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## Heidelberg University signs MoU with School of Planning and Architecture (SPA)

Prof. Dr. Beatrix Busse, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Teaching, Heidelberg University and Prof. Dr. Chetan Vaidya, Director, SPA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 to enhance relations between the two universities in the areas of education, research and other activities related to the study of urban change and that help to enhance interdisciplinary cooperation and internationalization of the respective universities.

SPA and Heidelberg University appointed “Coordinators” in their respective offices in Delhi and Heidelberg who would be responsible for coordinating all communication and directing the implementation of the MoU. For this purpose. Coordinator for Heidelberg University is Prof. Christiane Brosius and for SPA is Arunava Dasgupta, Head-in-Charge. The MoU was supported by signatures of the coordinators.

SPA is a Center of Excellence declared by Government of India in Architecture, Design and Planning. The School is a specialized University, only one of its kind in India, which exclusively provides training at various levels, in different aspects of human habitat and environment.

Cooperation is enhanced in following key areas:

- i. Academic Exchange in the broad areas of mutual interest and disciplines related to Transcultural Studies and Urban Development in Asia and



**Prof. Dr. Beatrix Busse and Prof. Dr. Chetan Vaidya Signing the MoU**



**Coordinators, Prof. Dr. Christiane Brosius and Prof. Dr. Arunava Dasgupta ‘Witness’ the MoU**



**Exchange of Signed MoU Folders**

- Europe.
- ii. Assisting each other for the organization and/or participation in national and international symposia, conferences, summer and winter schools, specialized exhibitions and similar events taking place in respective places and countries.
  - iii. Collaborative research including joint surveys, fieldwork, analysis, publications and dissemination of research findings.
  - iv. Student and Faculty training and exchange
  - v. Supporting PhD programs including co-supervision by faculty of both universities and dual site PhD research activities.
  - vi. All other relevant activities of mutual interest to SPA, Delhi and Heidelberg University.

The ceremony also observed participation of all 'Department Heads' from SPA and Prof. Axel Michaels, Mrs. Fuhrmann-Koch and Mr. Bakht from Heidelberg University.



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