



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The State Islamic Institute (IAIN) in Mataram and Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies (NISIS) agree to establish mutual academic cooperation. The cooperation covers three main fields.

### 1. Research Collaboration

A research project will be established between NISIS and IAIN Mataram. A representative of NISIS will discuss the content and arrangements of this project with the representative of IAIN Mataram. The theme, scope and duration of the project will be decided and agreed upon by the participating members.

### 2. Scholarly Exchange

Using the existing possibilities of scholarly exchange between the universities participating in NISIS and IAIN Mataram, opportunities will be created for scholars and experts associated with IAIN Mataram and NISIS to share their research with their colleagues in the Netherlands and in Mataram. Under the terms of this memorandum of understanding NISIS senior members will lecture on their research at IAIN Mataram; and researchers of IAIN Mataram will lecture at the participating universities of NISIS in the Netherlands. The schedule of the exchange will be decided and agreed upon by the participating members.

### 3. Seminar Series

The grand theme of this seminar series will be: "Islamic studies in pre- and post-colonial era: Indonesian and Dutch scholars' perspectives". This seminar series is prioritized to be held at IAIN Mataram. The schedule of the seminar series will be composed and agreed upon by the participating members.

The participating members understand that this agreement is not meant not be legally binding. The agreement aims to boost cooperation and academic networking and collaboration amongst scholars in the Netherlands and Indonesia, especially amongst those who are associated with

NISIS and IAIN Mataram. Any financial issue and funding arising from those programs (No. 1 up to no. 3) will be made separately and must be agreed upon by the respective authority of the participating members. The duration of this agreement is four years, beginning from 2016 to 2020 and is renewable for every four years depending on mutual agreement between NISIS and IAIN Mataram.

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Signed by the Representative of

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Director NISIS

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Rector

