

# Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



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# International Relations Department

## Main activities



Strengthen our status by managing **Inter-University Agreements**

Enhance our presence by facilitating **staff and student mobility**

Participate in **international organizations** integrating an international dimension

**Disseminate information** promoting international awareness

Participate in **international events**



# Aristotle University: A university with international outreach

190

International Inter – University Agreements with foreign Universities.

600+

- Academic Staff Mobility 2012-2021:
- Incoming Academic Staff 432
- Outgoing Academic Staff 172

800+

- Student Mobility 2012-2021:
- Incoming Students 507
- Outgoing Students 349

2089

- International Students (active)



# The main objectives of these agreements are:

**Exchange of faculty members**

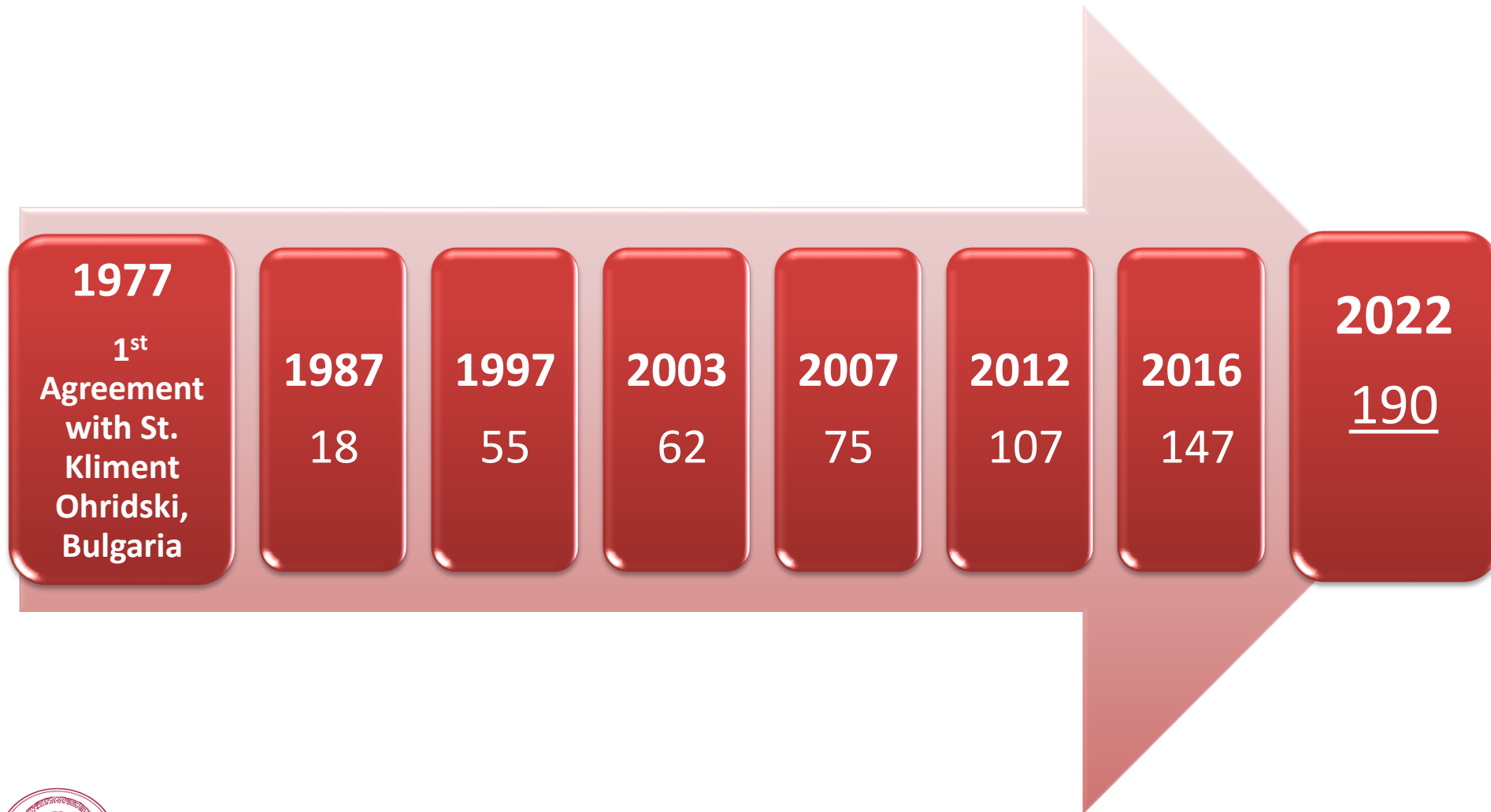
**Exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students**

**Development of research collaborations and projects**

**Promotion of summer language and cultural courses**



# Inter-University Agreements, through the years





Accord de coopération scientifique entre  
l'Université de Sofia "Kliment Ohridski"  
et l'Université Aristote de Thessaloniki

Entre l'Université de Sofia "Kliment Ohridski"  
représentée par son Recteur, le Professeur Blagovest SENDOV,  
agissant sur mandat spécial de son Conseil Académique, et l'  
Université Aristote de Thessaloniki, représentée par son Re-  
cteur, le Professeur Jean DELIYANNIS, agissant sur mandat spé-  
cial du Sénat de ladite Université, il a été convenu ce qui  
suit:

Article 1er: Les Universités contractantes s'enga-  
gent à envoyer l'une à l'autre et à recevoir respectivement  
des membres de leurs corps des enseignants, pouvant s'élever  
jusqu'au nombre de quatre en tout par an et pour un délai de  
dix à vingt jours pour chacun, afin de tenir des conférences  
ou donner des cours sur les matières suivants: mathématiques,  
physique, chimie, biologie, droit, langues slaves, philologie clas-  
sique, histoire. Les conférences ou les cours pourront être don-  
nés dans la langue du pays qui reçoit ou dans l'une des langues  
française, anglaise ou allemande; dans ce dernier cas, une tra-  
duction dans la langue du pays qui reçoit pourra être organi-  
sée soit sur la base d'un texte écrit, qui sera envoyé d'avan-  
ce, soit au moyen d'un système de traduction simultanée.

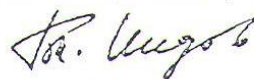
Aux fins de l'exécution de l'engagement mutuel ci-  
dessus, il sera dressé par un comité de travail mixte, composé  
d'un représentant de chacune des deux Universités au plus  
tard six mois avant le début de l'année universitaire auquel  
il se référera, un plan, valable pour toute l'année, qui com-  
prendra les noms des enseignants qui seront destinés à être  
échangés dans le but précité, les domaines scientifiques aux-  
quels se référeront les conférences ou les cours de chacun

Aux fins de la réglementation de ces échanges des grou-  
pes d'étudiants dans leurs détails, des accords bilatéraux se-  
ront conclus préalablement entre les deux Universités, en as-  
surant la réciprocité complète. Les dispositions de l'article  
précédent du présent accord ayant trait à la réciprocité au-  
ront application conforme en cette matière également.

Article 3: Le présent accord sera en vigueur pour les  
années universitaires 1977/1978 et 1978/1979.

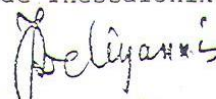
Fait à Thessaloniki le 29 Mars 1977 en deux exemplai-  
res authentiques en langue française faisant également foi.

Pour l'Université de Sofia  
"Kliment Ohridski"



Prof. Blagovest Sendov

Pour l'Université Aristote  
de Thessaloniki



Prof. Jean Delivannis



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# **Agreements have been signed with the following institutions, among others:**

- York University, Canada
- Shanghai International Studies University, China
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- University of Cyprus, Cyprus
- University of Cologne, Germany
- Chiba University, Japan
- Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan
- National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
- University of Belgrade, Serbia
- University of Dublin, Ireland
- SOAS University of London, U.K.
- City University of Hong Kong, China





# Inter-university Agreements for Academic Cooperation

All the signed Agreements of Aristotle University are uploaded at the website of the Department of International Relations, with all details i.e. Scanned original Agreements, Schools involved, obligations, duration etc.

➤ <http://international-relations.auth.gr/en/active-agreements>



# Participation in International Organizations, Associations and University Networks

The international standing of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is strengthened by its active participation in 67 international associations and Networks and in 16 international student organizations, including :

*International Association of Universities (IAU)*

*European Association of Universities (EUA)*

*Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN)*

*Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)*

*European University Centre at Peking University*

*Top Industrial Managers for Europe network (TIME)*

Full list at: <http://international-relations.auth.gr/en/node/108>

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# SCHOLARS AT RISK N E T W O R K

- In November 2018 AUTH was invited as a partner by SAR and National University Of Ireland Maynooth to submit a program (Marie Curie) H2020-MSCA-RR-2018 entitled INSPIREurope - INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND INTEGRATE RESEARCHERS @ RISK IN EUROPE with a total budget of € 1.5M (budget for AUTH € 175,000)
- The program was approved and started on 1/9/2019
- AUTH's role is to contribute to the creation of a network for the support of refugee researchers in Southern and Eastern Europe and their integration into the European Research Area.



# The Silk-Road Universities Network



- Two AUTH students were awarded at the 2nd WRICOS 2018 Essay Writing and Poetry Competition
- Maria Georgousi, undergraduate student of the Department of English Language and Literature, was honored with the Grand Prize,
- While Angelos Larissis, undergraduate student of the Department of Medicine of AUTH, won the Selection Award.



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# Alabama – Greece Initiative

- Established in May **2014**
- **Research Program**
- It has led to a series of **faculty collaborations** between UA and AUTH scholars.
- The two universities undertake the organization of the program **successively every year** (organized in the University of Alabama in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019 and in Aristotle University in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018. )
- The **financial support** of the program comes mainly from the University of Alabama.





# Alabama - Greece Initiative



- In the years 2020 and 2021 it was cancelled, due to COVID-19 pandemic
- However:
  - online collaboration
  - intention to restart the program as soon as the epidemiological conditions allow it.



# The Belt & Road Summer School Program at SISU





# “Stavros Niarchos” scholarships – York University, Canada

2014-2019: 18 AUTH  
students studied for  
one semester in York  
University, Canada.



Toronto



York University Building







## Chiba University's Global Study Programs

Organization Summer  
Global Study Programs  
in Japan, in collaboration  
with Chiba University.  
From 2014, Summer  
School switches location  
from Auth to Chiba each  
year. GSP program was  
implemented by Chiba  
University in 2011.



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# University of Belgrade summer school for language and civilization

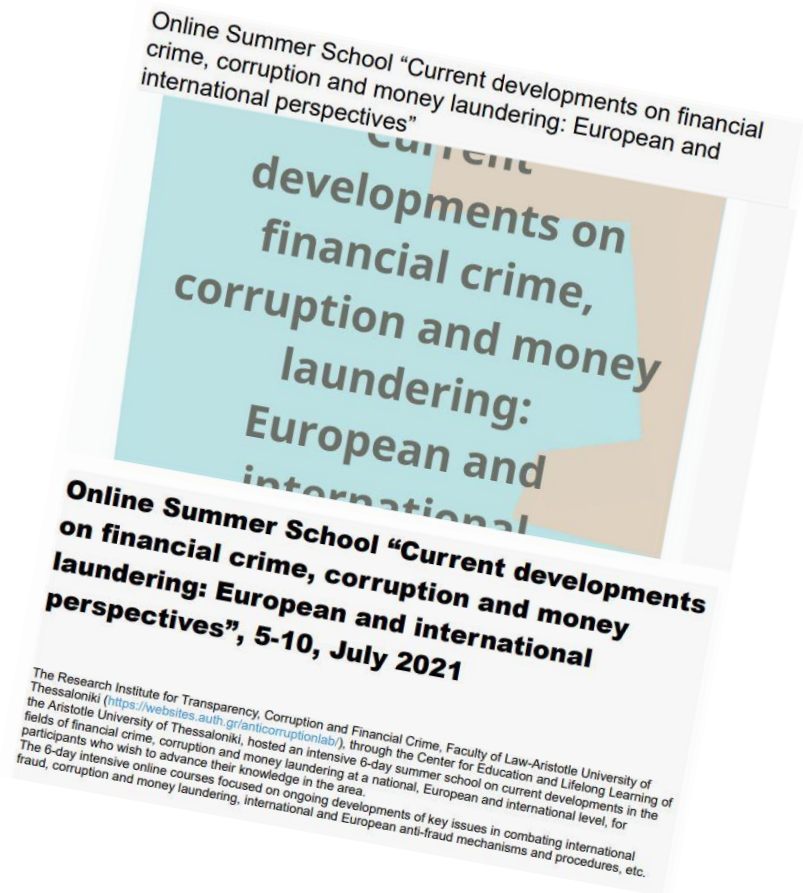


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# BRAUIC Global Campus Exchange Summer School Program

- Run by:
- Belt & Road Architectural Universities Consortium (BRAUIC – established by partner University Beijing University of Civil Engineering and Architecture)
- The International Relations Departments of different collaborating Universities, among them of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



# BRAUIC Global Campus Exchange Summer School Program



- Established in 2021
- It is implemented in the frame of the Belt & Road Architectural Universities Consortium, in which the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is a member since 2017.
- The basic goal of the Program was to build a pool of English-taught summer schools
- AUPh participated with 3 Summer Schools offering free places to students of the member Universities
- Six students from AUPh attended online summer schools free of charge
- The program was implemented completely online, during Covid pandemic



# Challenges

- **COVID - 19 pandemic**
  - The pandemic created significant problems, but at the same time opportunities
  - Some programs stopped temporarily, others resumed remotely
  - There were also programs created in the midst of the pandemic and succeeded due to the use of new technologies



# Challenges - War in Ukraine

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki decided to implement measures to support its Ukrainian students, as follows:

1. Provide **meals** to all affected students (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
2. Explore all the possibilities of offering **accommodation** inside and outside university campus for those who face a relevant problem.
3. Special **grant** for these students to cover their accommodation and other necessary expenses.
4. Contribution to a University **bank account** by the members of the university who wish to deposit a sum of money in favor of the affected students.



# Challenges - War in Ukraine

- Collaboration of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) with **Harvard University's Center for Hellenic Studies (CHS)**
- Three initiatives are being promoted, as follows:
  1. A **donation** from the Center for Hellenic Studies, for AUTH to offer the amount in the form of **scholarships** to Ukrainian students.
  2. A joint invitation from the Center for Hellenic Studies and the International Olympic Academy for the **participation of 10** Ukrainian undergraduate **students** of AUTH in their **annual Symposium** in Olympia (12 to 15 July). The symposium organizers **will cover all** travel, accommodation, and meal **expenses** of the students.
  3. An invitation of AUTH's Ukrainian **postgraduate** students, to visit to Nafplio during this fall season and **make use of the Center's unique digital library to support their research**. The Center will **cover all** travel, accommodation, and meal **expenses** of the students.





*Thank you and have a joyful stay in our city!*

Ευχαριστώ

Thank you

Благодаря ти

Спасибо

Mulțumesc

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Ďakujem

Obrigado

Dziękuję Ci

Děkuju

Danke

Дякую

Хвала вам

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