

The Department Of Philosophy.

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing as Maria Kasmirli's PhD supervisor. She has very nearly completed a wonderful dissertation on HP Grice's Theory of Implicature. This theory has been at the absolutely centre of work in semantics and pragmatics for 40 years, and yet Maria has crafted an entire dissertation's worth of ingenious and wholly novel problems for Grice's view. She exhibits formidable knowledge of the literature and a keen and careful mind. Although the dissertation is not yet complete, it already contains enough material for several papers publishable in top international journals.

Maria's writing is lucid and clear and her communication skills are absolutely firstrate. She served as a tutor for us at the University of Sheffield, running discussion groups and marking work, and she was one of our most popular tutors. Students found her incredibly helpful and praised her very strongly in their evaluations. It is clear that she is an exceptionally talented teacher.

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