



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

THE UNIVERSITÄT WIEN (UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA), AUSTRIA (IN PARTICULAR THE FACULTY OF PHILOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES)

and

THE AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITY, EGYPT

The above mentioned institutions, recognizing the value of scientific exchange and cooperation agree to the following:

- a. to develop joint research activities.
- b. to invite each other to participate in seminars and conferences organized by the respective institutions;
- c. to support mutual visits by faculty members and research associates;
- d. to explore collaboration in education;
- e. to exchange scientific information in the form of publications, instruction materials and other results of teaching and research.

On the part of the University of Vienna, the scope of this Agreement is limited to the Faculty of Philological and Cultural Studies.

The terms of collaboration for each specific activity implemented under this cooperation agreement shall be discussed mutually and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of that activity. This is after following the regulated procedures and the approval of the competent authorities.

Financial resources shall be regulated on a case-by-case basis. Given the general restrictions on the budgets, the partners shall endeavor to raise funds from outside sources. In view of this neither party assumes any prior financial obligations. The parties understand that in any case the execution of all joint activities will depend on the availability of funds.

Neither the University of Vienna nor the Ain Shams University will be held responsible for any liability whatsoever; furthermore, neither party shall be required

to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to any personal property to which this agreement relates.

Both institutions adhere to Article 2 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

According to the 'Frauenförderungsplan' (Affirmative Action Plan)¹ of the University of Vienna, the University of Vienna will favor women over equally qualified men to actively encourage women in teaching and research within the University of Vienna.

This Agreement is effective as of the date of execution by the appropriate legal representatives of each signatory institution. It shall remain in effect for five (5) years. Both parties shall review the status of the Agreement at the end of a 4 (four) year period to determine any modification that might be necessary. Depending on the

¹ The statutes of the University of Vienna contain guidelines for a university-specific plan for the advancement of women. The current version can be found here: <https://satzung.univie.ac.at/en/more-parts-of-the-statutes/affirmative-action-plan-for-the-advancement-of-women-and-gender-equality/>



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outcome of the evaluation, the parties will decide whether to extend this Agreement for another period of 5 (five) years.

Changes or amendments to this Agreement shall not be effective unless these amendments are subject to the necessary procedures and the approval of the competent authorities. Modifications or amendments to this agreement shall only be effective if made in writing upon signature of both parties. This also includes the waiver of the written form itself.

Any dispute arising regarding the application or interpretation of the Agreement shall be settled and resolved through negotiation between the parties.

Either party may terminate this agreement earlier by written notice. Such notification must be given at least twelve months in advance of the effective date of termination. In such case both parties will take the necessary measures until the actions in process will be finished.

This agreement is executed by electronic signature (regardless of the form of electronic signature utilized) in digital copies and that this method of signature is conclusive of the parties' intention to be bound by this agreement as if physical signing had occurred.

University of Vienna

Prof. Dr. Sebastian Schütze

Rector of the University of Vienna

Date April 11, 2024

Prof. Dr. Stephan Müller

Dean of the Faculty of Philological
and Cultural Studies

Date April 9, 2024

Ain Shams University

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Diaa Zain El-Abedeen

President of Ain Shams University

Date