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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
AL-KITAB UNIVERSITY KU, IRAQ
AND
CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES CMES, LUND UNIVERSITY**

AL-KITAB UNIVERSITY (KU), IRAQ AND CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES (CMES), LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN affirm their commitment to develop academic and cultural cooperation between the two universities, as per their memorandum of understanding signed in September 2018.

Both parties believe in the importance of supporting researchers in education, economic, politic, heritage, culture, education, scientific research interested in Iraqi issues.

Accordingly:

- Al-Kitab University and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies agree to establish the Swedish-Iraqi Studies Network (SISNET).
- SISNET seeks to provide a platform for educational and cultural exchanges between the Nordic countries and Iraq.
- SISNET is an interdisciplinary network encouraging research and education, as well as disseminating information about Iraqi society and culture.
- SISNET offers facilities for the researchers to access digital libraries in Lund and Al-Kitab Universities.
- SISNET fosters the production and dissemination of knowledge about Iraq through research, seminars, workshops, conferences, briefing papers and reports as well topical podcasts and other outputs.
- SISNET aspires to engage with the broader public and generate accessible information and foster debate on Iraq and Nordic-Iraqi relations through public events, cultural activities and establishing contacts with the media.
- SISNET supports research, seminars, and international collaborations
- SISNET collaborates with Swedish and Nordic universities that have a strong focus on Iraq and intends to promote relevant academic interest.



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- Al-Kitab University will provide all the necessary facilities for researchers in Iraqi affairs through the network in providing useful information and data and access to libraries and facilitate access to research fields' places.
- SISNET is hosted by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) of Lund University. It is coordinated by Prof. Sameer Algburi, Al-Kitab University and the Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and run by a steering team from Al-Kitab and Lund universities and supported by an advisory committee from both universities.

Al-Kitab University
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