



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
GIORGI TSERETELI INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES
ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA
AND
INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**

THE GIORGI TSERETELI INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES (hereinafter referred to as "IOS ISU"), an autonomous research entity of the Ilia State University, Georgia, whose address is at 3, Acad. G. Tsereteli Str., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia, and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns; and **THE INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA** (hereinafter referred to as IOS NAS RA) an autonomous research institution, whose address is at 24g Marshal Baghramyan Ave., Yerevan 0019, Republic of Armenia, and shall include its lawful representatives and permitted assigns; (hereinafter referred to singularly as "the Party" and collectively as "the Parties")

WHEREAS

- A. IOS ISU was founded in 1960 on the initiative of Academician Giorgi Tsereteli and was named after him in 1973. In 2010, the institute became affiliated with Ilia State University;
- B. IOS NAS RA was founded in 1971, based on the Sector of Oriental Studies, created in 1958 in the Academy of Sciences.

- C. The Parties are desirous of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding to declare their respective intentions and to establish a basis of co-operation and collaboration between the Parties upon the terms as contained herein.

HAVE REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING as follows:

ARTICLE I

OBJECTIVE

The Parties, subject to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force in each Party's country, will endeavor to strengthen, promote and develop research co-operation between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

ARTICLE II

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

1. Each Party will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavour to take necessary steps to encourage and promote co-operation in the following areas:
 - a) Perform and support the exchange of researchers in accordance with requirements accepted by both Parties;
 - b) Collaborate in joint research and publications in the fields representing mutual interest;
 - c) Collaborate in the field of PhD student exchange, joint supervision and cotutelle agreements;
 - d) Organize conferences, seminars, symposia and other academic activities in collaboration;
 - e) Exchange information on conferences, summer schools, scientific achievements and other relevant activities carried out by the parties;
 - f) Participate in projects related to research or development organized by the other party as a project partner in the fields representing mutual interest; and
 - g) Any other areas of co-operation to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
2. Exchanges done within the joint research works shall be planned separately by considering each institutions' facilities and conditions.

3. The academic exchanges described above shall be limited to legislation in force in each country and their respective budgetary resources.
4. In case research results impacting upon matters of intellectual property rights are expected to arise in the course of collaborative projects within the scope of this protocol, the parties shall enter into an additional protocol governing the conditions regarding the treatment of intellectual property rights so arising, before the start of the collaborative project in question.
5. Each party shall reserve the right to terminate the protocol by issuing a written notice six months in advance to the other party. In that case, ongoing projects shall be completed.
6. For the purpose of implementing the co-operation in respect of any areas stated in paragraph 1 the parties will enter into a legally binding agreement subject to terms and conditions as mutually agreed upon by the Parties. During the procedures of student exchange, the exact number of students, timeframes, and other relevant conditions shall be determined in a separate agreement, which shall constitute an integral part of this Memorandum.

ARTICLE III

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to other.
2. Each Party will bear its own cost and expenses in relation to this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE IV

EFFECT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding serves only as a record of the Parties' intentions and does not constitute or create, and is not intended to constitute or create, obligations under domestic or international law and will not give rise to any legal process and will not be deemed to constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied.

ARTICLE V

NO AGENCY

Nothing contained herein is to be construed so as to constitute a joint venture partnership or formal business organisation of any kind between the Parties or so to constitute either Party as the agent of the other.

ARTICLE VI

ENTRY INTO EFFECT AND DURATION

1. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of FIVE (5) years.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding may be extended for a further period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties.

ARTICLE VII

NOTICES

Any communication under this Memorandum of Understanding will be in writing in the English language and delivered by registered mail to the address or sent to the electronic mail address of IOS ISU or IOS NAS RA, as the case may be, shown below or to such other address or electronic mail address as either Party may have notified the sender and shall, unless otherwise provided herein, be deemed to be duly given or made when delivered to the recipient at such address or electronic mail which is duly acknowledged:

To IOS ISU:

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To IOS NAS RA:

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This Memorandum of Understanding is executed in English in two identical and legally equal copies. Each Party shall retain one original copy of the Memorandum.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the IOS ISU and the IOS NAS RA upon the matters referred to therein.

Signed by and for and on behalf
of IOS ISU



Prof. George Sanikidze
Director
Date: 12.06.2025

Signed by and for and on behalf
of IOS NAS RA



Assoc. Prof. Gohar M. Iskandaryan
Director Date: 12.06.2025