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re.: Dr. Christine Kämpfer

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Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I would like to recommend Dr. Christine Kämpfer to you in the warmest terms. While I initially became acquainted with her through colleagues about her research, I have had the pleasure of meeting her in person on several academic occasions in recent years. Listening to her lectures on Persian poetry is always a delight, as she consistently offers new perspectives, original perceptions, and insightful analyses of various aspects of the classical Persian poetic tradition.

Dr. Kämpfer is a young and promising scholar who has already made invaluable contributions to Iranian culture in general and Persian literature in particular. Few scholars possess the ability to excel in these two areas both in their research and teaching. It is remarkable that she has taught a diverse array of courses, including the history of modern Iran, religious minorities, and Iranian women's movements between reality and myth, while also having addressed central topics in classical Persian literature and Islamic mysticism (Sufism). Her unique talent for bridging medieval and modern Persian cultural traditions with contemporary history makes Dr. Kämpfer an innovative scholar and an invaluable asset to any academic institution.

I would also like to emphasize that her scholarship holds significant societal value. Her work not only transmits unique knowledge about medieval Islamic cultures, literatures and traditions but also explores how these cultures and traditions have progressed through ages and how they have been perceived in modern and contemporary societies. This dual focus enriches our understanding of various historical, literary, religious and political dynamics in Persian cultural areas.

Lastly and most importantly, I would like to highlight Dr. Kämpfer's pleasing personality. From the time I know her, I have experienced her both self-effacing and enthusiastic, consistently serving as an inspiration for the team she works with. She possesses key positive qualities such as integrity, analytical vigour, and perseverance, which are essential for a thriving academic environment. In my view, she ranks

among the top 10% of her peers and is ready to bring all her experiences and qualities to a new academic institution. Without a doubt, she is an asset to any organization, and I wholeheartedly support her academic pursuits.

Yours sincerely,

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