



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Academic and Research Cooperation

Between
Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), Islamabad
and
Consortium for Asia Pacific & Eurasian Studies (CAPES), Islamabad

Preamble:

The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), Islamabad, and the Consortium for Asia Pacific & Eurasian Studies (CAPES), Islamabad (hereinafter referred to individually as “Party A” and “Party B,” and collectively as “the Parties”) express their mutual intent to promote collaboration in academic and research fields of shared interest.

Both Parties recognize the importance of fostering cooperation in areas including, but not limited to, Asia-Pacific and Eurasian Studies, security and strategy, geopolitics, geostrategy, International relations, policy development, capacity building, internships, seminars, conferences, and other areas of mutual relevance.

In pursuit of these shared goals, the Parties hereby enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under the following provisions.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The understanding aims to foster advancement in areas related to security and strategy, policy development, capacity building, internship, seminars, and conferences through:

- a) Student engagement by providing 5-6 internships (paid/unpaid) every semester
- b) Collaborative research on subjects of mutual interest, with a focus on Asia Pacific and Eurasian region, security and strategy, geopolitics, geo-strategy and international relations.
- c) Joint conferences, seminars, in-house, workshops, webinars, and other similar activities
- d) Exchange of academic materials, research data, and publications to support mutual objectives.
- e) Holding short courses and training programs for faculty members and selected BS/MS/PhD students
- f) Other areas of interest as mutually agreed

ARTICLE II – SCOPE OF COOPERATION

1. Cultivate Student Engagement



- a) Students may be given the opportunity for hands-on experiential learning through external organizations.
- b) Party B may offer Party A students the opportunity for experiential learning through a structured, supervised, and professional setting.
- c) Party B may offer a paid/unpaid summer internship to the Party A students
- d) Party A may screen the students on merit for referral to work experience opportunities identified by Party B
- e) Both parties shall facilitate and coordinate during the student selection and interview process
- f) Students will receive meaningful work assignments aligned with their academic goals.
- g) Both Parties may jointly evaluate student performance at least once during the internship period.

2. Research Support

- a) The parties intend to facilitate students, faculty, and researchers in conducting their research work with a focus on mutually agreed areas.
- b) Party B may facilitate the academics and students in the research fieldwork where possible.

3. Collaboration in Research Projects

- a) Both Parties intend to encourage joint research by faculty and researchers.
- b) The Parties will explore collaborative research projects to promote knowledge exchange.
- c) Each specific collaboration will be agreed upon separately in writing.

4. Faculty and Researcher Exchange Program

- a) This agreement is intended to enhance training and research collaboration
- b) It may also allow the Party A faculty to visit and serve at the partner institution on mutually agreed terms and conditions
- c) Party B may offer training workshops for faculty development in the pre-identified research areas
- d) Party A may offer researchers from Party B, a conducive environment for policy research
- e) Both Parties will ensure exchanges are purposeful and outcome oriented.

5. Joint Conferences, Seminars, In-Houses, Workshops, Webinars, and other similar activities



- a) Both parties may arrange mutually agreed joint workshops, mentoring programs, seminars, in-house, webinars, and similar events on a case-to-case basis and may cooperate with other academic institutes or think tanks as mutually agreed

6. Exchange of Academic Data and Publication

- a) Under this agreement, both parties may exchange academic data such as case studies, research reports, and working papers.
- a) Exchanges will respect intellectual property rights, data protection laws, and confidentiality obligations.
- b) Both parties will mutually exchange their research publications on a regular basis. They will also facilitate publishing the research of their researchers in each other's publications as per the criteria of the HEC.
- c) Each Party shall retain ownership of its intellectual property unless it is jointly developed.
- d) For jointly developed materials or research, ownership and usage shall be agreed upon in writing before commencement.

7. Other Areas of Mutual Interest

- a) Under this agreement, both parties may explore the feasibility of working together on other projects deemed to be mutually beneficial and viable for both institutions

ARTICLE III – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND DATA PROTECTION

- a) All intellectual property (IP) developed under this Memorandum shall remain the property of the creating Party unless jointly created, in which case ownership shall be shared as mutually agreed in writing.
- b) Both Parties agree to maintain confidentiality of any shared data, research materials, or unpublished information.
- c) Any personal or sensitive data exchanged shall be handled in compliance with applicable data protection laws and ethical standards.

ARTICLE IV – PUBLICITY AND BRANDING

- a) Neither Party shall use the name, logo, or any other identifier of the other Party in public communications, media releases, or promotional materials without prior written consent.

ARTICLE V – DISPUTE RESOLUTION



In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to this Memorandum, the Parties shall endeavor to resolve it amicably through mutual consultation.

ARTICLE VI – FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be held liable for failure to perform any obligation under this Memorandum if such failure results from circumstances beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, pandemics, government actions, or other force majeure events.

ARTICLE VII – DURATION AND TERMINATION

- a) This Memorandum shall come into effect from the date of its signature and remain valid for three (3) years.
- b) Any modifications concerning the Memorandum in force may only be fulfilled through mutual consent in writing by both parties
- c) It may be renewed by mutual written consent of both Parties.
- d) Either Party may terminate this Memorandum by providing at least 30 days' written notice.
- e) Termination shall not affect ongoing activities or obligations already undertaken.

ARTICLE VIII – COORDINATION AND CONTACT PERSONS

- a) Both Parties will maintain regular liaison and coordinate on joint activities.
- b) All activities of mutual interest will be carried out by the focal person.
- c) The focal person from FUUAST shall be Dr. Faisal Javaid, Deputy Director, Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC).
- d) The focal person from CAPES shall be Mr. Umair Sardar, General Secretary, CAPES.

ARTICLE IX – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a) Nothing in this Memorandum shall be construed as creating any legal, financial, or employment obligation between the Parties.
- b) This Memorandum represents a statement of intent to collaborate and does not create any legally binding obligations beyond those explicitly stated herein.

This Agreement is signed in two identical copies in English, both having equal validity. Each Party will retain one signed copy.



Signatories

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