



Office of International Relations
Indian Institute of Technology
Kharagpur – 721 302



REF: 2323/2024/OIR

Dated: 05.09.2024

NOTE

Sub: Approval for the visit of Prof. J. Wirth & Prof. B. Schroeder from USA along with Prof. B. Schaff from Germany during 20th Feb – 06th Mar, 2025.

Prof. Jason Martin Wirth and Prof. Brian Scott Schroeder from the USA along with Prof. Barbara Anna F Schaff from Germany are scheduled to visit IIT Kharagpur from 20th Feb to 06th Mar, 2025 to attend an International workshop titled "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?" under the SPARC project. They will also discuss potential research collaborations.

The faculty coordinator of their visit is Dr. Saswat Samay Das from the department of Humanities and Social Sciences (Flag-i). According to the submitted document, the visitor's local travel, accommodation, food, honorarium and all other expenses will be borne by the host Dr. Saswat Samay Das (Flag-ii).

The supporting documents of the visit are enclosed.

This is placed for your kind consideration and approval of the said visit.

Encl.Flag: (i) Filled-up Ministry Clearance Form
(ii) Filled-up Issuance of Visa Form
(iii) Passport copy

Arup K. Roy
05.09.24
Junior IR- Executive

IR-Executive

Dean, International Relations

Director

(A) approved.

06/09/2024



INVITATION LETTER

Date: 10.09.2024

To
Prof. Barbara Anna Friederike Schaff
Eichenweg 9, 82319 Starnberg,
Germany.

Subject: Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

Dear Prof. Barbara Anna Friederike Schaff,

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you to attend an International Workshop - Have We Ever Been Posthuman? - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration from 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

Name: Barbara Anna Friederike Schaff
Nationality: Deutsch
Country of present domicile: Germany
Passport number: CFGN1FVNC

Place of Issue of passport: Stadt Starnberg
Issue date of passport: 15 Dec 2017
Expiry date of passport: 14 Dec 2027
Date of birth: 28 Jul 1957

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be borne by the host Prof. Saswat Samay Das of IIT Kharagpur. Prof. Saswat Samay Das (ssd@hss.iitkgp.ac.in) from the department of Humanities and Social Sciences of our Institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Das.

I look forward to your positive response. Please feel free to discuss all matters pertaining to your visit with Prof. Das.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

S. Chakravarty
10/9/2024

Dean, International Relations

संकायाध्यक्ष, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संबंध
Dean, International Relations
भा प्रौ सं खड़गपुर/IIT Kharagpur

CC:
(1) Office of Registrar, IIT Kharagpur
(2) Prof. Kishor Goswami, HOD, HSS Dept.
(3) Prof. Saswat Samay Das, Host Faculty, HSS Dept.

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Date: 10.09.2024

To
Prof. Brian Scott Schroeder
23 Rochester St.
Scottsville, NY 14546
USA.

Subject: Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

Dear Prof. Brian Scott Schroeder,

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you to attend an International Workshop - Have We Ever Been Posthuman? - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration from 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

Name: Brian Scott Schroeder
Nationality: United States of America
Country of present domicile: USA
Passport number: 561134005

Place of Issue of passport: USA
Issue date of passport: 17 Feb 2017
Expiry date of passport: 16 Feb 2027
Date of birth: 15 Jun 1959

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be borne by the host Prof. Saswat Samay Das of IIT Kharagpur. Prof. Saswat Samay Das (ssd@hss.iitkgp.ac.in) from the department of Humanities and Social Sciences of our Institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Das.

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Sincerely,

(Signature)
10/9/2024

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Date: 10.09.2024

To:
Prof. Jason Martin Wirth
9807 57th Avenue S,
Seattle, WA 98118
USA.

Subject: Invitation to visit the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur during 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

Dear Prof. Jason Martin Wirth,

IIT Kharagpur is pleased to invite you to attend an International Workshop - Have We Ever Been Posthuman? - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration from 20th Feb to 06th March, 2025.

We have noted your passport details as follows:

Name: Jason Martin Wirth
Nationality: United States of America
Country of present domicile: USA
Passport number: 565396146

Place of Issue of passport: USA
Issue date of passport: 20 Feb 2018
Expiry date of passport: 19 Feb 2028
Date of birth: 03 Feb 1963

We understand that all expenses related to your visit will be borne by the host Prof. Saswat Samay Das of IIT Kharagpur. Prof. Saswat Samay Das (ssd@hss.iitkgp.ac.in) from the department of Humanities and Social Sciences of our Institute will be the coordinator for your visit. We would be delighted if you accept our invitation and provide your travel plans to Prof. Das.

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With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Shakuntla
10/9/2024

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**FORM FOR MINISTRY CLEARANCE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	JASON MARTIN WIRTH
2	Nationality :	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
3	Date of birth :	03 February 1963
4	Place of birth :	CALIFORNIA, U.S.A
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	565396146 20 February 2018 U.S.A
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	9807 57th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98118, U.S.A
8	Permanent residential address :	9807 57th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98118, U.S.A
9.	Profession :	PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
10.	Place of Employment:	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY, U.S.A
11.	Academic Credentials:	BA, MA, PhD, Professor and Department Chair of Philosophy
12.	Purpose of visit:	To attend an International Workshop- "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?" - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration
13.	Period of visit:	20 February 2025 to 06 March 2025
14.	Email:	wirthj@seattleu.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	01-206-619-4461
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, SEATTLE 3101, Western Avenue, Suite 700, Seattle, WA 98121 cg.seattle@mea.gov.in
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur



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FOR VISIT OF FOREIGN NATIONALS TO
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KHARAGPUR, INDIA**

1	Name :	BRIAN SCOTT SCHROEDER
2	Nationality :	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
3	Date of birth :	15 June 1959
4	Place of birth :	VIRGINIA, U.S.A
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	561134005 17 February 2017 NEW YORK, NY
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	23 ROCHESTER STREET, SCOTTSVILLE, NY 14546
8	Permanent residential address :	23 ROCHESTER STREET, SCOTTSVILLE, NY 14546
9.	Profession :	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
10.	Place of Employment:	ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, U.S.A
11.	Academic Credentials:	PhD, MA, MDiv Professor of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology
12.	Purpose of visit:	To attend an International Workshop- "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?" - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration
13.	Period of visit:	20 February 2025 to 06 March 2025
14.	Email:	brian.schroeder@rit.edu
15.	Day time Phone:	+1 585-773-8606
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	3 EAST 64TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10065
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur



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1	Name :	BARBARA KOHLMANN SCHAFF
2	Nationality :	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
3	Date of birth :	28 July 1957
4	Place of birth :	MÜNCHEN, GERMANY
5	Number, Date & Place of Issue of Passport :	CFGN1FVNC 15 December 2017 STARNBERG
6	Visa Number (if available)	
7	Current residential address :	Eichenweg 9, 82319 Starnberg, Germany
8	Permanent residential address :	Eichenweg 9, 82319 Starnberg, Germany
9.	Profession :	Professor and Chair of British Literature and Culture
10.	Place of Employment:	Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany
11.	Academic Credentials:	English Studies, Russian Studies and History at the Universities of Munich and Edinburgh. Doctoral degree at Passau University. Professor of English
12.	Purpose of visit:	To attend an International Workshop- "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?" - under SPARC project and discussion on further research collaboration
13.	Period of visit:	20 February 2025 to 06 March 2025
14.	Email:	bschaff@gwdg.de
15.	Day time Phone:	+49 8151 12592
16.	Address of Indian Embassy where you will be applying for your visa:	Consulate General of India, Munich Widenmayerstraße 15, 80538 München, Germany
17.	Coordinator of your visit at IITKGP/Dept :	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur



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Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details	
Name of the visitor:	Jason Martin Wirth
Address and contact details:	9807 57th Avenue S Seattle, WA 98118 USA wirthj@seattleu.edu 01-206-619-4461
Citizenship:	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Date of birth:	03 February 1963
Organization:	Seattle University, USA
Details of visit	
Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:	To attend an International Workshop- "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?"- under SPARC project and discussions on further research collaboration
Intended duration of stay at IITKGP :	20 February 2025 - 06 March 2025
Support provided by IITKGP (local travel, stay, food, honorarium, any other). Please give details of each type of support with funding source and proof:	Local travel, stay, food, honorarium and all other expenses will be borne by the host Dr. Saswat Samay Das
Support provided by any other organization incl. personal resources. Please give details and proof:	No
Invited by	
Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur <i>[Signature]</i> . 22/08/24
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	 <i>[Signature]</i> विभागाध्यक्ष / Head मानविकी तथा सामाजिक विज्ञान विभाग Department of Humanities & Social Sciences भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान खरगपुर / IIT Kharagpur

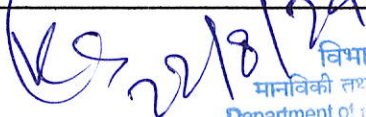
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Address and contact details:	23 Rochester St. Scottsville, NY 14546 USA brian.schroeder@rit.edu +1 585-773-8606
Citizenship:	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Date of birth:	15 June 1959
Organization:	Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
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Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur 22/08/24

Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	 विभागाध्यक्ष / Head मानविकी तथा सामाजिक विज्ञान विभाग Department of Humanities & Social Sciences भा. प्रौ. अ. खड़गपुर / IIT Kharagpur
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Updated August 21, 2024



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Request for issuance of visa invitation letter to foreign citizens

Invitee details	
Name of the visitor:	Barbara Kohlmann Schaff
Address and contact details:	Eichenweg 9, 82319 Starnberg, Germany bschaff@gwdg.de +49 179 399 2784
Citizenship:	FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
Date of birth:	28 July 1957
Organization:	GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN
Details of visit	
Host Dept/School/ Centre/ Office:	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Activity to be undertaken at IITKGP:	To attend an International Workshop- "Have We Ever Been Posthuman?"- under SPARC project and discussions on further research collaboration
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Invited by	
Name, affiliation and signature of host:	Dr. Saswat Samay Das, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Kharagpur <i>Saswat S. Das</i>
Recommended by Registrar/ HoD/ HoS/ HoC/ Dean (as appropriate)	<i>Kg 4/9/24</i> विभागाध्यक्ष / Head मानविकी तथा सामाजिक विज्ञान विभाग Department of Humanities & Social Sciences भा. प्रौ. सं. खड़गपुर/ IIT Kharagpur

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Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

No.: SPARC/2024-2025/ENVH/P2112

Date: 02/05/2024

Project Theme: Environmental Humanities

To

Dr. Saswat Samay Das
Associate Professor
Humanities and Social Sciences
Indian Institute of Technology
Kharagpur, Kharagpur, India - 721302

Sub: Sanction letter of SPARC (Phase 2B) proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

Based on the recommendation of the Apex Committee of SPARC, MoE has sanctioned the following project. The details are mentioned below:

Project Code : P2112
Proposal-Id : 2112
Title : Postcolonialism, Posthumanism and Environment

Indian PI : Dr. Saswat Samay Das

Sanctioned Budget Details:

Budget head	No. of Visits/Workshops	Duration in months	Sanctioned Amount (in INR)
Travel – International Faculty*	2	2	4250000
Travel – International Scholar			-
Travel – Indian Scholar (at actuals, limited to @USD 2000 per trip)	2	4	340000
Out of pocket Expense – Indian Scholar Visiting Abroad (@USD 1000 per month)			680000
Publication / Monograph / Any Other			300000
Workshop / Symposium	2		600000
Contingency**			246800
Overhead			987200
Total			7404000

The start date and the duration for the project are as follows:

Start Date : 01/04/2024 Duration: 2 Years

All procedures to be followed including expenditure will be as per SPARC norms.

No Change in PI/Co-PI (Indian/International) will be entertained.

As per rule 211 of GFR, the accounts of project shall be open for inspection by sanctioning authority / audit whenever the institute is called upon to do so.

The Institutes receiving grants under SPARC scheme should strictly adhere to the office memo no. F. No. 1(18)/PFMS/FCD/2021, dated 09/03/2022 issued by Ministry of Finance, Department of expenditure towards implementation of revised fund flow under Model-2 (details in Annexure I).

The Institute Coordinator of SPARC is requested to arrange for uploading provisional statement of accounts/UC in the site for all projects approved for the Institute during the 1st week of April and to upload the audited statement of accounts/UC by July.



**Scheme for Promotion of Academic
and Research Collaboration (SPARC)**

*Regarding the "Travel – International Faculty" head, the budget will be as follows:

7-14 days:	USD 8,000
15 – 29 days:	USD 12,000
30 days:	USD 15,000
More than 30 days:	USD 25,000 (USD 15,000 for the first month + USD 333.0 per day)

The travel (international and local) of the International Faculty will be paid at actuals. The remaining funds (depending on the actual days of stay of the International faculty in the Indian Institute) will be paid as "Honorarium" subject to the deduction of TDS @ 30% u/s 195, wherever applicable.

**Regarding the head "Contingency", the following may be noted:

In case there is an international student visiting India, Rs 15,000 per month per student will be given from the contingency head as "Out of pocket Expenses"

The sanction order is issued as per the approval of the National Coordinator, SPARC.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Rabibrata Mukherjee

Joint National Coordinator, SPARC, IIT Kharagpur

*Of the United States,
in Order to form a more perfect Union,
establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility,
provide for the common defence,
promote the general Welfare, and secure
the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and
our Posterity, do ordain and establish this
Constitution for the United States of America.*

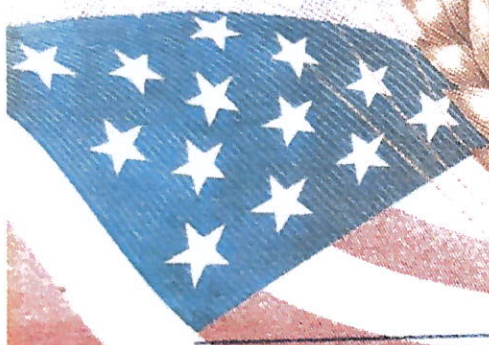


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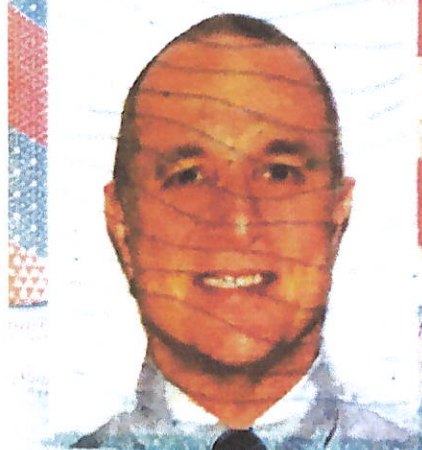
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Surname / Nom / Apellidos

SCHROEDER

Given Names / Prénoms / Nombres

BRIAN SCOTT

Nationality / Nationalité / Nacionalidad

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Date of birth / Date de naissance / Fecha de nacimiento

15 Jun 1959

Place of birth / Lieu de naissance / Lugar de nacimiento

VIRGINIA, U.S.A.

Date of issue / Date de délivrance / Fecha de expedición

17 Feb 2017

Date of expiration / Date d'expiration / Fecha de caducidad

16 Feb 2027

Endorsements / Mentions Spéciales / Anotaciones

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Authority / Autorité / Autoridad

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Pass-Nr. / Passport No. / Passeport No.

CFGN1FVNC

BARBARA ANNA FRIEDERIKE

5. Staatsangehörigkeit / Nationality / Nationalité

DEUTSCH

MÜNCHEN

10. Unterschrift der Inhaberin,
des Inhabers / Signature of bearer /
Signature de la titulaire, du titulaire

14.12.2027

STADT STARNBERG

L. Schall

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