

# **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

**FOR**

## **ACADEMIC COLLABORATION**

**Between**

### **The University of Johannesburg**

(A juristic entity established in terms of the Higher Education Act 101 of 1997 (as amended) and represented by Professor Alex Broadbent in his capacity as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities)

**and**

### **I'Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale"**

(A public university in terms of the applicable laws of Italy and duly represented by Professor ELDA MORLICCHIO in her capacity as Rector of Università degli Studi di Napoli "L'Orientale")

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## **1. Preamble**

In the pursuit of excellence in scholarship and dissemination of knowledge to generate reciprocal benefit within a framework of openness, fairness, and equity that will serve both the partners –The University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale” hereby sign a Memorandum of Agreement (“MoA”) for Academic Collaboration.

The two parties have mutually agreed to the following:

## **2. Aim of the MoA**

The aim of this MoA is to provide for cooperation on academic activities of the two faculties that will strengthen mutual understanding, foster friendly cooperation and promote sustainable and productive academic collaboration and exchange between faculty, researchers and students of both the parties.

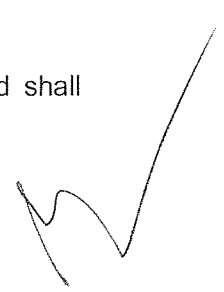
## **3. Scope of the MoA**

Areas of joint activity may include (but are not necessarily limited to) the following:

- 3.1 Exchange of academic employees for the purpose of research, teaching and the presentation of special courses in their fields of specialization;
- 3.2 Student exchange and study abroad programmes;
- 3.3 Establishment of joint research programmes;
- 3.4 Collaboration on third party funded educational or economic assistance activities;
- 3.5 Exchange of postgraduate student in respect of specific research projects or courses of interest and importance;
- 3.6 Exchange of scientific and educational literature produced by either or both of the parties, as well as exchange of materials on the most relevant and topical research by researchers at both parties;
- 3.7 Organisation of conferences, seminars and symposia of mutual interest to the institutions; and
- 3.8 Other such activities as may be mutually agreed upon.

## **4. Commencement, duration and termination**

- 4.1 This MoA will commence on the date of its signing by both parties and shall remain in force for an initial period of three years.

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- 4.2 Any amendment of and/or modification to the MoA will require the written approval from both parties.
- 4.3 The MoA shall renew itself automatically for successive periods of three years unless either of the parties notifies the other party in writing of its desire to terminate or revise the memorandum.
- 4.4 Termination may take place at any time by any of the parties and is fully discretionary and a notice period will apply to any party wishing to terminate the MoA. No reasons have to be provided for termination.
- 4.5 Termination shall, however, not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination.
- 4.6 Any student who has commenced studies at either institution before the date of termination may complete his or her study programme as if this agreement had not been terminated.

## **5. Activities Envisaged**

In pursuit of the aim of the MoA, the Parties hereby agree to undertake to promote, within the framework of the provisions of the respective government regulations applying in each of the institutions, and subject to the availability of resources, the following activities:

### **5.1 Academic Collaboration**

- 5.1.1 Research collaboration, including joint research projects in areas of mutual interest.
- 5.1.2 In so far as research can be promoted by a period of residence at the partner university, both universities agree to appropriately support members of the partner university. Each will ensure that visiting academics are integrated well into existing research terms and, if possible make working space available to them.
- 5.1.3 Any future Interfaculty agreements that results from this MoA, will be included as addendums to this original MoA.

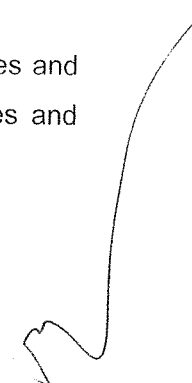
### **5.2 Exchange of faculty members and research employees.**

- 5.2.1 The number, timing and duration of such exchanges may vary according to the needs of the particular programme



- 5.2.2 Sharing of library resources such as research papers, indices, books and magazines on relevant subjects where possible and appropriate, this will have to comply with both parties' policies on copyright and intellectual property rights.
- 5.2.3 Sponsoring and conducting joint conferences, seminars, colloquia, training programmes, workshops and other academic meetings on matters of mutual interest.
- 5.2.4 Extending invitations for attending scholarly and technical meetings and assisting in making arrangements for attending national and international conferences.
- 5.2.5 Each institution will be responsible for all travel and accommodation arrangements for its own employees.
- 5.2.6 The exchange of any personal information regarding any employees will be with consent and in accordance with any privacy legislation or data protection legislation.

### **5.3 Exchange of Students**

- 5.3.1 Separate partnership agreements shall govern supervision of students studying abroad.
  - 5.3.2 The University where the students are enrolled at will screen student applications and recommend students to the partner institution for an invitation; these students will be screened in line with both parties' academic regulations.
  - 5.3.3 Transcripts of results will be provided to the institution where the student is registered, soon after the completion of the exchange after the necessary consent was obtained from the student.
  - 5.3.4 Students will perform duties in the relevant academic department as agreed upon by the departmental supervisor.
  - 5.3.5 Each student will register and pay tuition and required fees at the University where the students are enrolled. The partner institution will waive tuition if the student follows the agreed upon academic programme, which may include limited choices made at the institution hosting that student, even after commencement of the exchange, negotiated with the contact person at the partner institution.
  - 5.3.6 Students enrolled at the partner institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations as local students. Students will be eligible for all the services and rights normally provided to locally enrolled students.
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- 5.3.7 Each student will be responsible for arranging the necessary relevant immigration requirements (e.g. a study permit). Parties agree to assist where necessary with the application of visas.
- 5.3.8 Students are responsible for costs of accommodation, international and local travel in host country, books, equipment, health insurance and other expenses arising out of the exchange.
- 5.3.9 The partner institution may refer an exchange student for language assessment if necessary/applicable.

## **6. Indemnity**


- 6.1 No party shall be liable to the other Party or its servants, agents, employees or any other person or legal entity associated with the business of the other Party for any loss, injury or damages which may be sustained as a result of this Agreement, unless there is negligence on the part of that party.
- 6.2 The Parties hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the other Party against any claim, liability, loss, proceedings, expense and costs of whatsoever nature (save and to the extent caused by the negligence or intentional act(s) (whether direct or indirect, consequential or otherwise).

## **7. Programme Specific Agreements**

- 7.1 This MoA is designed to facilitate development of mutually beneficial exchanges/programmes and to promote research and educational relationships.
- 7.2 Before any of the activities referenced above may be implemented, both parties shall negotiate details and resolve the issues involved therewith and enter into an agreement pertaining to that activity ("Programme Specific Agreement").
- 7.3 The term of such Programme Specific Agreements shall not extend beyond three 3 years in length unless specifically agreed upon and in the event of a period longer than 3 years needs to comply with all relevant policies and procedures.

## **8. Funding**

- 8.1 The parties agree that each activity undertaken pursuant to this MoA shall be dependent on the availability of funds, and financial arrangements for each activity shall be negotiated prior to entering into a Programm Specific Agreement related thereto.



- 8.2 The parties agree that they shall use reasonable efforts to find adequate financial resources for the activities and exchanges/programmes undertaken pursuant to this MoA.

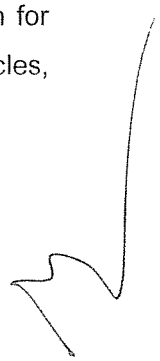
**9. Confidentiality.**

Both parties acknowledges that any information disclosed by or on behalf of any of the parties which is not in the public domain is confidential and may not be used or disclosed to any other party (whether before or after the termination of this MoA) for any reason whatsoever save as strictly necessary for the due and effectual collaboration under this Agreement.

**10. Cancellation**

- 10.1 Should any of the parties fail to comply with any of their obligations in terms of this memorandum, the other party may cancel the memorandum without prejudice to any rights it may have in terms of the memorandum, by giving two (2) months written notice.
- 10.2 Any student who may have commenced at either institution before the date of termination may complete his or her study programme as if this agreement had not been terminated.

**11. Intellectual Property**

- 11.1 Both parties agree that any intellectual property belonging to an institution, which may include but will not be limited to the following: research material, publications, articles and other academic materials, will belong to that institution and no other party will have a claim against such intellectual property.
- 11.2 It is the intention of the institutions that all research derived from the collaborative efforts of the two parties will be the joint property of both Parties, proportionate to the Parties' respective contributions, unless otherwise specified in a particular departmental MoA or the specific institutional policies on intellectual property or legislation.
- 11.3 In the event of any of the parties wanting to use the jointly owned research for any further purpose i.e. delivering of papers and publishing of academic articles, the other party's written consent will be obtained.
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## **12. General considerations**

- 12.1 The terms of, and the necessary resources for, such joint activities and exchange programmes shall be discussed and mutually agreed upon in writing by both Parties through the liaison officers specified by the parties prior to the initiation of the particular activity or programme.
- 12.2 The activities under the MoA will be undertaken by specific appointees from each institution.
- 12.3 Any amendment of and/or modification to the MoA will require the written approval from both Parties.
- 12.4 The termination of this MoA shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination.
- 12.5 Both institutions agree that they will follow all applicable laws and regulations in both countries as they exist today as well as in the future, including but not limited to any privacy legislation and data protection legislation.
- 12.6 Exchange of academic information and materials, publications, research databases, and courseware, will comply with UJ's policy on access to information as well as all relevant legislation pertaining to access to information.
- 12.7 The Parties and each of its owners, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents acting under its instructions and/or influence and taking actions in furtherance of this Agreement, will comply with all applicable anti-corruption laws, including the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No. 12 of 2004 of the Republic of South Africa, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the Australian Criminal Code Amendment (Bribery of Foreign Public Officials) Act of 1999 and the UK Bribery Act 2010 to the extent that they are applicable and the Parties also agrees to adhere to any other applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and regulations applicable in the Republic of South Africa (collectively, the "Applicable Anti-Corruption Legislation") and Italian law n. 190/2012 –decreto legislativo 25 May 2016 n. 97. Any non-compliance with any applicable anti-corruption legislation might be an acceptable reason to terminate this agreement.
- 12.8 In the unlikely event of any litigation such litigation will take place in the country of the aggrieved party.
- 12.9 In the unlikely event of any dispute between the parties, the parties will use their best endeavors to resolve the dispute amicably. Should the dispute not be resolved within a reasonable time and it is considered to be of a serious nature,



the aggrieved party may inform the other party of its intention of arbitration. Such arbitration will take place in the country of the aggrieved party and that country's arbitration legislation will take precedence.

**13. DOMICILIA CITANDI et EXECUTANDI**

13.1 The parties choose as their *Domicilium Citandi et Executandi* for all purposes under the MoA, whether in respect of notices or other document communication of whatsoever, the following addresses:

**13.1.1 University of Johannesburg**

Faculty of Humanities  
B-Ring  
Cnr Kingsway and University Drive  
Auckland Park  
2006

**13.1.2 The University of Naples "L'Orientale"**

Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali e Ricerca Scientifica  
Via Nuova Marina, 59  
80134 Napoli

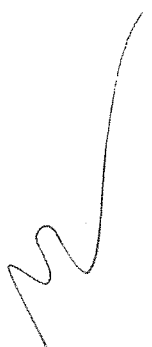
13.2 All notices and any other communications by either Party in terms of this Agreement or relating to it shall be given in writing and sent by registered post, or delivered by hand, or transmitted by facsimile to the recipient Party at its relevant address.

13.3 Either Party may, by written notice to the other Party, change any of the addresses at which, (or the designated person for whose attention) those notices or other communications are to be given.

13.4 Any notice or other communication given by any Party to the other Party which:

13.4.1 is sent by registered post to the addressee at its specified address shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the 10th (tenth) Business Day after the date of posting; or

13.4.2 is delivered by hand during the normal business hours of the addressee at its





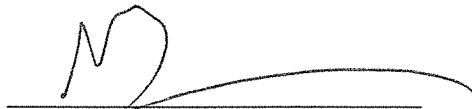
specified address shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the time of delivery; or

13.4.3 is transmitted by way of email to the above mentioned email addresses, shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee on the day of sending the email.

13.6 The provisions of this clause shall not invalidate any notice or other communication actually given otherwise than as described in these provisions.

#### 14. Signatories

Signed at US/APK on this 27 day of MARCH 2018.



Prof Alex Broadbent  
In his capacity as Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities  
For: **University of Johannesburg**

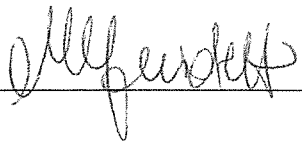
Witness: Lorna Singh

Signed at APK on this 27 day of March 2018



Professor ELDA MORLICCHIO  
In her capacity as Rector  
For: **The University of Naples "L'Orientale"**

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## APPENDIX A

The two parties, University of Johannesburg (UJ) and Università degli Studi di Napoli "l'Orientale" (UNO), designate representatives who will serve as primary contacts for the respective Universities. They will manage all significant communication between the Parties. The representative are designated by the Faculty of Humanities on behalf of UJ and Centro Studi sull'Africa Contemporanea (CeSAC) on behalf of UNO.

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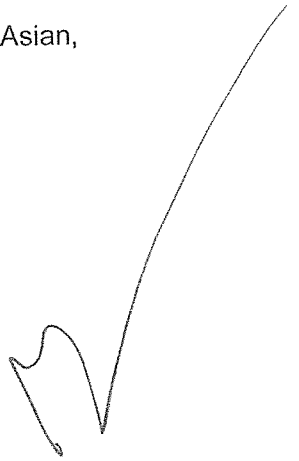
### The University of Naples "L'Orientale"

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