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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION**

In September 5, 2011 memorandum of understanding was signed to promote co-operation between YSU Centre for European Studies and University of Essex. The Department of History and Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex and the Centre for European Studies at Yerevan State University entered into a co-operative arrangement whereby Essex will provide support and advice to CES regarding the quality assurance of the two MA programmes run by the Centre. This arrangement will initially target students at the CES enrolled in either the current MA in European Studies or the new MA in Human Rights and Democratization, which will begin in autumn 2011. The arrangement also includes professional development support for CES lecturers who are teaching on the new MA in Human Rights and Democratization; support for the development of manuals and study skills for students on the new MA; advice on quality assurance, including curriculum review; provision for one or two guest lecturers per year; support for the development of resources for academic research; support for joint student-led activities.

The memorandum sets the framework for further cooperation which envisages to include development of exit routes and review of the academic programme.