



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COOPERATION

between

**TABRIZ ISLAMIC ART UNIVERSITY (TIAU), TABRIZ, I. R. of IRAN
and
KARADENİZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (KTU), TRABZON, TÜRKİYE**

In order to establish and further promote cooperation, Karadeniz Technical University (Trabzon, Türkiye) and Tabriz Islamic Art University (Tabriz, I. R. of Iran), join in the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on bilateral educational and cultural cooperation.

The two parties will endeavour to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest. To the extent feasible, both parties will encourage direct contact and cooperation between academic staff, research institutions and students.

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two universities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Exchange of academic staff;
2. Exchange of students;
3. Joint research activities, lecturing, supervision of postgraduate theses (in-person or online);
4. Participation in seminars, conferences and academic meetings;
5. Co-organization of short-term training programs and workshops;
6. Exchange of published academic materials and other information;
7. Internship of postgraduate students;

II. EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

1. Academic staff are responsible for their expenses during the period they are affiliated with the host institution (e.g., accommodation, visa expenses, R&D material, health insurance, etc.)
2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other facilities.
3. Duration of academic staff exchanges will be evaluated on an individual basis.
4. Academic staff exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
5. Academic staff's salary is continued to be paid by their home institution and the host institution is not responsible for salaries.

III. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

1. The Student Exchange period consists of at least one semester. It cannot exceed one academic year.
2. Exchange Students are responsible to adjust to the host institution's academic calendar.
3. Exchange students may take courses for credit, and the host institution shall issue a transcript and grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its own students.

4. Exchange students might be recommended by the home institution and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.
5. All potential expenses (e.g., fees, visa expenses, accommodation, health insurance, etc.) are the responsibility of the students.

IV. COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH AND ON OTHER SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Both parties will make every effort towards the development, materialization and application of research projects in fields which are of mutual interest.
2. Both parties shall take part in the organization of the international conferences through consultations, joint panels and common publications (depending on the availability of funds), covering topics of interest such as: European integration, comparative politics, comparative history, geostrategy, defence and security, communication, media, globalisation and public decision strategy, European policies, Europe-Black Sea Relations, religion and society.

V. RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

1. This MOU is to be authorized by the official representatives of both institutions in two copies, and each party will retain one.
2. Except where specified and agreed upon, this MOU will impose no financial obligations on the host institution.
3. This MOU shall remain in force up to May 2033 unless either side provides a three-month notice of intent to terminate.
4. This MOU will become effective at the time signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.
5. Items not covered by this MOU may be determined and negotiated separately by both institutions without abrogating this MOU.

On behalf of

Tabriz Islamic Art University

Rector

Dr. Sajjad Pakzad



Date: May 2023

On behalf of

Karadeniz Technical University

Rector

Prof. Hamdullah Çuvaşcı



Date: May 2023