

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

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Rhodes College (Memphis, TN, USA)

and

Laboratory “Center for Research on Democracy and Law”
University of Macedonia (Thessaloniki, Greece)

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between the Mertie Buckman Chair, with a registered address at Buckman Hall, Rhodes College, 2000 North Parkway, Memphis, TN, 38112, United States of America, and the Laboratory “Center for Research on Democracy and Law”¹, with a registered address at Office 332B, Department of International and European Studies, Egnatias 156, Thessaloniki, 54636, Greece. Both are collectively referred to as “Parties” or individually as “Party.”

1. Purpose

The Parties recognize the benefits to be derived from increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction for the further promotion and understanding of International Studies, International Relations, Public Policy, European Union Politics, Political Science, and Political Theory (hereafter, collectively referred to as the “Scientific Fields”).

The purpose of this MoU is to define the broad areas in academic activities and research in which the Parties desire to work together in the future for their mutual benefit to foster a collaborative framework between them in the Scientific Fields with a view to benefiting from each other’s initiatives and working procedures and to support collaboration among those associated with both Parties.

2. Scope

This MoU specifically covers only the following topics that describe the intentions of the Parties for increased collaboration, cooperation and interaction, and does not create any legally binding commitments. If the Parties later agree to undertake specific joint projects with legally binding obligations, they will develop separate written agreements for such projects, setting out each Party’s contributions, deliverables, and budgets.

The Parties intend to:

- pursue collaboration on fundamental, academic research, related to the Scientific Fields, including, but not limited to, research projects (e.g., Observatory of Government Restrictive Measures for the COVID-19 pandemic²), publications, etc.;
- encourage collaboration and cooperation between faculty members, research fellows, researchers, interns, University undergraduate/postgraduate students, and other members associated with each Party, including joint internship programs, joint summer schools, etc.

¹ Established under No. 3970/22.04.2020 Act of the Rector of the University of Macedonia, published in the Government Gazette of the Hellenic Republic Volume B’, Issue 1784 on 11.05.2020.

² <https://en.kedid.org/research/programs/govrm-covid19/>

3. Costs

Each Party will be responsible for its own costs in connection with all matters relating to collaborations under this MoU. Where possible and appropriate, the Parties may also seek external funding.

4. General Provisions

Treatment of intellectual property rights developed through collaborations under this MoU will be determined between the Parties through mutual consultation and specific agreements.

5. Confidentiality

The parties agree that there is no intention to share any confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this MoU. If either Party wishes to disclose information it considers to be confidential or proprietary to the other Party, the Parties will enter into a written non-disclosure agreement.

6. Duration

This MoU shall be effective for a period of two (2) years from the date of signature. It may be modified or extended by mutual written agreement by the Parties. This MoU may be terminated by either party upon six (6) months advance written notice.

The Parties to this MoU hereby confirm their agreement to its terms by the following signatures:

Laboratory “Center for Research
on Democracy and Law”
University of Macedonia

Mertie Buckman Chair
Rhodes College

By _____
Associate Professor Ioannis Papadopoulos
Director

By _____
Professor Nikoalos Zahariadis
Mertie Buckman Chair

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