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AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

between

University of Naples L'Orientale – Department of Social and Human Sciences

and

John Cabot University – Department of Political Science and International Affairs, Rome

Recitals

The University of Naples L'Orientale (hereafter referred to as L'Orientale), represented by the Rector Prof. Roberto Tottoli, Palazzo Du Mesnil, Via Chiatamone 61/62 - 80121 Naples and John Cabot University (hereafter referred to as John Cabot University), represented by the President Prof. Franco Pavoncello, Via della Lungara 233, Rome.

Considering the efforts to harmonise higher education and to establish international curricula that foster an international labour market as well as improve student mobility;
Considering the demonstrated interest by both parties to initiate and promote academic cooperation;

Having regards to Decree 270/2004 (revision of the act 509/1999) of the Minister for Education, University, and Research of the Republic of Italy, that allows Italian universities to independently develop their own curricula (according to the law 341 of the 19-11-1990, art.11);

Agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement for governing the implementation of a Double Degree Programme which will result in the awarding of the following diplomas:

Laurea Magistrale in Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa (LM/52), delivered by L'Orientale, Department of Social and Human Sciences

and

Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs, delivered by John Cabot University, Department of Political Science and International Affairs

Article 1 – Definitions

In this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, "Double Degree Programme" shall mean the programme in which students will be awarded two Master's degrees; "Double Degree student" shall refer to a student participating in the programme implemented herein; "home



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university” shall mean the university in which the student begins the master’s course; “host university” shall mean the university which has agreed to receive students from the home university.

Article 2 - Programme management

2.1 Each party agrees:

- a) to participate in a cooperative manner in joint meetings held by the bodies under this Agreement;
- b) to promptly notify any delay in performance or any event that may impact the Double Degree Programme to the appropriate body;
- c) to inform the appropriate body of relevant communications it receives from third parties in relation to the Double Degree Programme;
- d) to ensure the accuracy of any information it supplies to the other party and to promptly correct any error therein of which it is notified, whereas the recipient party shall be responsible for the use made of such information;
- e) to act at all times in good faith and in a manner that reflects the good name, goodwill and reputation of the other party and in accordance with good business ethics.

2.2 Each party will be responsible for its own costs associated with this inter-institutional Agreement. Neither party will have the authority to authorize or incur financial liability on behalf of the other.

Article 3 - Teaching Programme

3.1 The curriculum of this Double Degree Programme is presented in Annex 1 which is an integral part of this agreement. Changes to Annex 1 do not affect the whole agreement.

3.2 The list of courses to be taken may be subject to changes as the academic offer is amended.

Article 4 - Admission requirements and procedures

4.1 Students apply to each program through the normal University admissions process and follow the deadlines for admission published by either University. The coordinator of each program will evaluate the applications for admission to the program and advise the student while they are at the University. Each University will decide how many students they wish to admit for any given year based on the published admissions criteria. Selection criteria include the following minimum requirements:

- a) students must have successfully completed a Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent (i.e. John Cabot University students do not require a dichiarazione di valore or CIMEA; nor are they to be admitted with debiti).



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- b) students have to demonstrate their language proficiency in English (level C1 or equivalent) or, alternatively, completion of a Bachelor Programme taught in English
- c) additional criteria for admission to L'Orientale's LM in Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa can be found here: <https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/immatricolarsi-e-isciversi/modalita-di-accesso-ai-corsi/lauree-9B2>.
- d) Additional criteria for admission to John Cabot University's MA in International Affairs can be found here: <https://www.johncabot.edu/master-international-affairs/admissions.aspx>

Article 5 – Student mobility

5.1 Double Degree students will attend the second year of the Programme at the host institution according to the course programme description given in Annex 1. Double Degree students can choose the courses/exams to take according to the Double Degree Study Plan in Annex 1.

In order to avoid duplication of the courses/exams and also to define a study programme coherent with the planning objectives of each course, the Study programme should be discussed and defined together with the coordinator of the home MA/LM degree or with a person delegated by them.

5.2 Students from L'Orientale will earn 60 ECTS at John Cabot University upon successful completion of their courses. Students from John Cabot University will earn 60 ECTS at L'Orientale upon successful completion of their courses.

Article 6 - Tuition fees

6.1. In order to be enrolled at the host university, students have to submit all relevant documents as specified by the host Universities and pay all relevant tuition fees associated with each University according to the regular tuition deadlines for either program published by the University.

6.2 Through this partnership agreement John Cabot University offers financial aid for LM students from L'Orientale University who wish to earn their MA degree at John Cabot University. **This includes up to two, full-year tuition scholarships for a single year of study at John Cabot University.** Likewise, L'Orientale will guarantee the waiver of registration and tuition fees for up to two students per year from John Cabot University upon condition of reciprocity. More students may be admitted to either program without funding provided by the University.

For L'Orientale relevant documents include :

- a) proof of payment of the regional tax for the right to study, and stamp duty;
- b) a learning agreement for the Double Degree;
- c) a copy of their passport or identity card;



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- d) a copy of their transcript of records

For John Cabot University:

- a) a learning agreement for the Double Degree;
- b) Transcripts of their undergraduate degree;
- c) Letters of recommendation
- d) A completed application which can be found at: <https://www.johncabot.edu/master-international-affairs/admissions.aspx>
- e) further information on tuition and admission to the MA program in International Affairs can be found here: <https://www.johncabot.edu/graduate-center/graduate-tuition-and-housing-dollars.aspx>

6.2. In order to complete the admission process, additional information and documents may be provided by each party.

Article 7 - Degree

7.1 Students will be awarded their degrees upon successful completion of the required courses and credit hours for each University program: 36 US credits or 72 ECTS for John Cabot and 60 US credits or 120 ECTS for L'Orientale. An overall minimum grade point average of 2.00 is required for all courses taken at the John Cabot University, with no more than two grades lower than C- in core courses.

7.2 Students from L'Orientale will earn 60 ECTS at John Cabot University. Students from John Cabot University will earn 60 ECTS at L'Orientale. John Cabot University and L'Orientale University will recognize advanced transfer credits from either University as specified in Annex 1 to fulfil the remaining credit hours required by either MA or LM program.

7.3 Two separate diplomas will be awarded to Double Degree students who have fulfilled these requirements:

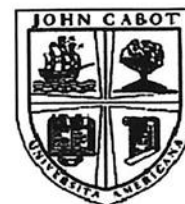
- a) The diploma from John Cabot University: "Master of Arts" in International Affairs
- b) The diploma from L'Orientale: "Laurea Magistrale" in Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa (LM/52)

Article 8 - Student enrolment, credit recognition and transfer

8.1 Each party will keep appropriate records of the Double Degree students registered in the Programme and provide Double Degree students and the other party with the official transcript of records specifying the activities which have been carried out.



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8.2 Exams (or final grades of Courses) taken at the host university during the mobility period will be transferred to the home university according to the Double Degree study plan (Annex 1).

8.3 Should a Double Degree student fail one or more exams (or courses) at the host university, the student shall be required to retake those exams (or courses). At L'Orientale, students must retake this exam during the specified retake session. In the case of a second fail, the student may again register for a further year of the Master and retake the missing exam(s) provided and graded by the university. For John Cabot University, a failed course must be repeated in its entirety (including attending classes throughout the semester), or an approved equivalent course completed, in order for the student to receive credit.

8.4 Transfer of credits between the partner institutions will be made using the Grades Conversion Table in Annex 1.

Article 9 - Thesis, evaluation, composition jury and transfer of documents

9.1 During their mobility period, Double Degree students will complete their theses or fulfill equivalent graduation requirements set by their home institution. Students will complete their thesis requirement in the second year of their study. Students who begin their studies at John Cabot, therefore, will write their MA thesis at L'Orientale. Students who begin their studies at L'Orientale will write their MA thesis at John Cabot.

9.2. Double Degree students must respect all academic procedures and deadlines from both institutions.

9.3 Double Degree students shall comply with L'Orientale/John Cabot procedures regarding the thesis assignment, registration for the degree exam, submission of an electronic copy of the thesis and/or any other relevant online deposit procedure.

9.4 L'Orientale students writing their theses in their second year at John Cabot University will be appointed a thesis reader (or supervisor) from each University. This thesis jury will jointly assess the degree thesis. Each institution will grade the final thesis according to its own standards and the Grades Conversion Table in Annex 1. Grade appeals in the case of a thesis must be made through the University where thesis was written.

9.5. Double Degree students are required to write the final thesis in English. A copy of the final thesis will be submitted to both institutions.

9.6 The parties agree to mutually recognize the thesis or equivalent graduation requirements done at the partner university, to accept the results of examination and the grades given. Thesis grades will transfer following the Grades Conversion Table in Annex 1.



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9.7 Both parties shall give prompt communication of all grades obtained by Double Degree students, in order to allow the examination boards to organize deliberations in due time.

Article 10 - Grades conversion

10.1 The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) will be used for conversion of credits taken at L'Orientale University. John Cabot University uses the US credit system in which a single credit is equal to one semester hours. One John Cabot Credit is equivalent to two ECTS credits.

Article 11 – Double Degree Students' right and duties

11.2 Double Degree students shall be granted full access to both the institutions' facilities (such as Library, Laboratories, etc.) during their studies. Provision of health insurance shall be regulated by the rules of each party.

11.3 During the exchange period in the host institution, Double Degree students shall comply with its internal regulations.

11.4 During their mobility period at the host institution, Double Degree students shall be allowed to:

- a) attend classes and take the prescribed exams at the end of courses taken;
- b) pursue research activities aimed at the production of the MA thesis;
- c) take part in student traineeship/orientation activities for students at L'Orientale and John Cabot.

Article 12 - Contact Persons / Programme Coordinators

12.1 Each party appoints an academic programme coordinator and an administrative programme coordinator who will be in charge of the administrative execution of this agreement and who will serve as the contact person for L'Orientale and John Cabot students who are participating in the Double Degree Programme.

12.2 The local contact person for each party is detailed in Annex 2 – Fact Sheet

Article 13 - Duration and renewal

13.1 The present Agreement shall be effective from the date of the last approval and date of signature, for an initial period of five (5) years. Thereafter it may be renewed by the parties for an additional period of 5 years at each expiration date unless either party provides written notice to terminate the Agreement six months' before the expiration date.



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Termination will not affect the exchange of students already in progress or exchanges already approved prior to the Agreement's effective date of termination. Termination will not modify any obligations to be performed in terms of current semester students whose studies are still underway, or exchanges already agreed upon.

Article 14 - Publicity and Promotional Materials

14.1 Each party authorizes the use of its name and logo for purposes related exclusively to this Double Degree Programme and the exchange possibilities in this Agreement.

14.2 Except as provided for under the terms of this agreement, neither party shall make use of the name of the other party in any publication, advertisement or news release without prior consultation and written approval.

14.3 Each party will publicize the Double Degree Programme in its paper or digital communication materials and will provide the other party with copies thereof.

Article 15 - Final regulations

15.1 In the event of a dispute parties shall endeavor to reach an amicable settlement. Should these attempts fail, the dispute/s shall be referred for settlement to an agreed upon third party.

Made in 4 original copies, each party receiving 2 original copies.

Article 16 – Treatment of Personal Data



All personal data will be processed in full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation UE 679/2016 (GDPR) as well as with the parties' national legislation.

University of Naples L'Orientale For the Master in Relations and	For the Master in International Affairs – The Study Programme Director, Michael
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Institutions of Asia and Africa, – The Study Programme Director, Roberta Arbolino Date, <hr/>	D. Driessen Date, <hr/>
For University of Naples L'Orientale The Rector Naples, Italy Date   Prof. Roberto Tottoli 01/08/2024	For John Cabott University – The President Rome, Italy Date <hr/> Prof. Franco Pavoncello

Annexes

Annex 1: Double-Title Study Plan, Grades Conversion Table

Annex 2: Fact Sheet

Annex 1



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Double Degree Study Plan

a) Study programme at John Cabot University (courses open to Double Degree students)

Required Core Courses	Code	Course Name	Credits
	PL 610	Foundation I: International Relations	3US/6CFU
	PL 620	Foundation II: Comparative Politics	3US/6CFU
	PL 630	International Political Economy	3US/6CFU
	PL 640	Political Science Research Methodology	3US/6CFU
Total : 4 Courses			12US/24CFU
Electives: 4 Graduate Seminars to be chosen among the following list:		NB: <i>The graduate seminar course selection will vary from year to year</i>	
	PL 660	Security Studies	3US/6CFU
	PL 680	Human Rights and International Law	3US/6CFU
	PL 652	Populism	3US/6CFU
	PL 529	Religion and Global Politics	3US/6CFU
	PL 675	Politics of China	3US/6CFU
	PL 665	Diplomacy and Statecraft	3US/6CFU
	PL 668	Food Security	3US/6CFU
	PL 672	Environmental Politics	3US/6CFU
	PL 678	Mediterranean Politics	3US/6CFU
	PL 682	Human Trafficking	3US/6CFU
	PL 653	Revolutions	3US/6CFU
Total: 4 Courses			12US/24CFU
Capstone Requirements			
Other Activities	PL 710	Professional Development Course	1US/2CFU
	PL 720	Practicum in International Affairs	2US/4CFU
	PL 740	Internship or Research Assistantship	3US/6CFU
	PL 780	Thesis Writing	6US/12CFU
Total: 4 Courses			12US/24CFU
Additional Requirements			
		B2 Language Proficiency Requirement	0 Credits
Other Activities	PL603	Cultural Events Modules	0 Credits
Total Credit Hours			36US/72CFU

b) Study programme at "L'Orientale" Curriculum ASIA 1 anno



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	Typology	Disciplinary areas	SSD	Teaching Courses	CFU
1	Characterising	Law	IUS/13	The Law of International Organizations	8
2	Characterising	Economics	SECS-P/02	Evaluation of development policies	8
3	Related	History and Politics	SPS/04	Regional and local Governance	8
4	Related	International History	SPS-14	History of Sino-European relations since 1949	8
			L-OR/23	Global history of East Asia	
			L-OR/17	Societies and Cultures of Central Asia	
5	Characterising	International History	SPS/14	Industrialization and Labour in Contemporary Asia	8
			SPS/14	Domestic governance of the People's Republic China	
			L-OR/23	Japan in the International System	
			L-OR/23	History of Modern and Contemporary Korea	
6	Related	Languages	L-OR/13 Turkish I; L-OR/19 Hindi I; L-OR/18 Tibetan I; L-OR/19 Urdu I; L-OR/21 Chinese language and culture I; L-OR/21 Indonesian I (basic or advanced); L-OR/22 Korean I; L-OR/22 Japanese I; L-OR/15 Persian I; Vietnamese language(basic)		8
•		Other activities	Laboratory /Workshop		2
		Total CFU First Year			50

Second Year



		Disciplinary areas	SSD	Teaching	CFU
	Typology				
7	Characterising	Social Studies	SPS/07	Social knowledge in Asia, Africa and Middle East	8
			SPS/09	International development cooperation	
8	Related	International History	SPS/14	China's growth strategies	8
			SPS/14	Politics and Institution of contemporary Japan	
			SPS/14	Politics and governance in contemporary India	
9	Characterising	Law	IUS-21	Global legal systems and fundamental rights	8
10	Related	Economics and Statistics	SECS-S/01	Poverty, Well-being and Social Networks Analysis	8
			SECS-P/06	Socio economic analysis for development policy	
			SECS-P/08	International Management	
11	Related	Languages	L-OR/13 Turkish II; L-OR/19 Hindi II; L-OR/18 Tibetan II; L-OR/19 Urdu II; L-OR/21 Chinese language and culture II; L-OR/21 Indonesian II (basic or advanced); L-OR/22 Korean II; L-OR/22 Japanese II; L-OR/22 Persian II; ; Vietnamese language(basic)		8
12		Elective course exam			8
		External or foreign Internship			6
•		Final exam			16
		Total CFU Second Year			70
		Total CFU			120



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c) Study Program for Students beginning their studies at John Cabot University.

Students who begin their MA in International Affairs at John Cabot University will complete the foundation year requirements including the 4 foundation courses (International Relations, Comparative Politics, Research Methodology and International Political Economy) and 4 graduate seminars, for a total of 24 US credit hours/48 CFU. They should also complete their internship (3US/6CFU), practicum (2US/4CFU) and professional development courses (1US/2CFU) for a total of 30US/60CFU taken in their first year of study at John Cabot.

Students who begin their MA in International Affairs at John Cabot University will then need to complete an additional 60CFU/30US credits at L'Orientale University in their 2nd year to be awarded their Laurea Magistrale in Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa. They must attend 5-6 exams that can be chosen among the following areas (totalling 44CFU/22US credits). They must also complete their LM thesis (totalling 16CFU/8US credits):

- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 4 – Historical area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 5 – Historical area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 7 – Sociological area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 8 – Historical – Political area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 9 – Law area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 10 – Applied skills area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 11 – Language area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 12 – Free choice exam within the Curriculum or laboratorio

d) Study Program for students beginning their studies at L'Orientale University. In their first year of study, students who begin their LM at L'Orientale University must take 7 exams (totalling 56CFU/28US credits) and 1 laboratorio (totalling 4CFU/2US credits) that can be chosen among the following areas:

- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 4 – Historical area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 5 – Historical area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 7 – Sociological area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 8 – Historical – Political area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 9 – Law area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 10 – Applied skills area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 11 – Language area
- 1 Course of Disciplinary Area 12 – Free choice exam within the Curriculum or laboratorio

Students beginning their studies at L'Orientale University must then earn an additional 30US/60CFU credits at John Cabot University in their 2nd year to be awarded the MA in International Affairs. Specifically, they must complete the foundation year requirements, including the 4 foundation courses (International Relations, Comparative Politics, Research



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Methodology and International Political Economy) and 2 graduate seminars for a total of 18US/26CFU. Students who have taken History of International Relations or International Political Economy at L'Orientale may transfer these courses and take further graduate seminars instead.

Students must also complete their internship (3US/6CFU); their practicum (2US/4CFU) and professional development course (1US/2CFU) in their second year of study at John Cabot University. Students who have completed their internship requirement in their first year at L'Orientale can take further graduate seminars instead.

Students who begin their studies at L'Orientale are also required to take one additional language course (3US/6CFU credits) in their second year at John Cabot University. This may include French, Spanish or English language courses, including English composition courses (EN110) or public speaking courses (COM220, BUS220 or CMS280).

Finally students must also complete their thesis (6US/12CFU) during their second year of study.

Sample Curriculum I:



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For Students beginning at John Cabot University:

Year 1 (John Cabot University):

4 Foundational Courses:
1) Foundation I: International Relations (3US/6CFU)
2) Foundation II: Comparative Politics (3US/6CFU)
3) International Political Economy (3US/6CFU)
4) Political Science Research Methodology (3US/6CFU)
Total: 12US/24CFU
4 Graduate Seminars Chosen from Courses Offered. Examples could be:
5) Diplomacy and Statecraft (3US/6CFU)
6) Food Security (3US/6CFU)
7) Security Studies (3US/6CFU)
8) Human Rights and International Law (3US/6CFU)
Total: 12US/24CFU
3 Professional Courses
9) Professional Development Course (1US/2CFU)
10) Practicum in International Affairs (2US/4CFU)
11) Internship or Research Assistantship (3US/6CFU)
Total 6US/12CFU
Total: 30US/60CFU

Year 2 (Orientale):

1) History of Sino-European Relations since 1949 (SPS/14) 8CFU/4US
2) Industrialization and Labor in Contemporary Asia (SPS/14) 8CFU/4US
3) Regional and Local Governance 8CFU/4US
4) History of International Politics (SPS/06) 8CFU/4US
Total: 32 CFU/16US
5) Tesi (16CFU/8US)
6) Diritto e Politiche dell'Unione Europea (8CFU/4US)
7) Laboratorio (4CFU/2US)
Totale: 28CFU/2US
Total: 60CFU/30US



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Sample Curriculum II:

For Students beginning at Orientale University:

Year 1 (Orientale University):

1) History of Sino-European Relations since 1949 (SPS/14) 8CFU/4US
2) Industrialization and Labor in Contemporary Asia (SPS/14) 8CFU/4US
3) Regional and Local Governance 8CFU/4US
4) History of International Politics (SPS/06) 8CFU/4US
Total: 32 CFU/16US
5) Strategie di Sviluppo della Cina (SPS/14) (8CFU/4US)
6) Diritto e Politiche dell'Unione Europea (8CFU/4US)
7) The law of International Organizations (ISU/13) (8CFU/4US)
8) Laboratorio or Internship (4CFU/2US) (4CFU/2US)
Totale: 28CFU/2US
Total: 60CFU/30US

Year 2 (John Cabot University):

4 Foundational Courses:
1) Foundation I: International Relations (3US/6CFU)
2) Foundation II: Comparative Politics (3US/6CFU)
3) International Political Economy (3US/6CFU)
4) Political Science Research Methodology (3US/6CFU)
Total: 12US/24CFU
2 Graduate Seminars Chosen from Courses Offered. Examples could be:
5) Diplomacy and Statecraft (3US/6CFU)
6) Food Security (3US/6CFU)
Total: 6US/12CFU
3 Professional Courses
7) Professional Development Course (1US/2CFU)
8) Practicum in International Affairs (2US/4CFU)
9) Internship or Language Study (3US/6CFU)
Total 6US/12CFU
10) Thesis (6US/12CFU)
Total: 30US/60CFU

Grades Conversion Table

L'Orientale grades	John Cabot grades	
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≤18	F	0-59.99
18	D-	
19	D-	60-63.99
20	D (Poor, but passing)	64-66.99
21	D+	67-69.99
22	C-	70-73.99
23	C (Passing)	74-76.99
24	C+	77-79.99
25	B-	80-83.99
26	B	84-86.99
27	B+	87-89.99
28	A-	90-93.99
29	A-	
30	A	94-100
30 cum laude	A	

Grading systems for the final dissertation

L'Orientale grades	John Cabot grades
Fail	0
Less than 90 and 90	59.99
between 91 and 100:	60-79.99 60-69.99
91-94	70-74.99
95-97	75-79.99
98-101	
between 101 and 109:	80-95.99
101-105	80-84.99
106-108	85-89.99
109-110	90-95.99
110 cum laude.	95-100



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Fact Sheet

	John Cabot	L'Orientale
Administrative Programme Coordinator		
Name:		
Address:		
E-mail:		
Phone:		

