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# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

#### Between

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory

#### and

The Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad

#### I. Preamble

In [either Athens or Novi Sad] today, Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2017 [date to be decided accordingly], in the office of Professor [the same applies], the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory represented by its Director, Assistant Professor Evangelos D. Protopapadakis, and the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad, Serbia represented by its Dean, Professor Dr Ivana Živančević Sekeruš [hereafter: the Partners], sign this Memorandum of Understanding [hereafter: MoU].

### II. The partners

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory was established in 1999 as an autonomous unit attached to the Department of Philosophy of the University of Athens. The initial purpose of the Lab's establishment was to facilitate research in the area of applied philosophy and provide teaching support to students and faculty members in both graduate and post-graduate level of studies. The Lab is also committed to conduct empirical and/or theoretical research in all areas of philosophy, with particular focus on Ethics, Metaethics and Applied Ethics. To this purpose the Lab seeks to foster collaborations with other Laboratories, Research Centers or Units, as well as with international organizations and societies. The Lab seeks to further and convey knowledge on areas of philosophical research by means of hosting post-graduate programs of study, publishing works of original philosophical research as well as journals, and organizing conferences.

Advancement of philosophy as a discipline of study at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Novi Sad began with the founding of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology in 1976. In the academic year 1995-1996 the Department of Philosophy was established as an independent institution. The Department of Philosophy conducts systematic scientific research on scientific projects approved by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of Republic of Serbia. The Department published books of its associates either independently or in collaboration with other cultural institutions and publishing houses. Together with the Cultural Center of Novi Sad, the Department initiated a series of proceedings of *Philosophical Disputes of Novi Sad*. Beginning in 2004, the Department biannually publishes the "Arche" journal of philosophy. The Department of Philosophy was a host to many renowned European philosophers. Strategic goals of the Department include strengthening cooperation with institutions on an international scale.

## III. Purpose

This MoU sets forth the will and resolution of the Partners to:

1. Establish bilateral collaboration in all areas of philosophy.

2. Pursue and undertake common actions and projects as privileged partners.

3. Extend mutual invitations for academic purposes.

4. Participate in European and international framework programs and projects as privileged partners.

5. Facilitate students and staff mobility by virtue of bilateral, European or other mobility agreements.

### **IV. Activities**

The Partners will seek the accomplishment of the above purposes by undertaking the following activities:

1. Proceed with the publication of a series of volumes under the general title "Hellenic-Serbian Philosophical Dialogues".

2. Pursue the establishment of Summer Schools, Summer Programs or Conferences either in Novi Sad or in Athens intended for undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students, as well as for academic staff members.

3. Any other activity that would comply with the purposes of this MoU after mutual consent.

### V. Term

This MoU will remain valid for two years henceforth; it may be reviewed and amended by mutual written consent. It may also be extended by mutual agreement.

