

# Agreement of Cooperation between the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (University of Bremen/Jacobs University and the Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy and International Relations at the Central European University, Budapest

## § 1 Units involved:

The units are the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (hereinafter BIGSSS) at the University of Bremen and the Jacobs University and the Doctoral School of Political Science (DSPS) at the Central European University Budapest (hereinafter CEU)

## § 2 Objectives:

The BIGSSS and CEU agree to cooperate in order to advance interdisciplinary comparative studies in the fields of the future of democracy studies, governance and institutions and social change. The focus of discipline- and research areas might change in respect to the developments of the partner institutions.

## § 3 Rationale and Benefits:

The academic rationale for this agreement of cooperation and the encompassed exchange possibilities is the importance of developing a comparative understanding of global political, social and economic trends. Comparative research requires a deeper understanding of a society's culture and social, political and economic institutions – an understanding best achieved through focused study in another country and collaboration with academics from that country. It is much easier to respond to opportunities for comprehensive research within the context of an established research program. Moreover, such a program will encourage students to obtain cross-cultural research training, thereby preparing them to engage in comparative research. Participants in this research program will also gain a broader, more global scholarly perspective on issues of national concern.

## § 4 Activities

The objectives indicated in § 2 will be achieved by means of the exchange of faculty members and students for educational and research purposes.

The two institutions in particular agree to:

1. explore new opportunities for graduate and postgraduate students to: study and conduct research at the partner institution; engage in collaborative projects; and foster dissertation projects;
2. encourage the development of funded comparative research projects involving faculty and, where possible, graduate students;
3. develop opportunities for joint workshops and events;
4. exchange staff publication (books) and article offprints as well as working papers;
5. promote the opportunity to receive advanced training for graduate students in Budapest or Bremen.

§ 5 Duration of the agreement

This agreement is valid for duration of five years starting March 1, 2011. It may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties involved and can be terminated by either one of the two parties with a written notification three months in advance of the anticipated termination.



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