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Dear Professor Vencatesan,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the Department of Languages, University of Bologna on the occasion of the inauguration - on 11th October 2016 - of the Erasmus Mundus Project in European Literary Cultures, for which we hope that your University will be our first Asian and of course first Indian partner. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sanjay Deshmukh has kindly consented to come to Bologna to attest the intention to sign this international agreement.

We would like to invite you to deliver 6 lectures (of 1.5 hours each) in the Department of Languages University of Bologna (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 October 2016) and 8 lectures in our partner institutions, University of Strasbourg, France (17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 October 2016) and the University of Mulhouse, France (25, 26 October 2016). The lectures would be about two celebrated Francophone writers Ananda Devi from Mauritius and Fatou Dioume from Senegal and presently living in Strasbourg. You know both writers personally and I believe your insights into their work will benefit our students and colleagues a lot.

We are also organizing an international conference *Raconter L'Europe* along with our partner institutions at Cesenatico, Italy on 12, 13, 14, 15 October 2016. You have kindly consented to read a paper on Europe as seen and imagined from India and we are looking forward to it.

We are happy to pay for your air-ticket from Mumbai to Bologna and your stay in all three Universities. However we are not in a position to offer you any honorarium besides this.

Please confirm your presence with us from 3rd October to 27th October 2016 so that your travel and stay can be organized accordingly.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely,

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