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LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
(DSPS), UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE, AND THE EXPLORATIONS IN CYBER INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (ECIR-POLISCI), MASSACHUSETTS
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

General Provisions

- Given that cultural and scientific cooperation is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- Given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural discussions between institutions of higher education in different countries;
- Verified the mutual interest shared by the Department of Political and Social Sciences (DSPS), University of Florence (Italy) and the Department of Political Science (POLISCI), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), in establishing a potential research collaboration in the fields of Cyberspace, International Relations, Global Governance, Cyber Security;
- In agreement with the laws of the two countries;
- In agreement with the Statute of the University of Florence, with the University Regulations on Departments and with the University Administration, Finance and Accounting Regulations;
- In agreement with the resolutions of the Academic Senate and of the Board of Governors of the University of Florence passed on October, 9, 2013 and October 30, 2013 respectively

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF THIS LETTER OF INTENT ARE STIPULATED

BETWEEN

the Department of Political and Social Sciences (DSPS), represented by the Head of the Department Prof. Franca Maria Alacevich residing in Florence, Via delle Pandette 32

AND

the Department of Political Science (ECIR-POLISCI) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), represented by Professor Nazli Choucri, residing in Boston, Massachusetts.

Art. 1 - Units and Fields of Study and Research

The two Units intend to explore a possible research collaboration in the fields of Cyberspace, International Relations, Global Governance and Cyber Security.

The two Units have the right to pursue, when they both deem it appropriate, other areas of cooperation. In this case, the parties will discuss specific addenda to be attached to this Letter of Intent.

Art. 2 - Purpose of the Letter of Intent and types of collaboration

The form of cooperation specified in art. 1, based on criteria of equality and mutual interests, may include the following activities, as necessary and appropriate:

- 1) Possible visits of members of teaching and research staff of the units mentioned in art.1. Visits are intended to carry out joint research activities, to discuss experiences in fields of common interest, and so forth;
- 2) Possible joint authorship of publications and information on the specific fields of study and research included in any research collaborations pursued;
- 3) Possible visits of post-graduate students to work on potential research collaborations;
- 4) Possible student visits for the purpose of working on research collaborations;
- 5) Possible visits of members of technical or administrative staff if necessary for research collaborations.

The units referenced above can specify in specific protocols the different forms to implement any visits/exchanges required by potential research collaborations.

Art. 3 - Supporting Activities

The two Units subscribing this agreement will endeavor to exchange any relevant information necessary for them to explore entering into a research collaboration to promote greater and mutual knowledge of their institutional structure and organization.

In conformity with laws and regulations of their respective countries, subscribers of this agreement will endeavor to provide to any visitors from the other institution assistance to enable them to carry out the activities required in order to explore a research collaboration.

Art. 4 - Travel/Insurance Procedure

Visitors from one Unit to the other shall be responsible for the costs of their own travel and insurance coverage in accordance with the policies and procedures of their own institutions.

Art. 5 - Funding

Subscribing parties will endeavor to cooperate to search for funds to carry out the activities necessary for a possible research collaboration.

This Letter of Intent does not represent any commitment with regard to funding on the part of either party. Any such funding commitment shall be reflected in a separate written agreement which may be entered into between the parties.

Art. 6 - Coordinators

The implementation of the activities contemplated by this Letter of Intent will be pursued, initially, by the following Coordinators, appointed by each University:

University of Florence
Prof Franca Maria Alacevich
Head of the Dept. of Political and Social Sciences

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Professor Nazli Choucri
Director, ECIR 2.0

Art. 7 - Duration of the Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent is to be drawn up and signed in English.

The present letter of Intent will become effective from the date that it is signed and will be valid for one year. It may be terminated at any time for whatever reason by either party by providing thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party.

Art. 8 Publicity and Use of Name

As they have not yet established collaborative projects pursuant to this Letter of Intent, neither party will issue any press release or make any public statement or announcement regarding their potential collaboration hereunder without the prior written consent of the other party. Neither party will use the name, logo, insignia or trademarks of the other party, or any version, abbreviation or representation thereof, or the names of the other Party's directors, trustees, officers, faculty, students, employees, agents or similar personnel, in any advertising or other form of publicity, fund-raising, promotional materials or websites, without the prior written permission of such party. In the case of MIT, any such consent or approval must come solely from MIT's Technology Licensing Office.

Art. 9 - Confidential Information

No confidential information of either party will be disclosed to the other party in connection with this Letter of Intent. Any exchange of confidential information will be subject to a separate agreement to be executed between the parties.

Art. 10 - Miscellaneous


This Letter of Intent is a statement of the present intent and understanding of the parties with respect to the opportunities contemplated hereby. With the exception of Articles 8 and 9, no binding obligations of any kind are intended to be created between the parties. This Letter of Intent and any future commitments to be undertaken by the parties are subject to the respective internal policies, procedures and approvals of the parties. This Letter of Intent supersedes any contemporaneous and previous negotiations, proposals, drafts, and discussions between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, whether oral, written or recorded in any other medium. No agency, joint venture, exclusive relationship or partnership relationship is created between the parties by virtue of this Letter of Intent.

The Head of the Department of Political
and Social Sciences, DSPS, University
of Florence
Prof. Franca Maria Alacevich


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(Prof.ssa Franca Alacevich)

Date... **03 FEB. 2016**

For the Massachusetts Institute of
Technology, Department of Political Science

Prof. *Andrea L. Campbell*


Date... *3 Feb 2016*