



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

AND

**the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Skopje
(ISSHS)**



**INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
AND HUMANITIES
SKOPJE**

Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, based in Syngrou Avenue 136, Kallithea 17671, Greece, represented by its Vice Rector for International Affairs and Partnership, Professor Marianna Psilla, and the Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Skopje (ISSHS) based at "20 Oktomvri" Street, number 8, floor 2, 1000 Skopje, North Macedonia) represented by its Director, Professor Katerina Kolozova, and hereinafter referred to as Parties, intending to cooperate in the areas of scientific research and academic exchange as well as contribute to the good neighborly relations between the two national academic communities, agreed on the following:

Article 1

Goals

Main goals of this Memorandum are:

To encourage, foster, and implement academic cooperation at a regional level between Greece and the Republic of North Macedonia

To promote innovation in academic education in the social sciences and humanities through mutual programs of visiting researchers

To foster cooperation in mutual research projects and joint academic events

To promote cooperation in the context of Erasmus mobility programs

Article 2

Areas /fields of cooperation

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

Cultural Studies, Gender Studies, Social Anthropology, Social Sciences, Contemporary Critical Theory

Article 3

Coordination of Cooperation

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

-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.

Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Skopje (ISSHS):
Professor Katerina Kolozova

Department of Social Anthropology, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences:
Professor Athena Athanasiou

Article 4 **Exchange**

The exchange will be held according to the following conditions:

1. Exchange of students according to the intra-European Erasmussus+ exchange program KA103
2. Exchange of professors according to the intra-European Erasmussus+ exchange program KA103
3. Exchange of Administrative staff according to the intra-European Erasmussus+ exchange program KA103

Article 5 **Mechanisms and forms of financing**

Cooperation in the field of science, technology 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 or envisaged under this MoU.

Article 6 **Publication**

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.

Article 7
Control of intellectual property rights

Both parties guarantee appropriate and effective protection and equal distribution of rights on the 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.

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 8
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, gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, religion or national origin. Both 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 9
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 10
Amendments/modifications

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 Universities.

Article 11

Validity, Duration and Termination

The Memorandum enters into force from the date of signing and is valid for five (5) 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.

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.

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.

Thus agreed, the parties sign the present MoU in 2 (two) copies in English.

**For Panteion University of
Social and Political Sciences**

**For Institute of Social Sciences
and Humanities Skopje (ISSHS)**

Professor Athena Athanasiou

Professor Katerina Kolozova



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