

PREFACE

With divine guidance and blessings from Allah SWT, the researcher has now successfully crafted this paper entitled “Investigating EFL Teacher Trainees’ Intercultural Communication Competence in International Teaching Practicum through Video Stimulated Recall: A Case Study”. This paper is submitted as a partial fulfilment of the requirements for gaining the *Sarjana Pendidikan* Degree in English Education.

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Finally, the researcher expects that this paper will prove valuable to both the researcher and the readers in general. She additionally welcomes suggestions and corrections to improve the paper.

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