

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Department of Religion and Comparative Mysticism of
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad
and
The Department of Dogmatics of the University of Graz**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) demonstrates an intention by the Department of Dogmatics at the University of Graz and the Department of Religion and Comparative Mysticism Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (later named ‘the parties’) to engage in a program of co-operation for mutual benefit.

Article 1

The objective of this Agreement is to encourage and support co-operation between both parties.

Article 2

The co-operation between the two parties is based on the principle of reciprocity and may include the following activities:

- exchange of experience in teaching and research
- mutual linkages and exchange of faculty, staff and students
- summer schools, seminars and other activities to exchange knowledge
- exchange of scientific and scholarly literature, textbooks and other university publications
- organising joint research projects, joint publications and joint programmes

These activities will be subject to the availability of funds and the approval of the parties.

Article 3

The details of each activity developed under this MOU (projects, duration, conditions, financing, distribution of tasks etc.) will be specified and agreed upon in writing before the respective activity takes place. Each specific agreement shall be approved by the appropriate authorities of the two institutions.

The two parties will each identify a person (“the Co-ordinator”) who will be responsible for the implementation of the co-operative programs under this MOU. At the University of Graz this

will be Univ. Prof. Dr. Gunda Werner, at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad this will be Dr. Abbas Aghdassi and Dr. Azra Ghandeharion.

Article 4

Notwithstanding any other provisions, this MOU only expresses the intentions of the two parties and no legally binding obligations are intended, or do arise as a consequence of the signing of this document. Implementation of the activities contemplated by this agreement is dependent upon the ability of the parties to secure adequate funding to support such activities. In the event that a party is unable to secure adequate funding to support the activities contemplated by this agreement, that party shall not be considered in breach of the MOU. The parties also agree that, if by reason of force majeure, strike or other labour disputes, civil disorders or any other unavoidable cause, either party is unable to perform its obligations, such non-performance shall not be considered a breach of this MOU.

Article 5


This agreement takes effect upon ratification by the representatives of their universities, and will be valid for five (5) years from the date of the last signature.

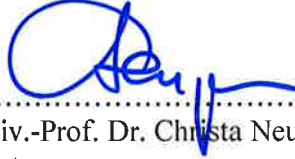
The MOU may be terminated earlier upon written notice by either party at any time, and the agreement will terminate 180 days after the date of the written communication of the withdrawal to the partner institution with the understanding that any existing commitments will be honoured.

Article 6

This MOU has been drawn in two copies in English, each to be considered originals, each contracting party receiving one (1) duly signed copy hereof.

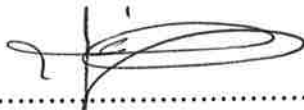
Any amendment to this MOU may be made on the exchange of letters between the two parties.


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President
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad


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Rector
University of Graz

Date: 06/08/2018

Date: 09. Okt. 2018



Univ.-Dr. Gholamreza Raeisian
Dean of the Faculty of
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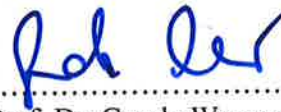


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Univ.-Prof. Dr. Gunda Werner
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Date: 2.10.2018.....