MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF TORINO
(Department of Culture, Politics and Society)
AND
ZHEJIANG UNIVERSITY
(Institute of China Studies)

Zhejiang University (ZJU, P.R. China), Institute of China Studies and the University of Torino (UNITO, Italy), Department of Culture, Politics & Society, wishing to establish cooperative relations, especially to develop the academic and cultural interchange through mutual assistance in the areas of education, research and others, agree upon a co-operation on the following topic:

China Studies Master Program

The professors in charge of the programme will be:

Prof. Giovanni Andornino, Department of Culture, Politics & Society of the University of Torino - Responsible of the Italian side

Prof. Qu Haidong, Institute of China Studies of Zhejiang University, Responsible of the Chinese side

1. Areas of cooperation

1.1 The broad objective of this MoU is to promote cultural and educational exchange, collaboration and technical interchange between the parties involved as educational partners. The undersigned parties agree to initiate such collaboration through the establishment of a collaborative program to provide graduates from UNITO the opportunity to enrol in the Master’s in China Studies program offered by the Institute of China Studies, ZJU.
1.2 Upon the mutual consent of the parties, including the relevant academic management units within the universities, and subject to the availability of funds, collaboration may be carried out in, but not necessarily limited to, any of the following activities:
- Collaborative research and publications
- Visits between universities by academic, technical and administrative staff
- Student exchanges for credit mobility
- Sharing of academic materials
- Joint organisation of conferences, seminars or other academic meetings
- Joint organisation of special technical or administrative programs
- Joint production and delivery of courses and programs

1.3 Whilst the purpose of this MoU is to outline an academic and management framework between the two parties, designed to promote internationalisation in both institutions, the parties do not intend to be legally bound to each other, and this MoU does not impose legal obligations on either party.

1.4 Each person involved in all foreseen activities of this agreement has to provide himself/herself with a suitable insurance covered by the Institution of origin. To the academics, researchers and students that will benefit from this protocol will be ensured medical assistance in the limits of the agreements concerning the reciprocal guarantees and assistance existing between the respective countries.

2. Terms of Student Mobility

2.1 With regards to the initial collaboration through UNITO students’ mobility in the Master’s in China Studies program offered by the Institute of China Studies (ZJU), ZJU will accept up to 10 students from UNITO for entry into the ZJU MCS program each year. These students should have enrolled at UNITO master’s programs in related fields and must meet the normal admission requirements for the ZJU MCS program. All 10 students shall be nominated by UNITO.

2.2 The selected students are required to fulfill the commitments to their studies at ZJU for a full-academic year. Scholarships will hereto be provided. The number of scholarships applicants will be discussed and decided each year by both parties. Students nominated by UNITO shall fulfill the requirements of ZJU in order to obtain the scholarship. The scholarship will include monthly stipend, in addition to tuition, lodging, and basic health insurance.

2.3 UNITO will open relevant academic programs to ZJU students each year. The specifics of such programs will be discussed by both parties to best promote educational exchange and further cooperation. The ZJU students will be exempted from tuition and will be supported with other necessities during their stay by UNITO.

3. Terms of Staff Mobility

3.1 ZJU will occasionally invite UNITO faculty and/or staff members to visit ZJU and participate in meetings and discussions on how to further promote and improve China Studies and its international relations and cooperation. The faculty member may in addition offer a short series of lectures in the MCS program at ZJU. The
specifics of such staff mobility will be discussed by both parties to best promote bilateral cooperation.

3.2 UNITO will occasionally invite ZJU faculty and/or staff members to visit UNITO for joint training and learning sessions. These visits will allow both parties to further their cooperation by sharing cultural experience. The specifics of such staff mobility will be discussed by both parties to best promote bilateral cooperation.

4. Duration, Renewal, Termination, Amendment and Addenda of the MoU

4.1 This Memorandum will take effect when the relevant authorities of both Universities have affixed their signatures thereto. Any amendment and/or modification of this MoU require written approval of the relevant authorities of both Universities and shall be appended hereto.

4.2 This Memorandum shall remain in force for a period of three years, at which time it will be reviewed for possible renewal.

4.3 Either Party may, on six months’ notice in writing, terminate the MoU in advance of its normal expiration or request the renegotiation of its conditions. In case of early termination, both Parties will take the necessary measures to avoid damages to themselves or to third parties. The Parties will continue with actions in progress at the time of early termination until these actions are concluded.

Signed for and on behalf of:

University of Torino

Rector
Prof. Gianmaria ALIANI

Date: 04/03/2014

Zhejiang University

Executive Vice President

Date: 29/03/2017