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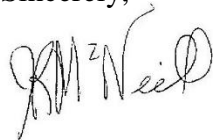
Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar  
Vice Chancellor  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi-11 067  
India

Dear Vice Chancellor Kumar:

The American Historical Association expresses deep concern over Jawaharlal Nehru University's decision to review Romila Thapar's status as emeritus professor. Professor Thapar is a distinguished scholar, deeply respected by historians on many continents. Considering her extraordinary record of scholarly achievement, the Association believes that there is no need to review her richly deserved position as emeritus professor.

The AHA is the largest association of professional historians in the world, with over 12,000 members. In 2009 the AHA named Professor Thapar an honorary foreign member—one of the highest honors the Association bestows—in recognition of her standing as one of India's most distinguished historians. "To put it simply," we wrote in our award citation, "Professor Thapar's work is the bedrock of all scholarly study of the early South Asian past."

Sincerely,



John R. McNeill  
President, American Historical Association