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Cotutelle Framework Agreement between
Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, Germany, with its
Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies at the Faculty of Humanities,
Department of Chinese Studies,
and
Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, College of International Affairs,
National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan

Preamble

This Agreement sets forth the academic terms and conditions for the implementation of a Cotutelle Programme (hereinafter the "Programme") between Department of Chinese Studies, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies, Faculty of Humanities, University of Tübingen, a national university duly organized and existing under the laws of Germany, having an address at Geschwister-Scholl-Platz, 72074 Tübingen, Germany (hereinafter EKUT), and Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University, a national university duly organized and existing under the laws of Taiwan, having an address at No. 64, Sec. 2, ZhiNan Road, Wenshan District, Taipei City 11605, Taiwan, R.O.C. (hereinafter NCCU) (EKUT and NCCU will be referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party")

The Programme implemented under this Agreement aims to strengthen the cooperation between EKUT and NCCU by providing PhD students with valuable educational opportunities to obtain doctoral degrees from both Parties.

In furtherance of their mutual interests in the fields of education and research, EKUT and NCCU hereby agree to the following articles:

**Article 1: Aim
of the
Agreement**

This Agreement defines the conditions of EKUT and NCCU in establishing the Programme. The Programme developed and organized jointly by the Parties leads to two recognized doctoral degrees, one from the student's home university (hereinafter the "Home University") and one from the other Party (hereinafter the "Host University").

**Article 2:
Award of
Degrees**

Each Cotutelle Student (hereinafter the "Cotutelle Student") who satisfactorily meets the Parties' academic requirements for the award of the degree shall receive a separate doctoral degree from each Party. The degrees to be granted under the Programme are a Doctor of Philosophy in Chinese Studies by EKUT, and a Doctor of Philosophy in East Asian Studies by NCCU.

**Article 3:
Number of
Students**

In every academic year, as defined in Article 4, the number of Cotutelle students for the Programme at the Host University shall not exceed two (2).

**Article 4:
Academic Year** Commencement of the academic year is October/April at EKUT, and in September/February at NCCU. Students who intend to obtain a double degree under the Programme shall enroll at EKUT in October/April and NCCU in September/February respectively.

**Article 5:
Required Documents and Deadline for Application**

1. The deadline for filing the application to EKUT for nomination to study at NCCU in the coming September is the end of December. The evaluation and recommendation by NCCU shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to EKUT by late February.
2. The deadline for filing the application to EKUT for nomination to study at NCCU in the coming February is the end of April. The evaluation and recommendation by NCCU shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to EKUT by early June.
3. The deadline for filing the application to NCCU for nomination to study at EKUT in the coming April is the early June. The evaluation and recommendation by EKUT shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to NCCU by late July.
4. The deadline for filing the application to NCCU for nomination to study at EKUT in the coming October is the early March. The evaluation and recommendation by EKUT shall be completed and the result shall be submitted to NCCU by late April.
5. The application must include a completed copy of any relevant application form, a curriculum vitae, a transcript of the student's academic records (bachelor's and master's diplomas), a study plan, and a letter of confirmation from the Home University stating that the application has been nominated for the Programme.

**Article 6:
Selection**

1. Students intending to participate in the Programme under this Agreement shall first be nominated by the Home University (hereinafter the "Nominated Student").
2. The Host University reserves the right of final approval for the acceptance of the nominated and evaluated student(s).
3. The following criteria shall be used in the selection of Cotutelle Students:
 - Previous academic performance;
 - Workability of study plan; and
 - English proficiency to complete the Programme
4. After a final decision on selection has been made, acceptance letters should be posted by the Host University to the successful student and their Home University.

**Article 7:
Period of Study**

1. The Cotutelle students shall spend at least one semester at the Home University before moving to the Host University.
2. In principle, EKUT Cotutelle Students who enroll in October/April and then move to NCCU in September/February shall spend one full year (two semesters) at NCCU. NCCU Cotutelle Students who enroll in September/February and move to EKUT in October/April of the following calendar year shall spend one full year (two semesters) at

EKUT.

3. The maximum length of stay in the Host University is two (2) years.
4. The Cotutelle Student shall complete all programme requirements at the Host University during this period of study.

**Article 8:
Credits
Recognition**

1. For the doctoral degree at National Chengchi University (NCCU) Cotutelle students must earn thirty (30) course credits. EKUT students may transfer up to twenty (20) course credits from EKUT, and complete at least ten (10) credits during the enrollment period at NCCU. Meanwhile, NCCU students may transfer up to ten (10) course credits from EKUT. For the doctoral degree awarded by EKUT such course credits are not a requirement.
2. NCCU agrees to recognize the credits obtained by the Cotutelle Students at EKUT in the awarding of the degree, subject to the respective internal rules and regulations.

**Article 9: Thesis
and Oral
Examination**

1. Cotutelle Students who have received their doctoral candidacy qualification from their home university and who have passed the review by an advisor from both parties are eligible to request a dissertation proposal.
2. The Cotutelle Student shall prepare one doctoral thesis.
3. The thesis shall be written in English. Both Parties shall make effort, as far as possible according to their examination rules, to appoint a co-supervisor from the Host Institute. Both the supervisor and the co-supervisor commit to consulting each other whenever they deem necessary to assess the progress of the doctoral research.
4. The members of the Examination Board for the public defense are selected according to the rules and regulations in force at the home university. The supervisors of both universities take part in the public defense (if needed via visual conference).
5. The oral examination must take place on the campus of one of the parties. The joint oral examination will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Home University.

**Article 10: Fees
and Other
Rights and
Privileges**

1. The Cotutelle student will remain enrolled at the Home University and pay tuition and other related fees to the Home University during the term of the study, as well as registration fees to the host university (no other tuition or credit fees are required).
2. The Cotutelle Student will be responsible for travel costs to the Host University and living costs during the stay, including accommodation, books, equipment, consumables, language tuition prior to the commencement of coursework (where necessary), health and travel insurance, student union fees (if applicable) and other personal expenses arising from the Programme.
3. Both Parties shall affirm and agree that the Cotutelle Student will be entitled to the same rights and privileges and subject to the same rules, policies, penalties and discipline as other enrolled students at the Host University.

**Article 11:
Assistance for
Cotutelle
Student** The Host University shall provide the Cotutelle Student with necessary support, including visa assistance. The Host University shall assist the students in finding adequate accommodation on or near the campus.

Article 12: Visa Both Parties will ensure that each Cotutelle Student will be responsible for obtaining a proper student visa in a timely manner, although the Host University will assist in any visa application. The cost for obtaining the visa shall be borne by the Cotutelle Student.

**Article 13:
Terms of
Agreement**

1. This Agreement shall come into effect from the last date of signatures by the representatives of both Parties for an initial period of five (5) years to run the Programme. This Agreement may be extended for further periods of five (5) years by mutual consent of the Parties in writing twelve (12) months prior to the termination of the initial period.
2. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notice given twelve (12) months in advance to the other Party, notwithstanding all commitments already in progress shall be fulfilled.
3. Any termination shall not affect any right which either Party has accrued up to and on the termination date. Both Parties will co-ordinate and make arrangements for the Cotutelle Students to be able to finish their studies under the Programme.

**Article 14:
Notices** Every notice, request or any other communication required or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, in English, and delivered personally or sent by registered or certified air mail or by courier or fax to the Parties as stated below:

If to NCCU: Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies,
College of International Affairs
Attention: Chair
Tel: +886-2-8661-5137

If to EKUT: Department of Chinese Studies,
Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies,
Faculty of Humanities,
Attention: Chair
Tel: +49- 07071-29-72715

**Article 15:
Miscellaneous**

1. Any other issues arising in this Programme shall be negotiated by the Parties on the basis of the principles set out in this Agreement.
2. Amendments or changes to this Agreement shall be written in English and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.
3. This Agreement is written in English in duplicate and both Parties retain one copy each of the authentic text.
4. The Parties understand that the Party's coat of arms, logo and name are valuable intellectual property rights of the concerned Party. The Parties

agree that, when one Party intends to use any intellectual property rights of the other Party, a further written agreement shall be negotiated in each case in accordance with the intellectual property policies of the two Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have put their hands on the day and year first above written

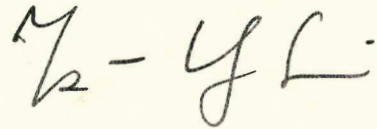
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Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. (Dōshisha) Karla Pollmann
President and Vice-Chancellor
Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

Date of Signature: _____

(Signature)



Prof. Dr. Tsai-Yen Li
President
National Chengchi University

Date of Signature: Apr. 30, 2025

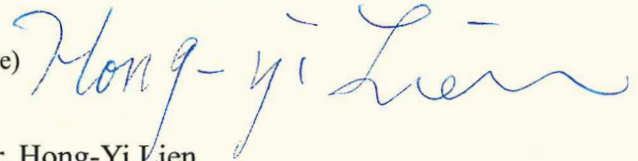
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Prof. Dr. Angelika Zirker
Dean
Faculty of Humanities
Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

Date of Signature: 25.06.2025

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Prof. Dr. Hong-Yi Lien
Dean
College of International Affairs
National Chengchi University

Date of Signature: Mar. 28, 2025

(Signature)



Prof. Dr. Gunter Schubert
Chair
Department of Chinese Studies
Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies,
Faculty of Humanities,
Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen

Date of Signature: 4/7/25

(Signature)

Prof. Dr. Chih-Shian Liou
Chair
Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies,
College of International Affairs,
National Chengchi University

Date of Signature: 2025.3.25