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Letter of recommendation for Dr. Motahareh Sameri

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To whom it may concern.

It is a pleasure for me to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Motahareh Sameri. I know her since July 2019, when her supervisor, Professor Karimi-Doostan, asked me to be a member of her dissertation defense committee at the University of Tehran.

I hired her in January 2020 for a one-year postdoctoral research position at the University of Cologne in Germany, in the scope of a research project funded by the German Research Foundation. This project took a cross-linguistic approach to syntactic and pragmatic questions with regard to non-canonical word order. Persian was one of the languages investigated in the project. Dr. Sameri worked on postverbal subjects in Persian during this year. Unfortunately, this was the first year of the pandemic when the usual visa policy of the German embassy in Iran essentially came to a halt. Consequently, Dr. Sameri had to work by videoconference with us.

At the end of her contract, I was not able to renew her employment because project funding ended. Yet, Dr. Sameri had already a standing in my team and we have been pleased to keep her since then as an associated researcher who participates in the weekly team meetings.

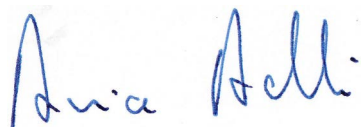
In 2020, a new collaborative, cross-linguistic project funded by the German Research Foundation started at the University of Cologne and the University of Berlin. We could set up a scientific service contract with her in 2022, such that Dr. Sameri is assisting this new project with regard to the syntactic and pragmatic annotation of our corpus data. Furthermore, she is informing and advising us on recent syntactic literature written in Persian language and published in Iran. We are currently working with her on a publication on right-dislocated data.

Dr. Sameri received a very solid training in formal syntax and semantics during her doctoral studies. Since then, she has learned to work with corpus data. Today, she is a trained syntactician who is competent in both formal and empirical aspects of contemporary syntax.

I want to emphasize that she is agreeable to communicate with, even during periods that are challenging due to high working load. She is very committed to supporting other team members, treating them with respect.

I can highly recommend her as a postdoctoral researcher at your university.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Aria Adli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Professor Aria Adli