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PROTOCOL
FOR INTERNATIONAL JOINT PHD PROGRAM IN ARCHITECTURE BETWEEN KARABÜK UNIVERSITY (TURKEY) AND UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI SASSARI (ITALY)

This protocol sets out the regulations concerning the establishment and operation of an international joint PhD programme in the field of architecture between Karabük University, Turkey and Università degli Studi di Sassari, Italy, starting in the academic year 2014-2015.

- This cooperative agreement – entered into effect by and between the Karabük University, for and on behalf of the Institute of Natural and Applied Sciences and of the Department of Architecture, and the Università degli Studi di Sassari, for and on behalf of the Department of Architecture, Planning and Design – is intended to develop an Italian International Joint PhD Programme in Architecture and Environment promoted by the Department of Architecture, Planning and Design of the University of Sassari, and a Turkish International Joint PhD Programme in Architecture promoted by the Department of Architecture of Karabük University.
- The parties further agree that an annual report should be submitted to the highest authority of each party for Doctoral programmes.
- This cooperative agreement regulates the procedures of development and cooperation related to the International Joint PhD Programme in Architecture and Environment presented to the Italian Minister for Education (MIUR) and to the International PhD Programme in Architecture presented to the Higher Education Council (YOK) of Turkey.

ARTICLE 1 - AIMS OF THE PROTOCOL

- a) To provide academic cooperation and interaction between Karabük University and Università degli Studi di Sassari starting with the academic year 2014-15, enrich both institutions by bringing their strengths together, and provide the students with attendance to the international PhD programme in Architecture with the highest possible academic standards.
- b) To include institutions of regional, national and international competence in order to provide the quality of education in PhD in Architecture.
- c) To help raise the level of academic success in the joint programme between the two universities, and maintain the intellectual property rights and the copyrights of both universities.

ARTICLE 2 - AIMS OF THE PHD PROGRAMME

This protocol accepts to carry out the aims stated below.

a) Main Aims

The PhD Programme in Architecture, to be jointly provided by Karabük University and Università degli Studi di Sassari, aims to raise the career goals of students and strengthen intercultural interactions.

Main Aims of the Programme:

- To develop cooperation among European higher education institutions and create mutual values and opportunities.
- To allow for new opportunities for sharing information and experience at an international level and create new areas of academic cooperation to develop vocational skills.
- To encourage the exchange of academic personnel to share knowledge and experience.
- To develop the international visibility and recognition of both universities by enhancing accessibility of resources and to increase their level of attraction among citizens of both countries.
- To pen additional protocols to develop cooperation between both parties.

b) Specific Aims of the Programme

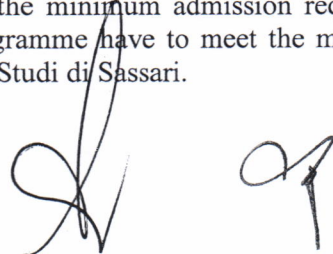
The aim of the International PhD Programme in Architecture is to provide education in the fields of building-scale, urban-scale and regional decision-making by focusing on subjects such as integration, and environmental, economic and social sustainability.

The PhD program must empower students with analysis, planning, design and developmental skills in the areas stated below:

- To investigate, demonstrate and interpret problems associated with cities, landscapes and environments in relation to regional transformations,
- To consider different viewpoints and understandings on landscapes, which could change probable explanations regarding aesthetic categories and related ecosystem functions,
- To create and compare scenarios and principles that could help the preservation, development and improvement of natural and man-made environments and landscapes,
- To protect species close to extinction, take precautions to improve air and water quality, define environment networks, create, present and compare solutions for development and building projects,
- To carry out researches, make suggestions and do comparisons on subjects such as building types that are less energy-consuming during and subsequent to their construction, innovative materials, conservation of historic buildings, and self-production and recycling of energy,
- To design, research and compare housing typologies in relation to changing lifestyles caused by environmental or economic crisis, which necessitate the development of new housing standards and rehabilitation of historic buildings,
- To measure and evaluate transformation processes using reference tools.

ARTICLE 3 – STUDENT ADMISSION AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- a) Students are accepted to the joint programme according to the minimum admission requirements of each institution. Students who are to be accepted to the PhD programme have to meet the minimum admission requirements of both Karabük University and Università degli Studi di Sassari.



- b) As a minimum requirement, applicants must have a diploma in accordance with local regulations received in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, heritage conservation, engineering, geography or in a related field within applied sciences or humanities.
- c) Acceptance of applicants, other than those of Turkish and Italian nationalities, will be carried out according to national and local regulations.

ARTICLE 4 - TUITION FEE

- a) Education in the joint programme is subject to the tuition fee. The list of services covered in this fee (costs of additional resources such as promotion weeks, seminars, coordination, quality assurance etc.) and anticipated annual tuition fee rises following the entry year will be published through brochures, guides and internet by the related parties.
- b) The tuition fee at each institution is determined by the relevant institution.
- c) Students will pay their official tuition fee to the university they choose to enrol at.
- d) The tuition fee of EU students and other students are subject to local regulations of the countries mentioned in the protocol.

ARTICLE 5 - SCHOLARSHIPS

- a) Students can also apply for scholarships and other funding through the university they choose in accordance with national and local regulations and opportunities. Each party will finance at least three students who participate in the joint PhD programme in Architecture.
- b) Non-EU students can also apply for scholarships and other funding in their home countries through the university they choose to enrol at, in accordance with national and local regulations and opportunities.

ARTICLE 6 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHD PROGRAMME

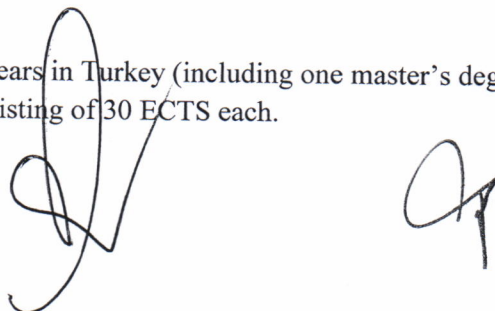
Both parties accept to create an Academic Board (AcB) in order to implement the joint PhD Programme in Architecture in accordance with the conditions set out in this protocol. This board will make suggestions to academic staff at both universities for the execution and inspection of the program.

The Academic Board will consist of three designated members from each institution taking part in the protocol. The Board will make final decisions and meet at least once a term, in person or via teleconference. Members selected to the Board are required to be easily accessible by students in order to solve problems that could come up in relation to the PhD programme, to answer questions regarding administrative procedures or the content of the PhD programme.

a) Curriculum, Duration of Education, Grading System

(The protocol states the definitions and accreditations of activities such as courses that are part of the curriculum, laboratory work, practice, internship and thesis, and the division of curriculum between the institutions running the programme.)

- I. The PhD programme is three years in Italy and 4 years in Turkey (including one master's degree course), and the programme will be divided into semesters consisting of 30 ECTS each.



- II. Both parties will accept ECTS course credits of the other party within the scope of the mutually decided joint curriculum and practices.
- III. Both parties of the protocol will provide a minimum of 12 ECTS to all partners in addition to the credits corresponding to supervision and inspection of graduate theses. Credits can also be provided via the distance education.
- IV. PhD students will attend at least 1 semester the partner institution and stay abroad no longer than 18 months.
- V. Both parties are committed to provide other joint activities, such as seminars, workshops, etc. to allow for further cooperation among students.

Any student who is able to meet the admission requirements of both universities will be accepted to the PhD programme. To earn both PhD titles at both universities, students must satisfy the requirements of each partner University, including the PhD thesis. Students can write their theses at one of the universities mentioned in this protocol. The final examination required for the PhD degree will be held according to the standards and regulations of related universities. The PhD Qualification Committee can include a maximum number of two advisors from partner universities to inspect the preparation of the thesis.

ARTICLE 7 – LANGUAGE OF EDUCATION

The language of education in the joint PhD programme is English.

ARTICLE 8 - REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Students must deposit their tuition fees at the beginning of every academic year into an account stated by the institution they plan to attend. It is also possible to pay tuition fees by instalments. Under the provisions of the protocol, registrations will be made in relevant offices of both universities.

ARTICLE 9 - DIPLOMA

Students who successfully meet the academic requirements of both institutions will be rewarded either two diplomas from each university or a single diploma jointly prepared by both universities. Statements to be included in the diplomas will be clearly specified in the protocols signed by the parties. Students are not eligible to receive either of the two or joint diplomas regarding the joint international programme without meeting the academic requirements of both universities.

Moreover, a diploma supplement will be handed out separately specifying the details of the joint PhD programme.

ARTICLE 10 - STUDENT AND ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY

Students admitted to the PhD programme must participate in the courses and lectures for at least one semester at the partner university in order to meet the requirements of the university applied to and carry out research activities regarding the project stipulated by the programme. Students admitted to the PhD programme must observe the regulations put forward by the host university and abide by the rules set out by each university. Any time period spent abroad at the partner university will contribute to students' PhD degree both in their university and in the host university. A similar time period (during the stated time limits) can be spent in the partner university for research



purposes. Student exchange dates will be determined by the student exchange program coordinators of each institution in accordance with one another.

The programme coordinator will assign an advisor to each PhD student to help with the research and course work, and the writing of the PhD thesis. Preferably, at least one advisor can be assigned from each partner university.

At the end of the time period spent abroad, students will have to write a report about the activities undertaken and present it before the PhD board. Another report on the activities developed by the student and the evaluation of the skills gained and progress made should be written by the advisor. This report, signed by the programme coordinator of each advisor of the host university, will be a part of the students' official record and will be discussed in the final examination of the students. Advisors from both universities will present their reports on the PhD theses they supervise. Advisors can participate in video conferences or other online connections to discuss PhD theses.

The parties in the protocol can sign exchange agreements during the course of the PhD programme to be beneficial to students and academic staff. Other financial sources may be sought by both institutions to support the programme's activities. The parties in the protocol can also utilize agreements on mobility activities they signed previously with other institutions.

If suitable, students from non-partner universities can be placed in either of the two universities for administrative purposes. Each institution is responsible for providing administrative services for those students it sends to the other university. The Academic Board can evaluate possible cooperation options with PhD programmes of other universities that either of the partner universities has an agreement with.

ARTICLE 11 – STUDENT SERVICES

Parties in the protocol will provide students with necessary services, resources, supervision and support. At this stage, both parties declare that they can serve students through their various lines of services. Both partners can also offer local language and culture courses and other foreign language courses. Partners will also take the responsibility for supplying their PhD students with ICT resources (libraries, DBs, common work areas, etc.) and creating online interactive study areas.

Under the regulations of the protocol, parties can organize educational and cultural activities that conform to the goals of the PhD programme.

ARTICLE 12 - ANNULMENT

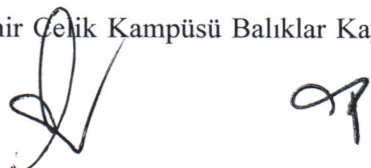
This protocol ends automatically after students successfully complete the joint PhD programme in Architecture and are rewarded diplomas from both institutions. The Academic Board annually reviews the bilateral agreement. This agreement can be cancelled with a six month notice forwarded by the other institution; however, both institutions are obliged to fulfil the terms of the agreement until registered students complete their PhD programme. Any changes on this agreement will be made through written correction notices.

ARTICLE 13 – NOTIFICATIONS

Any notice is given personally or institutionally through first class recorded delivery. Such notices are required to reach the other party on the same day if delivered personally; if delivered institutional by first class recorded delivery, the time is 48 hours for posting. In order to prove posting, the submission of the copy of receipt will be enough.

Notifications will be sent to the following addresses:

- Architecture & Environment, Dipartimento di Architettura, Design e Urbanistica - Pal. Pou Salit, p.za Duomo 6 - 07041 Alghero/ ITALY
- Karabük Üniversitesi, Mimarlık ABD Başkanlığı, Demir Çelik Kampüsü Balıklar Kayası Mevkii 78050 Karabük / TÜRKİYE

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ARTICLE 14 - GENERAL

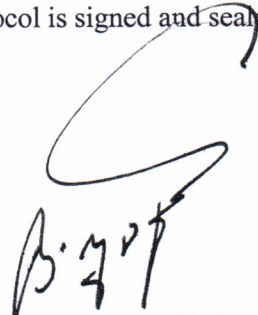
The parties cannot transfer their rights and responsibilities stated in this protocol or sign an agreement without the prior written approval of the other partner.

The parties cannot claim any rights or be put under any obligation outside the provisions of the protocol. In the implementation of the protocol, officials of the parties are operationally independent and cannot be the official, representative or proxy of the other party. Neither party has the right to make a commitment on behalf of the other party. The parties accept and are in agreement regarding the provisions of a joint PhD programme outlined in this protocol. No changes or adjustments can be made to this protocol without the written approval of the other party.

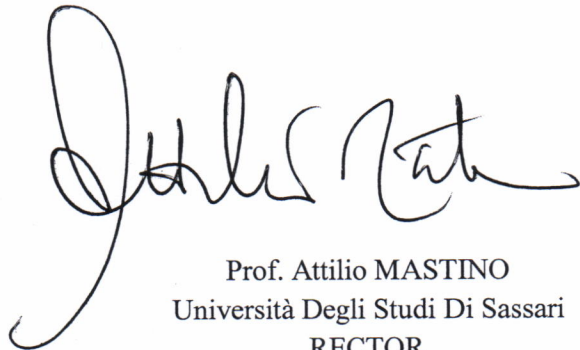
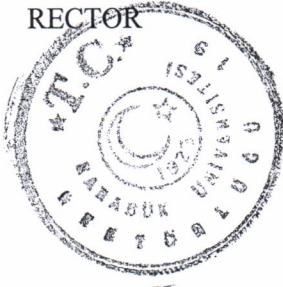
ARTICLE 15 - DISPUTES

Any dispute arising among the Parties which cannot be resolved will be referred to the arbitration of a person mutually agreed upon, whose decisions will be binding for both parties. In case of disagreement in the selection of a third party to solve the dispute, an ombudsman from the European Union can be sought. No compensation is owed to the person in charge of the arbitration.

The present protocol is signed and sealed in two copies in English on 30 September 2014.



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