M.O.U. of Cooperation
Between
Faculty of Humanities
Tarbiat Modares University, I.R. of Iran, hereafter “the Faculty of Humanities”
And
University of Antwerp, Belgium, for its Faculty of Law, hereafter “the Faculty of Law” of UAntwerp

Recognizing the importance of academic, research and technological cooperation between universities and research centers for active engagement of academic members and researchers in the field of science and technology, and in order to strengthen academic ties and exchanges, the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Law have agreed:

1- To facilitate the exchange of academic members, researchers and experts for conducting research, teaching or exchange of ideas.
2- To provide opportunities for professors and researchers to participate in conferences, symposiums and international meetings of both universities.
3- To provide necessary facilities to exchange professors for sabbatical leaves.
4- To collaborate in holding joint scientific, research and technological exhibitions and conducting joint research projects.
5- To exchange students in the areas of mutual interest consistent with the rules and regulations of both countries.
6- To exchange information, books, academic publications, scientific and research documents, students thesis, and computer softwares in the areas of education, research and technology.
7- To facilitate the visits of academic members, and students of both universities.
8- To provide facilities for participation of students in sport competitions.
9- To cooperate in research fields.
10- To share information and look for opportunities to collaborate in the future.
11- The Faculty of Humanities voices its readiness to admit students of the Faculty of Law in short-term Persian language programs.
12- The Financing of any of the above-mentioned activities shall be subjected to mutual agreements.
13- Within the framework of this M.O.U, both parties will set an executive program to agree upon the execution of the mutual agreement.
14- The present agreement shall remain valid for three years and may be renewed or terminated within six months of written notice to the other party.
15- This M.O.U is to be executed in two identical copies on and shall come into force upon the signature of both parties.

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Annex

Executive Program 2016-2019

1. In the academic years 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 ('the commitment period'), the parties agree to cooperate in student and staff exchange, and in research cooperation, with a specific focus on the area of women's studies and law.

2. The following activities are envisaged during the commitment period:

2.1. The organization of a joint research seminar on Legal Methodology in Islamic, European and International Law. The seminar will focus on:
   - The sources of law and interpretation methods in the various legal systems;
   - The use of social sciences in legal research.

2.2. The selection of a promising PhD student in women's studies by the Faculty of Humanities at Tarbiat Modares University to whom the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp will offer (joint) PhD supervision. The PhD project should ideally start during the commitment period;

2.3. The participation of students from Tarbiat Modares University in educational programs offered at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp;

2.4. The setting up of a socio-legal research project (By applying field work method) to be carried out by the Department of Women's Studies at TMU, and will be supported by the Research Group on Law and Development at the University of Antwerp. The support will include methodological training and access to exchanges within the international network. The research will be in the area of (not limited to) women empowerment, in general, and empowerment of victimized women, in particular, and/or the protection of girls in poor communities and the rights of the child. The research project should ideally start during the commitment period.

2.5. Other activities may be agreed on an ad hoc basis during the commitment period.

3. Both parties commit to separately and jointly seek funding for the various activities outlined above.

4. During the first half of 2019, the parties will evaluate their cooperation, and consider renewal or termination of the cooperation.

Signed by

Dean of the Faculty of Humanities TMU

Dean of the Faculty of Law UA