



**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
AND
UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA**

This Agreement of Cooperation (“Agreement”) is entered into by the University of Connecticut (“UConn”), and the University of Rijeka (“UNIRI”), each a Party and collectively the Parties.

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, UConn is a public research university and a constituent unit of the State of Connecticut System of Higher Education with a principal place of business in Storrs, Connecticut, USA; and

WHEREAS, UNIRI is a public institution of higher education with a principal place of business in Rijeka, Croatia, and

WHEREAS, UNIRI and UConn believe collaboration will further the educational goals and priorities of each institution;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. PROPOSED COOPERATION

Through this Agreement, both Parties affirm the value of international collaboration and will encourage direct contacts and cooperation between their faculty members, students, constituents, departments, centers, institutes, and academic planning staff—providing that no safety, security, export control, and public health issues are of concern.

- 1.1 The Parties agree to endeavor to promote joint academic and scientific activities that may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1.1.1 Organization of joint symposia, workshops, and conferences;
 - 1.1.2 Engagement with the International Studies Association
 - 1.1.3 Establishing mutually beneficial collaborative research projects between departments and individual faculty members in fields of mutual interest, including UN Sustainable Development Goals;
 - 1.1.4 Exchange of faculty members and research scholars for short- and long-term visits for the purpose of research, teaching, and the presentation of seminars;
 - 1.1.5 Mobility of students
 - 1.1.6 Exchange of academic publications and reports;
 - 1.1.7 Sharing of experiences in innovative teaching methods and course design; and
 - 1.1.8 Other activities of mutual interest and benefit.
- 1.2 The Parties agree that certain activities, especially those involving student and/or faculty mobility, the rendering of services, and/or the sharing of protected or confidential information

will require negotiation and execution of detailed project and/or program agreements before the commencement of such activity.

2. TERM, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- 2.1 **Term:** This Agreement will be in effect for a period of five (5) years commencing on the date upon which the Agreement is fully executed by the Parties.
- 2.2 **Renewal:** Prior to the expiration of this Agreement, the Parties may extend this Agreement, by written amendment in accordance with Section 2.3 below.
- 2.3 **Amendment:** Any modifications to this Agreement will be made by written amendment between the Parties.
- 2.4 **Termination for Convenience:** Either Party may terminate this Agreement for convenience upon six (6) months' written notice to the other Party in accordance with Section 4 below.
- 2.5 **Termination for Cause:** Either Party may terminate this Agreement for cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other Party in accordance with Section 4 below.

3. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any financial relationship between the Parties. This Agreement will be construed as a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic cooperation. Both institutions understand that some of the above arrangements involve financial considerations and agree that any financial arrangements (if any) between the Parties will be negotiated separately and set forth in a written agreement signed by both Parties and, if required, approved by the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing, each institution will be responsible for its own costs and expenses incurred to fulfill its responsibilities under this Agreement.

4. NOTICE

All notices, demands, or requests provided or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by email, postage prepaid mail, or delivered by overnight delivery service to the following addresses:

If to UConn:

Name: Allison Casaly, Manager
Global Partnerships and Outreach
Address: Global Affairs
University of Connecticut
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Phone: +1 860-486-3152
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If to UNIRI:

Name: Nina Kolakovic, Head of International Relations
Address: Rector's Office
University of Rijeka
Trg brace Mazuranica 10
HR-51000 Rijeka
Republic of Croatia
Phone: +385 (0)51-406-598
E-mail: nina.kolakovic@uniri.hr

5. EXPORT CONTROL COMPLIANCE

- 5.1 UConn is subject to United States laws and regulations controlling the export of commodities, software, technology, and services, including the Export Administration Regulations and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations. UConn's participation hereunder is contingent on compliance with these laws and regulations. The transfer of certain items and information, or the provision of certain services, may require a license from the respective agency of the United States Government and/or written assurances by the collaborating partner(s).
- 5.2 Any specific research activities (including the exchange of technology, research data, or research results) proposed under this Agreement or any supplementary agreements thereto shall require a formal review by UConn for research compliance and licensing requirement(s). While UConn may endeavor to secure any necessary license, UConn cannot guarantee that such licenses will be granted.
- 5.3 UNIRI is subject to the laws and regulations of the Republic of Croatia and the regulations of the European Union, including laws and regulations that control the export and transfer of items and information, including goods, software, technology, and services, regulations. The transfer of certain items and information, as well as the provision of certain services, must be conducted in accordance with these legal requirements.
- 5.4 Any specific research activities proposed under this Agreement or any supplementary agreements are subject to a formal review by a UNIRI partner for research compliance and other applicable legal requirements. While UNIRI will endeavor to secure any necessary licenses, it cannot guarantee that such licenses will be granted.

6. COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

In implementing this Agreement, the Parties affirm their commitment to the principle of equal opportunities, encompassing gender equality, and cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity. The Parties explicitly oppose discrimination based on gender, sex, race, ethnic origin, religion, beliefs, disability, age, or sexual orientation.

7. USE OF NAME(S), MARK(S), LOGO(S)

Each Party agrees it will not use the other Party's name(s), mark(s), or logo(s) in any advertising, promotional material, press release, publication, public announcement, or through other media, written, oral, or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the other Party. Prior written consent will not be required for use of the other Party's name in the context of factual or descriptive statements regarding the subject matter of this Agreement.

8. DISPUTE

If any disputes arise out of this Agreement, the Parties agree to seek non-litigious means to resolve them. The Parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes through collaboration.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

If the performance of obligations under this Agreement is rendered impossible or hazardous, or is otherwise prevented or impaired due to illness, accident, Act(s) of God, riots, strikes, labor difficulties, epidemics, earthquakes, and/or any other cause or event, similar or dissimilar, beyond the control of either Party, then each Party's obligations to the other under this Agreement shall be excused and neither Party shall have any liability to the other under or in connection with this Agreement.

10. ASSIGNMENT AND EXCLUSIVITY

This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without prior written consent of the other Party. This Agreement is entirely non-exclusive and will not preclude either Party from fully engaging in agreements and relationships with other schools and institutions internationally.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement and addenda (if any) constitute the entire agreement between the Parties and supersede all other promises, verbal or written agreements, negotiations, prior understandings, or representations of any kind relating to the subject matter of this Agreement that precede the date of this Agreement.

12. POWER TO EXECUTE & COUNTERPARTS

The Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and the undersigned persons certify that they are duly authorized to execute on behalf of their institutions as of the dates indicated below. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original and shall constitute an effective, binding agreement on the part of each of the undersigned. Execution of a facsimile or PDF copy shall have the same force and effect as execution of an original.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been duly executed by the following Parties:

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

By: *Radenka Maric* Date: 18/6/2024
Professor Radenka Maric, Ph.D.
President

By: *Daniel Weiner* Date: 18/6/2024
Professor Daniel Weiner, Ph.D.
Vice President for Global Affairs

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA

By: *Snjezana Prijic-Samarzija* Date: 18/6/2024
Professor Snjezana Prijic-Samarzija, Ph.D.
Rector

