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Dear colleagues in Study Abroad programs,

We all share the concern for broadening the experience of undergraduate students with an opportunity to study abroad in person. Knowing that, I will not take time here to expand on the advantages of such an experience, but simply to introduce a new opportunity. This is: **an exciting new Academic Semester Abroad in India, located at the campus of NIRMAN in Varanasi, India**, with opportunities to travel to other locations.

NIRMAN's program has a liberal arts curricula specializing in Anthropology, Education, History, Geography, Political Science, Religion, Languages, and the Arts. Please look through our brochure and our website for further information.

NIRMAN has an eighteen year old history as a non-governmental organization and has achieved prestige as a teaching and research center with quality faculty from the three universities of Varanasi as well as independent scholars. It monitors quality through a tight administrative and pedagogic structure and imaginative state-of-the-arts curricula. As the Honorary Director of **NIRMAN** I am personally involved with supervising the **Study Abroad Program** and use my thirty years research and teaching experience towards the goal of innovation and excellence in global exchange for undergraduates.

To date, **NIRMAN's College Courses** have been favorably received by students from the Universities of Arizona, Chicago, Michigan, and Tulsa, and from Brown University, Syracuse University, Pitzer College, and several colleges and universities in Europe. **NIRMAN is starting its Semester Abroad Program in India in 2009 with full confidence of tremendous success.**

Success consists of the following: **NIRMAN strives for the personal safety and the intellectual excellence of its students.** In addition it is dedicated to their **social and emotional well-being and to the program being a highlight in their career.**

Please open the Study Abroad brochure from the link
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and circulate it to the widest number of students you can. We look forward to hearing from you and to hosting your students.

Sincerely,

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