



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY
OF THESSALONIKI



Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is between:

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, a university with charitable status established under royal charter and having its office at Strand, London WC2R 2LS.

And the **ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY THESSALONIKI**, located in the Main University Campus 54124 Thessaloniki, Greece.

(each a "Party" and together the "Parties").

1. The Parties believe that mutual benefit can be derived from scholarly interaction, cultural interchange, co-operative research and other forms of academic collaboration as well as possible student and staff exchanges. The Parties see advantages in the development of strong academic links and relationships, and agree in principle to enter into discussions to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and academic, cultural and personal exchange.
2. Except for this paragraph 2 and paragraphs 6 to 11 (inclusive) (the "**binding sections**") which shall be legally binding on the Parties, this MoU is not legally binding and the Parties acknowledge that this MoU does not place them under any obligation to enter into any subsequent agreement or arrangement. This MoU is designed to assist and inform the Parties' on-going discussions and, other than the binding sections, neither Party wishes for this MoU to give rise to any binding commitment or legal obligation. The Parties agree that each shall bear their own costs for any work under this MoU, save and except as separately agreed in writing.
3. This MoU is to establish a partnership regarding potential collaborative opportunities.

This partnership notably intends to develop academic collaborations in the areas of i) migration and border governance; and ii) disruptive technologies and artificial intelligence. Proposed activities will include:
 - Staff mobility with a view to developing research networks and academic projects in these areas
 - A PGR/ECR summer school to be held in Thessaloniki
4. In accordance with good legal practice and the requirements of the UK's *Quality Code for Higher Education*, where the Parties agree to proceed with a specific activity, the Parties agree to enter into a separate written agreement for that specific activity which will include all material legal, administrative and financial terms including funding and the responsibilities and obligations which are to be undertaken by each Party which are to be mutually agreed and signed by the Parties prior to the commencement of the activity.

5. Each Party undertakes to reveal to the other such dealings with other institutions or any material fact that may be reasonably expected to impinge on the development of the collaborative relationship established under this MoU.
6. **Confidentiality.** The Parties agree and undertake to keep confidential at all times any information or data that may be exchanged, acquired, disclosed, or shared in connection with any activity conducted pursuant to this MoU save where such information is already in the public domain or is required to be disclosed by any applicable law or regulations (which, in the case, of King's, shall include under the Freedom of Information Act 2000), or where the extent of such disclosure is authorised in writing by the other. Neither Party shall use the information of the other Party except to the extent required to enable the performance of this MoU. The obligations of the Parties under this clause shall continue following the expiry or termination of this MoU.
7. **Intellectual Property Rights.** All existing IP owned by or licensed to either Party shall remain the property of such Party. Each Party grants to the other a non-exclusive, non-transferable licence for duration of this MoU to use such of its existing IP as is provided to the other Party for the purposes only of this MoU.
8. **Publicity / announcements.** Specific approval for any publicity or announcements relating to this MoU or the other Party must be agreed in writing prior to deployment between Director, Global Engagement at King's and the Director of Department of International Relations at Aristotle University Thessaloniki.
9. **Duration of this MoU.** The effective date of this MoU is the first date after both Parties have signed below. This MoU will expire five years from the effective date unless sooner terminated, revoked or modified by mutual written agreement between the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MoU without liability to the other by giving one month's notice in writing to the other Party.
10. Amendments to this MoU will only be effective if in writing and signed by an authorised signatory of each Party.
11. Conflict and dispute resolution: The Parties shall endeavour to resolve all disputes related to this MoU amicably and in a collegiate manner. If disputes remain unresolved, matters shall be dealt with by their respective Councils and Senate.

Signed

On behalf of King's College London



Vice President

(International, Engagement & Service)

Professor 'Funmi Olonisakin

Date: 10/09/2025

On behalf of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki



The Rector

Professor Kyriakos Anastasiadis, MD, PhD

Date: 25/07/2025