

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

between

the University of Graz (Institute of American Studies), Universitätsplatz 3, 8010 Graz, Austria,



the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Department of American Literature and Culture, School of English), Thessaloniki 54 124, Greece



and

Radboud University, Houtlaan 4, 6525 XZ Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Radboud Universiteit



Article 1

The subject of this agreement is the academic/scholarly and educational cooperation in the fields of mutual interest in the *creation* of a 'Digital Studies' network (aligned with the European Association for American Studies) between the University of Graz, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and Radboud University.

The mission of this Digital Studies Network is to facilitate the communication and collaboration between scholars, researchers and postgraduate students in Europe with an interest in issues pertaining to the broader production and theorization of digitality in literary and cultural media. This network will seek to connect with institutions, organisations, and postgraduate programs in Europe that specialize in this area of research so as to foster the exchange of information and effective contact between its members, to initiate conferences and other fora as well as symposia with the aim of promoting digital studies research in Europe. Priority in this agreement will be given to the Institute of American Studies at University of Graz, the Department of American Literature at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Department of English Language and Culture/ American Studies at Radboud University, Nijmegen. Scholars from other departments from the three universities are welcome to participate.

Article 2

The cooperation may include:

1. Implementation of mutual scholarly and research projects;
2. Participation on conferences organized by all three sides;
3. Mutual publications and editions;
4. Exchange of students and teaching staff;
5. Mutual support in the education of students and teaching staff.
6. Advising postgraduate students and enhancing a dialogue between scholars.

Article 3

No financial commitment whatsoever on either signatory to this document is intended or implied. The institutions involved will actively seek in national and international programs (i.e., Erasmus+ or Erasmus+ International) opportunities aimed at the provision of funds to carry out activities that will promote the

development of cooperation. For visiting exchange faculty members, the institutions will explore the possibility of providing free accommodation.

Article 4

All Background Intellectual Property belonging to one partner is and shall remain the exclusive property of the partner owning it. Each partner grants the other partners a royalty-free, non-transferable, non-exclusive, license to use its Background Intellectual Property for the sole purpose of the exchange and research collaboration.

Article 5

During the information exchange between researchers of the partners, they must obey the work rules and confidential regulations of their institutions, and implement confidential responsibilities and research duties requested by their positions. All guest researchers must obey these requests equally.

The partners must maintain due secrecy of any information relating to the study projects and their content carried out under the name of the Digital Studies Network, and must not disclose this information to any third party and persons who do not work as part of this joint project.

The receiving partner must keep confidential information obtained from the other partners. The receiving partner must not use, publish and disclose this information except as otherwise expressly permitted. Either partner must give back or destroy confidential information obtained from the other partner during the cooperation, at the end or termination of the agreement, or at the written request from the other partner.

Either partner must not publish and disclose the content of this agreement without prior written approval from the other partners. This does not include the fact of the existence of the Digital Studies Network according to Article 1 of the agreement.

Each party agrees to notify the other as soon as practicable in the event of a privacy or security issue respecting personal information, or of a loss, disclosure, or sharing of personal information, whether required by law, accidental, unauthorized or otherwise. If data is provided for the purpose of processing as a service in accordance with Art 28 GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation), then the contracting parties undertake to comply with the provisions contained therein accordingly. If necessary, an agreement must be concluded on data processing in accordance with Art. 28 GDPR.

Article 6

The agreement will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years with the possibility of its prolongation, unless one of the parties decides to terminate it. The agreement is valid from the date of signature of all parties.

Article 7


The partners agree that any controversy, dispute, or claims between them arising out of this agreement shall be resolved in an expeditious manner and with good faith subject to a written, mutual agreement regarding the terms and conditions of such a resolution.

Article 8

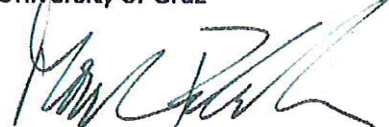
This Agreement together with its enclosed documents, and optionally the Supplemental Agreement envisioned herein, shall contain the entire agreement of the partners hereto. It may be changed only by another agreement in writing signed by all partners.

This Agreement shall be delivered in three copies, each with original signatures, and all shall have the same validity. Each partner shall hold one of these copies in their records.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

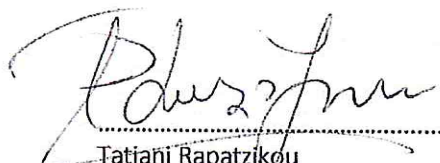

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