

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Ms. Damayantee Das, a postgraduate student at Manipal Centre for European Studies, MAHE since August 2019. She was a student of my course on *Political and Cultural Construction of Europe*. I have observed her grow as an enthusiastic learner in the field with a keen sense of critical thinking and analytical acumen.

In my interactions with Damayantee, I found her to be an articulate, hardworking and motivated young woman. Her varied background - a student from Eastern region of India with work experience from South of India and an undergraduate student of engineering pursuing masters in humanities- make her a candidate with great potential for modules on culture and society. As a student of European Studies, she displayed a sound awareness of cultural understanding and a strong sense of analytical ability. She along with her team worked on several assignments on intellectual traditions of Europe in my class. I observed Damayantee making significant contributions to the team assignments through her meticulous approach to the literature review and insightful interventions. Damayantee displayed a sound sense of analytical ability in her views on the topics discussed in the class. I understand that she has gained a lot of exposure and learning through her work at Xerve Innovations Pvt Ltd, Bangalore (India) as a content writer and the effect is evident in the clarity of thoughts expressed in all her writing assignments. Her term paper related to my module on the specificities of 'Multiculturalism in Germany' has convinced me of her ability to explore the concepts in cultural studies. Damayantee certainly possesses the required skillset and the aptitude to pursue the notions in the field of culture. Above all, Damayantee comes across as a calm, sensitive and passionate individual who has a keen desire to delve deeper into the notions of society and culture.

Having observed Damayantee during the entire semester, I am supremely confident that she will be capable of handling any new situations or foreign environments in her resourceful and analytical manner. Further, her originality of insights as a person exposed to diverse cultural environment would make her a valuable addition to your organisation, and I enthusiastically endorse her application. Should you need any further clarification, you can contact me at shetty.praveen@manipal.edu.

Sincerely,

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