



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This agreement is entered into at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India on this 23rd day of November 2020

Between

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India represented by Prof. Dr. Sabu Thomas (Vice-Chancellor), of the **one part**

**AND**

Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies Thiruvalla (MACFAST), Kerala, India represented by Fr. Dr. Cherian J Kottayil of the **other part**;

### **Art. 1 Cooperation**

The purpose of this agreement is to formally express the mutual wish of Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Kerala, India and Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies Thiruvalla (MACFAST), Kerala, India to develop collaborative teaching, research and exchanges between students, teachers, researchers and staff. This is a legally non-binding agreement which outlines an intention to promote collaboration between the above-mentioned institutions. This document would be followed by a Memorandum of Agreement specifying the areas of collaboration and sharing which will have legal binding.

### **Art. 2 Scope of cooperation**

Generally speaking and within the limits of financial means of each institution, the cooperation will take the following form:

- Exchange of information in the field of teaching, teaching practice and research;
- Development of scientific research programmes in fields of common interests.
- Development of joint curriculum and methodologies in teaching and research;
- Organising joint conference, methodology workshop, professional development programmes, training programmes etc
- Promotion of exchanges of teachers, researchers, and other members of staff to participate in different teaching, research and professional training activities;



- Invitation of teachers and researchers to participate in seminars, conferences, courses and meetings on research themes of common interest;
- Promotion of exchange programmes for students for a study, training or research period (the modalities will be defined in a specific student exchange agreement);
- Co-direction or co-supervision of doctoral theses;
- Joint scientific publications on common interest fields;
- Any other project of common interest suggested by either of the two parties.

Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to or shall be deemed to establish an exclusive relationship between the parties or to restrict any activities that either party would otherwise be able to undertake. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to or shall be deemed to establish any partnership or joint venture between the parties or constitute any

### **Art. 3 Reference documents**

This agreement will be considered as the reference document for any other agreements between the institutions. Complementary agreements concerning any other programme will give information concerning specific programmes and will be agreed upon and applied by the official representatives of the partner institutions. The field of activities covered by this agreement will be determined by the means available in each institution and by the funding obtained.

### **Art. 4 Validity**

The present agreement takes effect as from the date of signature and remains valid for a period of Five years. If one party plans to withdraw from the agreement, it must give notice in writing three months in advance, on the understanding that any ongoing actions should be carried through to a successful conclusion.

### **Art. 5 Force Majeure**

Without prejudice to accrued liabilities and rights, no Party shall have any liability whatsoever to the other Party or be deemed to be in default by reason of delay or failure in performance under this Agreement to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by or arises from acts or circumstance or events beyond the reasonable control of that Party, including but not limited to acts of god, acts or regulations of any governmental authority, war or national emergency, accident, fire, riot, strikes, lock-outs, industrial disputes, natural catastrophes or epidemics. Each Party shall bear its own losses arising from such force majeure event(s), if any.



The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be disclosed to any third parties without the prior written consent of both Parties. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of Union of India and State of Kerala.

**Mahatma Gandhi University**

**Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies Thiruvalla**

Prof. (Dr.) Sabu Thomas  
Vice Chancellor, MGU

Fr. Dr. Cherian J Kottayil  
Principal, MACFAST



**Annexures :**

**Witness:**

**Witness:**

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