

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

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

and

Laboratory “Laboratory of Applied Political Research”
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Thessaloniki, Greece)

PREAMBLE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between Laboratory “Center for Research on Democracy and Law”¹, with a registered address at Office 332B, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Egnatia 156, Thessaloniki 54636, Greece, and the Laboratory “Laboratory of Applied Political Research”², with a registered address at the 5th floor of the Department of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Egnatia 46, 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 European Union Politics, Political Science, International Studies, Public Policy, Statistics, and Social Science Research Methods (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.

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 Established under No. 9740/12.09.2016 Act of the Rector of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, published in the Government Gazette of the Hellenic Republic Volume B’, Issue 3116 on 29.09.2016.

The Parties intend to:

- pursue collaboration on fundamental and applied research, related to the Scientific Fields, including, but not limited to, research projects (e.g., Observatory of Government Restrictive Measures for the COVID-19 pandemic³), 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.

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 one (1) month 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

Laboratory “Laboratory of Applied
Political Research”
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

By _____
Associate Professor Ioannis Papadopoulos
Director

By _____
Professor Theodoros Chatzipantelis
Director

Date: March 2022

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³ <https://en.kedid.org/research/programs/govrm-covid19/>.