



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Between

The **École Pratique des Hautes Études**, a public institution of scientific, cultural and professional nature, located 4-14 rue Ferrus - 75014 Paris, France,
represented by its President, Jean-Michel VERDIER,
a constituent college of the Université Paris Sciences et Lettres (PSL), in application of article 2 of the modified decree n°2005-1444 of November 24, 2005,
hereinafter referred to as the “**EPHE – PSL**”,
on the one hand,

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Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, state scientific research institution, Saltoniškių g. 58, LT-08105, Vilnius, Lithuania
represented by its director dr. Rasius MAKSELIS,
hereinafter referred to as the “**LKTI**”,
on the other hand,

Hereinafter “the Parties”.

It has been agreed the following:

The purpose of the present Agreement is to foster cooperation in research and teaching between the Parties in all their common fields of competence.

Article 1. Forms of cooperation.

For the purpose of the present Agreement, collaboration between the Parties may include the exchange of students, researchers and faculty members, administrative staff, scientific and scholarly publications; the joint organisation of symposia, seminars and conferences as well as the development of joint research programmes and projects.

Article 2. Terms of implementation and funding

Each Party may, if it so wishes, appoint a scientific coordinator in charge of the implementation and follow-up of the present Agreement.

Each project undertaken in implementation of the present Agreement shall be recorded in a specific annex stating its object, modalities, duration and funding.

The Parties decide by mutual consent that all the financial agreements will have to be negotiated and will depend on the availability of funds. They shall, as much as possible, link their cooperation with European or multilateral programmes which they deem useful for the purpose of their common objectives.

Article 3. Promotion and intellectual property.

Intellectual property created as a result of cooperative activity undertaken by the Parties shall be co-owned by the Parties in proportion of each Party's respective intellectual, financial, human and material contribution to the creation of said intellectual property.

Publication or dissemination of information pertaining to the cooperative activities and the intellectual property resulting from the Parties' cooperative activity shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the Parties and shall explicitly mention the participation of each Party.

Article 4. Student exchanges.

- a. Student exchanges shall be on the basis of full reciprocity between the Parties for the entire duration of the present Agreement.
- b. The number of exchange students and the duration of each exchange period at the host Party shall be agreed upon by the Parties on a yearly basis.
- c. Each Party shall select which of its students take part in the exchanges in agreement with the other Party. Exchange students shall remain registered and pay all relevant registration and tuition fees at their home institution; they shall not have to pay any fees to the host Party.
- d. Exchange students shall choose the lectures and seminars which they want to attend at the host Party, subject to the prior approval of the academic supervisors concerned.
- e. Travelling and accommodation expenses, as well as any other costs as the case may be, shall be at the charge of students taking part in the exchange. Within the limits of its resources the host Party shall make its material facilities available to exchange students, especially for finding accommodation.
- f. Exchange students must be covered by an appropriate health, accident and third-party liability insurance for the whole duration of their stay at the host Party. If their insurance policy does not afford them full cover in the host country, exchange students must subscribe appropriate additional cover in conformity with the relevant legal provisions of the host country.

Article 5. Exchange of teaching staff.

The Parties hereby undertake to exchange teaching staff members within the limit of available material and financial resources. The selection and formal invitation of teaching staff shall be on the basis of proposals made by the host Party in agreement with the other Party. Invited teaching staff may sit on examination juries of the host Party subject to approval by the relevant authority appointing said juries.

Article 6. Co-supervision of doctoral theses.

The co-supervision of doctoral theses (Ph.D.s) shall be encouraged in implementation of the present Agreement, in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of each country concerned.

A specific co-supervision agreement shall be negotiated by the Parties for each co-supervised doctoral thesis (Ph.D.).

Article 7. Entry into force, duration and termination.

The present Agreement shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) years. It shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties.

Before its date of expiry, the Parties shall jointly decide on the desirability and, as the case may be, the modalities of its renewal.

In the case where there is mutual consultation and consent, the organizations shall renew this Agreement for additional period of five (5) years, and the same shall apply thereafter.




In the case where there is mutual consultation and consent, the organizations may revise or terminate this Agreement.

A Party shall have the possibility of terminating the present Agreement by notifying the other Party in writing and respecting a three (3) month notice period. The termination of present Agreement shall not affect cooperative actions undertaken under the present Agreement which shall be carried out to their agreed term.

If there is any dispute, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith and in the first instance the dispute shall be referred to the relevant institutional authority of each Party, who shall endeavour to resolve the dispute.

The Parties agree that should a Dispute remain unresolved under this clause 7, any legal proceedings taken under this Agreement will be initiated in the jurisdiction of the defending Party.

In witness whereof, the organizations have executed this Agreement in duplicate, and each organization shall keep one original.

<p>École Pratique des Hautes Études</p> <p>Jean-Michel VERDIER, president</p>   <p>Paris, on 2023/10/20</p>	<p>Lithuanian Culture Research Institute</p> <p>dr Rasius MAKSELIS, director</p> <p>Vilnius, on 2023/10/20</p> 
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