

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA**

**AND**

**GEORGIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

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University of Ostrava (hereafter referred to as UO) and Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (hereafter referred to as GIPA), guided by their desire to establish and expand cooperation and an exchange of ideas between scholars and students of both institutions, have decided to conclude this agreement on direct scientific and teaching cooperation, based on the principles of full partnership and mutual benefits.

**ARTICLE 1**

Both institutions agree to promote academic collaboration based on their respective academic and educational needs. The activity areas of mutual concern and interest may include but are not limited to the following:

- 1 Joint research activities and publications,
- 2 Organization of short-term study trips, seminars, and academic meetings,
- 3 Exchange of scholars/staff and students,
- 4 Joint/dual academic programs,
- 5 Exchange of academic information and materials,
- 6 Other agreed academic activities that both universities agree to.

**ARTICLE 2**

The implementation of each programme based on this MOU shall be separately negotiated and agreed upon in writing by both Parties. Any such agreement entered into, as outlined above, will form an appendix to this basic agreement following signature by the appropriate authorities of both Parties. Such agreement will, along with other terms, address intellectual property ownership and financing of the program.

**ARTICLE 3**

This MOU shall not give rise to any financial obligation by one Party to the other.

Nothing in the agreements implementing the exchange programs mentioned above shall diminish the full autonomy of either Party.

**ARTICLE 4**

Both universities will designate a program officer to develop and coordinate the specific programs agreed upon.

**ARTICLE 5**

This agreement will be in effect from the date of signature for a period of five years. It shall be extended automatically for an additional period of five years at each expiration date unless either party gives six months' advance notice in writing to terminate the agreement.

**ARTICLE 6**

This agreement is subject to revisions, renewal and/or cancellation by mutual written consent.

**ARTICLE 7**

This agreement has been drawn up in two copies in English having equal validity, one for each Party.

**ARTICLE 8**

The UO is an obliged entity pursuant to Act No. 340/2015 Coll., Act on the Register of Contracts (hereinafter the "Act on the Register of Contracts"). GIPA acknowledges and expressly agrees that this Agreement in full is subject to publication in the Register of Contracts (information system of public administration, administered by the Ministry of the Interior). The University of Ostrava undertakes to publish this Agreement in compliance with the provisions of the respective Act on the Register of Contracts.

This Agreement comes into force upon signature by both parties and becomes effective on the date of its publication in the Register of Contracts at the earliest. About this fact, the University of Ostrava is required to notify GIPA.

Signed for and on behalf of **University of Ostrava** by:

Signed for and on behalf of **Georgian Institute of Public Affairs** by:

Prof. MUDr. Jan Lata, CSc.  
Rector

Prof. Marine Ioseliani  
Rector

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Date..... 1.1 -01- 2023

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Date..... 14.01.2023