



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **BETWEEN**

**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**

### **AND**

**INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES  
ARMENIAN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**, based in 136, Syngrou Avenue, Athens, 17671, Greece, represented by its Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and International Relations, Professor Maria Meng-Papantoni, and

**Institute of Oriental Studies, Armenian National Academy of Sciences**, based in 24g, Marshal Baghramyan Ave., Yerevan 0019, Republic of Armenia, represented by its Director Assoc. Prof. Gohar Iskandaryan.

**hereinafter referred to as Parties,**

agreed on the following:

#### **Article 1 Goals**

The main goals of this Memorandum are:

1. The establishment of a framework for cooperation in the field of humanities, education between the Parties;
2. Generating and sharing new knowledge and development of innovative products and services in the field of humanities, education, subject to resources available to the Parties;
3. Staff and Student Exchange.

#### **Article 2 Fields of cooperation**

The Main areas of cooperation under this Memorandum include (but are not limited to) the following areas:



- Exchange of information about strategies and programs of the Parties in the field of humanities and education;
- Visits and exchange of University teaching and administrative staff and students;
- Exchange of academic and teaching materials and publications;
- Research and promote co-operation and collaboration in the fields of teaching and research;
- Exchange in research: Joint programmes in research and development, including exchange of publications and reports;
- Mutually beneficial collaborative research and development. Any publications resulting from the collaborative research will carry the names of the team members from both institutions
- Joint academic guidance for MA and PhD students in IOS area;
- Organization of practical workshops, symposiums, and conferences based on common interest in the field of humanities and education;
- Development and implementation of joint educational programs

### **Article 3 Cooperation Mechanisms**

To ensure and facilitate the implementation of the measures of this agreement both Institutions agree on the following terms:

I - Each institution shall appoint a faculty member from the department or college participating in the exchange program to serve as its Faculty Exchange Coordinator responsible for executing this Agreement.

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II. The Faculty Exchange Coordinator or his/her representative shall work closely with students to ensure the implementation of their proposed program of study and shall also function as the first point of contact in any matters pertaining to student discipline or in the case of an emergency.

III – Both parties promote internships and allow staff from the other party access to the facilities of the specific departments.

IV - Ensure that the results arising from common research are fully published and that the publications explicitly state this agreement, as well as the mutual right of patents and authorship, according to the internal regulations of the agreeing parties.



V - Develop a joint work plan for each cooperation activity. Specific cases will be subject to specific agreements.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Exchanges**

The exchanges will be held according to the following conditions:

##### **4.1 Exchange of students**

4.1.1. The number of students participating in the exchange program from each institution will be determined each year by previous mutual agreement between the two Institutions. The number may vary from year to year.

4.1.2. Exchange students will be selected by the home institution and recommended to the host institution. The host institution retains the right to approve or reject the recommendation based on the students' qualifications.

4.1.3. Exchange students are exempted from paying any tuition or other academic and related fees to the host University. Expenses for transport, residence (board and lodging), as well as health insurance in accordance with the regulations of the host country, shall be carried by the respective students. During the stay in the host country the students are obliged to have sufficient health insurance coverage. No financial transaction will occur between partner Universities.

4.1.4 The host Institution shall assist the guests of the partner Institution to the best of its ability in obtaining the respective permits (visa, research permits, etc.) that are necessary to enable the implementation of this agreement. The parties of this contract shall permit the exchange participants within this agreement to use their academic and social facilities during their stay. Both parties agree upon the exchange of information about study programs, offered courses and study projects.

##### **4.2 Exchange of professors**

4.2.1. The number of professors participating in the exchange each year will be decided according to necessity and funds available.

4.2.2. The duration of the exchange of professors and researchers will be determined by mutual agreement between the participating Institutions, according to their internal procedures.

4.2.3. The exchange professor will have the right to use the facilities and services of the host institution, abiding by its internal rules and procedures.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Mechanisms and forms of financing**

Cooperation in the field of humanities and education in the framework of this Memorandum will be supported by appropriate mechanisms and forms of financing which are agreed on by the Parties in supplementary agreements and work programs.



**Article 6**  
**Control of intellectual property rights**

6.1 Both parties guarantee appropriate and effective protection and equal distribution of rights on intellectual property which may arise as a result of joint cooperation in the framework of this Memorandum according to national laws and international agreements of the countries which the Parties belong to.

6.2 Conditions of acquisition, maintenance and use of intellectual property rights regarding the possible products and (or) processes which may be a result of this Memorandum should be a subject of supplementary agreements and work programs in the framework of cooperation.

**Article 7**  
**Non -discrimination Policy and Statement**

It is implied that the two Institutions will subscribe to the principle of equal opportunities and will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion or national origin. Both the Institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this agreement and neither Institution shall impose criteria for exchange of scholars or students which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

**Article 8**  
**Force Majeure**

Neither party shall be responsible to the other for failure to perform any of the obligations imposed by this Agreement, provided such failure shall be occasioned by fire, flood, explosion, lightning, windstorm, earthquake, subsidence of soil, failure or destruction, in whole or in part, of machinery or equipment, or failure of supply of materials, discontinuity in the supply of power, governmental interference, civil commotion, riot, war, strikes, labor disturbance, transportation difficulties, labor shortage, pandemic, or any cause beyond its reasonable control.

**Article 9**  
**Amendments**

This Memorandum may be amended, altered or modified by a written additional agreement, which will be an undivided part of the Memorandum which must be properly registered and signed by the representatives of the two Institutions.

**Article 10**  
**Validity, Duration and Termination**

10.1 The Memorandum enters into force from the date of signing and is valid within 5 (five) years which may be extended by the mutual consent of the two institutions. The present MoU may be renewed for two (2) consecutive periods of equal duration by mutual agreement after an evaluation accepted by both parts upon a written note.

10.2 Any Party at any time may inform another Party about its intention to terminate this Memorandum. In this case the termination shall take effect in 6 (six) months after the date of notification and shall not include ongoing activities in the cooperation framework unless the Parties have mutually decided otherwise.

10.3 Disputes and problems that might arise due to interpretation, fulfilment or further development of



the agreement shall be resolved through friendly negotiations, consultation, conversation between Universities and mutual agreement. If such dispute cannot be settled by negotiation or any other means, it shall be submitted to Greek Courts or Armenian Courts, according to the country where the defendant resides. Nevertheless, in any case it is preferable for both Institutions to comply with the International Law.

This Memorandum has been duly signed in 2 (two) copies in English, all texts being equally authentic.

**SIGNED** on behalf of the **Institute of Oriental Studies, Armenian National Academy of Sciences:**

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Position: Director

Signature: .....

Date: 10.07.2025



**SIGNED** on behalf of **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences:**

Name: Prof. Maria Meng-Papantoni

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