

Agreement on Academic Linkage and Collaboration
between
University of Naples "L'Orientale" (ITALY)
and
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies
Faculty of Global Human Sciences
Kobe University (JAPAN)

University of Naples "L'Orientale" and Graduate School of Intercultural Studies and Faculty of Global Human Sciences, Kobe University, wishing to promote cooperation between the two universities in education and in academic research, agree to the following:

- a. to develop joint research activities;
- b. to invite each other to participate in seminars and conferences organized by the respective universities;
- c. to support mutual visits by faculty members;
- d. to exchange graduate and/or undergraduate students;
- e. to explore collaboration in education; and
- f. to exchange scientific information in the form of publications, instruction materials and other results of teaching and research.

The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this cooperation agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity.

As both partners are aware of existing restrictions in their respective budgets, they will, as a rule, not enter into financial commitments that reach beyond such limits for any item of this cooperation.

Therefore, financial aspects shall also be regulated on a case-by-case basis.

Each university shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon.

This cooperation agreement shall become effective upon signing by the representatives of both universities and will remain valid for an initial period of three years. At the end of three years, the agreement will automatically be renewed unless otherwise determined. The agreement is subject to review, and may be terminated by either the University of Naples "L'Orientale" or Kobe University by written notice signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party, without prejudice to the completion of on-going exchange program. To be effective, the notice of termination must be received by the other party twelve months before the proposed date of termination.

This agreement is written in duplicate in English, and both parties retain one copy each of the authentic texts.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have appended their signatures:

PROFETTORE

Augusto Guarino



Prof. Roberto TOTTOLI
Rector
For, and on behalf of
University of Naples "L'Orientale"

Date: 12 MAG. 2023



Prof. FUJINAMI Fumiko
Dean
For, and on behalf of
Graduate School of Intercultural Studies
Faculty of Global Human Sciences
Kobe University

Date: 9. May 2023

Exchange Program Agreement
between
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and
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Faculty of Global Human Sciences
Kobe University (JAPAN)

In order to embody the spirit of Agreement on Academic Linkage and Collaboration, the Rector of University of Naples “L’Orientale” (hereinafter referred to as L’Orientale), Professor Roberto TOTTOLI and the dean of the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies and the Faculty of Global Human Sciences, Professor FUJINAMI Fumiko, Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as KU), have agreed on the following items concerning faculty and student exchange.

Student Exchange

<Number of Students>

1. Each university will normally send one or two of its full-time undergraduate or graduate students to the other university each year. If there is demand for a larger number of exchanges in any direction, this may be discussed and must be mutually agreed in advance. Both universities will balance the number of students over a period of three years.

<Period of Study>

2. As a general rule, the official period of stay as an exchange student shall be one academic year from October to September at KU, and from October to July at L’Orientale. However, one semester study, from October to March (fall semester) at KU, and from October to February or from March to July at L’Orientale, may be considered. One full-year student is considered equivalent to two one-semester students. An extension of the duration of study beyond the initial period of admission at the host university must be approved by both partner universities.

<Status of Exchange Student>

3. The students will be accepted as full-time “non-degree special auditing student” or “non-degree special research student” at KU and as “exchange students” at L’Orientale. They will be given appropriate status according to the regulations of the host university. Exchange students are subject to the rules and regulations of the host university, in addition to those of the home university. Participation in an exchange under this agreement carries no expectations of subsequent transfer to the regular degree programs of the host university.

<Admission and Language>

4. The decision concerning admission is solely that of the host university. Exchange students are subject to the same regulations on admission to and performance in classes as pertain to students of the host university. KU students must be prepared to deal with instructions in English and participate in a normal student experience at L’Orientale. Students from L’Orientale must be prepared to deal with instructions in English and are, in principle, expected to have experience

of studying Japanese language prior to their studies at KU, though it is not a required condition. If a student demonstrates sufficient competence in Japanese, it is also possible to register for undergraduate or graduate lectures (in Japanese) offered at KU which are relevant to the student's major fields. KU students may enroll, free of charge, at the Italian language course for foreigners, held, in principle, twice a year at the Interdepartmental Center for Language and Audio Visual Services. The Students of L'Orientale may participate in Japanese language courses at Kobe University Center for International Education.

<Finance>

5. The exchange students shall be exempt from admission and examination fees and all academic tuition fees at the host university whether for attendance at regular academic lectures or for language programs. The exchange students will pay these fees to their home university.
6. The exchange students are responsible for their travel expenses and other personal expenses including accommodation expenses, telephone charges, and books, during vacation periods.
7. Both universities will make effort to obtain, when available, scholarships so that the financial burden for exchange students while at the host university will be kept to a minimum.

<Record of academic performance>

8. The records of the student's academic performance will be sent directly to the home university providing also a copy directly to the student for office procedures. However, it will be the responsibility of the home university to decide on the number of credit units the student may actually receive for courses completed at the host university.

<Medical Coverage>

9. Each student must obtain insurance to cover medical contingencies in the host country. As for hospitalization and other medical expenses, the responsibility lies with the students.

<Housing>

10. Each university will extend due assistance to the exchange students in procuring housing with reasonable rent and good conditions. However, if a student wishes to bring his/her partner/spouse/dependents, it will be the responsibility of the student to find suitable accommodation and the cost.

Exchange of Faculty Members

11. Both universities recognize the benefit derived from the exchange of academic staff members. The details of such arrangements would be considered on case-by-case basis. Each university guarantees that the exchange faculty member would be provided with proper academic status at the host university, research facilities, access to the university libraries, required visa formalities, and other assistance necessary for him/her to conduct research under favorable conditions. This exchange would not impose any financial obligation upon the host university.

Period of Agreement

12. This agreement and program become effective from the day the representatives of both universities affix their signatures and continue for an initial period of three years, subject to review, however, annually. At the end of three years, the agreement will automatically be renewed unless otherwise determined. This agreement may be revised through the mutual agreement of both universities and may be terminated by either party upon giving twelve months written notice signed by the presiding officer of the notifying party without prejudice to the completion of on-going exchange programs.

Liaison Office

13. This program will be coordinated by the Student Affairs Section of the Graduate School of Intercultural Studies at KU, and by Office for International Relations and Scientific Research at L'Orientale.

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