



ARISTOTLE  
UNIVERSITY OF  
THESSALONIKI

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COOPERATION  
BETWEEN**

**SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON  
AND  
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter “**MOU**”) between **SOAS University of London**, of Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG, UK (hereinafter “**SOAS**”) and **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**, University Campus, GR 54 124 Thessaloniki, Greece, (hereinafter “**AUTh**”), (individually known as “Institution” and together known as the “Institutions”), sets out the articles of agreement between the Institutions in view of the institutions’ shared commitment and cooperation in the areas of education and research.

**Article I: Institutional Overview**

SOAS, established by a royal charter in 1916, is a public research university and is a constituent college of the federal University of London. SOAS is the world's leading institution for the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

AUTh is a self-governed public University established in 1925, by the law nr.3341 (Government Gazette nr. 154/22.6.1925). Is the largest and the most multithematic University of Greece and one of the largest of its kind in Europe. AUTh actively promotes interdisciplinarity, research and innovation, in a fertile academic environment. AUTh strives for excellence and continuous improvement in all fields of its activities and fosters a strong program of funded research while at the same time providing access to a large variety of cultural and recreational facilities.

## **Article II Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to develop academic and educational cooperation on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to promote relations and mutual understanding between the Institutions.

## **Article III: Scope of the Cooperation**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this MOU, the Institutions undertake to promote and develop academic cooperation within some, or all of the following areas:

1. Exchange of academic and administrative staff and students.
2. Cooperation in research and the presentation of its results.
3. Exchange of non-confidential academic materials, publications and other scientific information.
4. Collaboration and exchange of resources and staff in the area of library and other auxiliary services.
5. Other educational and academic exchanges that the Institutions may agree on.

## **Article IV: Financial Arrangement**

1. During the term of this MOU the parties will negotiate in good faith to enter into formal agreements with each other and with third parties.
2. Both parties agree that all specific arrangements and plans for cooperative activities or programmes are to be negotiated and agreed on in writing on activity basis and are dependent on the availability of funds.
3. Both parties agree to collaboratively seek financial support from external organisations and funding bodies for the cooperative activities to be undertaken.
4. Unless agreed otherwise in writing each party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred in comply with its obligations under this MOU.
5. Each party will remain liable for any loss or liability incurred due to their own acts or omissions. Neither party intends that the other will be liable for any loss it suffers as a result of this MOU.



### **Article V: Agreement of Implementation**

1. The details of each cooperative activity or programme that will follow from this MOU shall be agreed to in writing by the institutions and shall be signed by the authorised signatories of the institutions. The institutions agree to consult and negotiate in good faith for such future activities.
2. Neither party will make any announcement and or disclosure regarding this MOU or its subject matter without the prior written consent of the other party.

### **Article VI: Intellectual Property Rights and Publication and logo**

1. The parties do not intend to create or develop any intellectual property as a result of this MOU. Any intellectual property created or developed (Arising IP) under this MOU will be the property of the party generating such Arising IP.
2. Each party will grant to the other a non-exclusive royalty-free license to use the Arising IP for the purposes of this MOU and for academic and research purposes only.
3. If the parties create or develop intellectual property jointly under this MOU, the parties will negotiate in good faith to resolve issues including ownership and applications for patent protection.
4. While both institutions are committed to the principles of open access to research findings, ownership and detailed management of the Intellectual Property Rights and Publication shall be defined for each cooperative activity or programme agreed in Article IV.
5. No party shall use the brand, name, logo and/or mark of the other party without the prior written consent of the owning party.
6. All press and promotional opportunities that arise and require the use of both organisations' brands, name, logo and/or mark will be notified and agreed by both parties in writing.

### **Article VII: Settlement of Differences**

The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation.

### **Article VIII: Amendments, Duration and Termination**

1. Amendments and variations to this MOU can only be made in writing by mutual

consent of the Institutions and shall be signed by the authorised signatories of the institutions.

2. This MOU shall take effect from the date of the last signature and shall be valid for the duration of five (5) years from that date. It will be reviewed by the Institutions no later than six (6) months before the end of the MOU.
3. This MOU may be terminated by either party by written notice at least six (6) months in advance. Such notice of termination will not interfere with cooperative activities or programmes currently underway. Such activities or programmes will be allowed to continue until their conclusion.

#### **Article IX: Agency**

This MOU is not intended to constitute, create, give effect to, or otherwise form a joint venture, or any other entity of any kind. Neither Institution shall act as or hold itself out to be an agent or partner of the other.

#### **Article X: Confidentiality**

The Institutions agree not to disclose to any third party any information that is identified as confidential before or at the time of disclosure. Such confidential information should only be disclosed to members of the institution who require the information for the performance of this MOU or for the performance of any other agreement for cooperative activities or programmes that will follow from this MOU. The Institutions confirm that they will ensure that any such members of the institution to whom confidential information has been disclosed to, have agreements in place with the institution that requires them not to disclose confidential information.

#### **Article XI: Data Protection**

The Institutions agree to protect any personal or sensitive data or information and to treat such personal or sensitive data or information as confidential in accordance with Article X of this MOU. With regards to data protection and processing under this MOU and any contracts derived from this MOU the Institutions agree to adhere to any relevant data protection laws and regulations and specifically the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) or any equivalent, save that more or equal protection is given to data subjects as in the GDPR.



## **Article XII: Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulation**

Being a public body in the UK, SOAS is bound by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. SOAS may therefore be required to disclose certain information to the public within a given timescale. SOAS will attempt to inform hereinafter AUTH of any such request for information that relate to this MOU prior to providing a response to the public.

## **Article XIII: Governing Law**

The parties irrevocably agree that this MOU and all matters arising binding and/or non-binding shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales and any disputes not amicably resolved in accordance with article VII of this MOU shall be settled by the courts of England and Wales.

## **Article XIV: Compliance with the Law**

The Institutions agree to comply with any applicable laws in place in their respective jurisdiction.

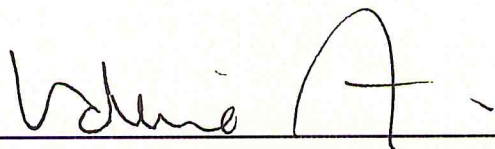
## **Article XV: Policies**

The institutions confirm that they subscribe to policies of, equality and diversity in employment, health and safety at work and anti-bribery.

## **Article XVI: Counterpart**

This MOU may be executed in one (1) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same MOU. A signed copy of this MOU delivered by means of electronic transmission shall have the same effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this MOU.

This MOU is prepared in English and two (2) original copies of this MOU are produced. Both copies are authentic. As witness to their consent to this MOU, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures:

**SOAS UNIVERSITY OF LONDON****ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF  
THESSALONIKI****Name: Baroness Valerie Amos CH****Position: Director****Date:** 9th January 2019**Name: Professor Pericles A. Mitkas****Position: Rector****Date:** December 13, 2018