Visiting Fellowship at the prestigious Divinity School of the University of Chicago, IL. by the United States Educational Foundation in India, Pierce Loughran Visiting Scholarship by the Yeats Society of Ireland, Senior fellowship for Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture by the Council for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT/MoC), New Delhi (India).

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Ms. GarimaKaushik is an archaeologist who has excavated at a number of important Historic and Proto Historic Archeological sites in India including Sravasti, Dholavira, Govishana and AdiBadri. She has been involved in academic as well as active field research on Early Buddhist Historical Sites for over fifteen years. She has worked as an Assistant Archaeologist in the Archaeological Survey of India, Department under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for over 12 years and has published numerous works on Buddhism, gender and archaeology.

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Aleksandra Wenta was trained at Oxford University, Banaras Hindu University and Jagiellonian University. She was Fellow at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla (2012-2014) where she worked on the aesthetics of power in medieval Chidambaram. Her scholarly interests range from Buddhism in India and Tibet, through Sanskrit and history of Śaivism in Kashmir and South India, to the performance theories and emotions in pre-modern India. She is currently working on the doctrinal debate that dominated the scene in the intellectual history of the eleventh-century Indo-Tibetan world that was forced to enter the battlefield of the critical discussion during the ‘tantric age’. Aleksandra has recently (2016) been awarded a grant from FIND: India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues, Italy.

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