

AGREEMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE AND THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF ESPÍRITO SANTO

General Provisions

- Given that cultural and scientific exchange is indispensable to academic institutions to develop their educational and research activities;
- given that, for the above-stated purpose, it is necessary to promote and encourage direct cultural agreements between institutions of higher learning in different countries;
- having verified the mutual interest that the University of Florence (Italy) and the Federal University of Espírito Santo (Brazil) share in establishing an appropriate form of exchange program in the fields of: architecture and education;
- in agreement with the laws of the two countries;
- in agreement with the Statute of the University of Florence

BETWEEN

the University of Florence, represented by the President, Prof. Alessandra Petrucci residing in Florence, Piazza San Marco, 4

AND

the Federal University of Espírito Santo, represented by the President, Prof. Eustáquio Vinícius De Castro, residing in Av. Fernando Ferrari, 514, Goiabeiras., Vitória, ES, Brazil

THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF AGREEMENT ARE STIPULATED

Art. 1 - Units and Fields of Study and Research

The two Universities intend to establish an exchange program initially in the fields of: architecture and education.

The above-stated cooperation includes the following units of the University of Florence:

- *Department of Architecture (DIDA)*
- *Department of Education, Languages, Intercultures, Literatures and Psychology (FORLILPSI)*

and the following units of the Federal University of Espírito Santo:

- *Department of Architecture and Urban Planning*
- *Departamento Teorias de Ensino e Práticas Educacionais*

The two Universities have the right to pursue, when they both deem it appropriate, other areas of cooperation. In this case, the parties will approve specific addenda to be attached to this agreement.

Art. 2 - Purpose of the Agreement and Types of Collaboration

The form of cooperation specified in art. 1, based on strictly-observed criteria of equality and mutual interests, includes the following activities:

- 1) exchange visits of members of teaching and research staff of the units mentioned in art.1. Visits are intended to promote seminars, courses, conferences, lectures, to carry out joint research projects, to discuss experiences in fields of common interest, and so forth;

- 2) circulation of publications and information on the specific fields of study and research included in this agreement and on any other subject of relevant interest;
- 3) student exchanges for periods of study and research and other educational activities;
- 4) exchange visits of members of technical or administrative staff when considered a profitable experience.

Promoting units can specify in specific protocols the different forms of implementation of such exchanges (i.e. visitor's length of stay and obligations, application selection procedure, detailed explanation of the fields for which the agreement is stipulated, etc.).

The universities subscribing this agreement intend to encourage student mobility according to a principle of reciprocity. According to the exchange programs, the host institution will make available to the guest students their educational facilities and tutorial services.

Upon the approval by the appropriate administrative bodies, exchange students will be given academic credits for the work done at the foreign institution.

All students participating in the exchange program will be exempt from the payment of registration or any other fees levied by the host university.

Art. 3 - Supporting Activities

The two Universities subscribing this agreement will exchange all relevant information - by supplying catalogues and other materials - to promote greater and mutual knowledge on their institutional structure and organization.

In conformity with laws and regulations of their respective countries, the parties of this agreement will provide to visitors from the partner institution all possible assistance and access to facilities to enable them to carry out the activities they agreed upon.

Art. 4 - Insurance Procedure

The participants to the exchanges, while exercising the activities provided for in the agreement, must have both accident insurance and third-party liability insurance for unintentional damage, hereby releasing the host university from any liability to this regard.

Such insurance coverage may be either provided by the home institutions, according to their own regulations, or contained in a policy covering the above-mentioned risks obtained by the interested person from an insurance company.

For what concerns health insurance (coverage for medical expenses and/or hospitalization) the participants must provide their own insurance according to the rules of the host country.

For specific needs related to insurance coverage for civil liability in the medical-health field, special supplementary agreements will be drawn up between the parties.

Art. 5 – Funding

Each of the parties commit, through their participating units, to provide funds to carry out the activities foreseen by this agreement.

As a general rule, the institution sending its members to the foreign partner is responsible for covering their travel, room and board expenses. The departments of the University of Florence participating in the exchange will be in charge of covering travel, room and board expenses of their members.

In case institutional funds are not available for these purposes, student and staff mobility will still be possible; in this case exchange visitors will be directly responsible to fully cover their own expenses for travel, room and board, at no cost to the two Universities.

Art. 6 – Coordinators

The implementation of the activities foreseen by the agreement will be promoted, initially, by the following Coordinators, appointed by each University:

University of Florence

Federal University of Espírito Santo

Prof. Daniela Poli

Dept. Architecture (DIDA)

Prof. Renata Hermann de Almeida

Dept of Architecture and Urban Planning

Prof. Clara Maria Silva

Dept. Education, Languages,
Intercultures, Literatures and Psychology
(FORLILPSI)

Dr^a Rosali Rauta Siller

Departamento: Teorias do Ensino e Práticas
Educaçionais (DTEPE)

Art. 7 - Duration of the Agreement

This agreement is to be drawn up and signed in English and in Portuguese. In case of discrepancy, the English version shall prevail.

Should any disputes arise, the problem will be entrusted to a board of arbitrators made up of one member selected by each partner and one chosen by common consent.

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid for 5 years thereafter, unless notice of withdrawal is given by one of the two parties in writing with at least 6 months' notice.

The President
of the University of Florence

The President
of the Federal University of Espírito Santo

Prof. Alessandra Petrucci

Prof. Eustáquio Vinícius De Castro

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