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Reference letter

To whom it may concern,

I confirm that Dr Rami Saari was employed as a University Lecturer of Middle Eastern Studies at the Institute for World Cultures, University of Helsinki, from the January 1st 2014 to the end of 2014. During that period the permanent holder of the position was on a Sabbatical leave in Germany. Dr Saari was responsible for the teaching of Hebrew language and literature at the department. During this period, he has had the following courses: Basic Modern Hebrew, Intermediate Modern Hebrew, Conversational Hebrew for advanced students, and Introduction to Modern Hebrew Literature, with translation exercises. In addition, Dr Saari has actively participated in the tutoring and the supervision of the graduate and post-graduate students as well as given exams. Furthermore, he has been working on his own research and taken care of many administrative responsibilities at the department. At all times, I have found Dr Saari to be a most reliable and hard-working person, with great interest in his work. The feedback from his students has been excellent, at times even laudatory. Dr Saari has also aptly demonstrated that he is capable of cooperation with various persons, a fact that is highly important in teaching. In addition to his native Hebrew, Dr Saari speaks fluently a number of languages, which, of course, underlines his ability to understand language learning processes. All in all, I warmly recommend Dr Saari for any position that is related to his work at the University of Helsinki. He has been very successful in all his duties here. I am glad to provide further information if needed.

Yours faithfully,

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