



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal University of São Carlos (Brazil) and the Department of Global Political Studies, Malmö University (Sweden) for the promotion of academic, scientific and cultural cooperation

The Federal University of São Carlos, with registered offices on São Carlos campus, at *Rodovia* Washington Luís, km 235, in São Carlos, in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, represented by its Rector, Prof. Ana Beatriz de Oliveira, Ph.D., and the Department of Global Political Studies, Malmö University, with registered offices at Niagara, *Nordenskiöldsgatan* 1, in Malmö, Sweden, represented herein by its Head, Prof. Mona Lilja,

WHEREAS both Institutions are interested in the development of Higher Education, and scientific knowledge and research,

THEY hereby formally express a common interest in establishing an institutional relationship between them, aiming to promote their continuous strengthening, enhancement and advancement by jointly developing academic, scientific and cultural activities,

BY MEANS OF THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, hereinafter referred to as "MOU":

SECTION 1: The objectives of this MOU are as follows:

- I. To facilitate the establishment of an institutional relationship between the Parties, so as to enable the joint development of training, research and cultural programs, projects and activities.
- II. To express a common understanding of possible methods and means to carry out such programs, projects and activities, especially the development of research, training activities and academic exchanges.

SECTION 2: The accomplishment of the objectives hereof may consist in the following forms of cooperation:

- I. Joint development of research programs, projects and activities in equivalent, similar or matching research areas between the Parties, as well as regarding scientific topics of their mutual interest.
- II. Exchange of faculty members, researchers, students, and technical and administrative staff to participate in training activities, internships, visits and other activities of academic and scientific improvement.
- III. Assignment and exchange of scientific and cultural information, as well as joint production of publications.

- IV. Co-organization of academic, scientific and cultural events, *e.g.*, conferences, symposia, seminars and colloquia.
- V. Other academic, scientific and cultural programs, projects and activities that the Parties may mutually wish to develop, in accord with their respective institutional purposes.

SECTION 3: This MOU is not binding for the Parties. Should the common interest herein expressed lead to concrete academic cooperation in any of the areas of mutual interest as listed above, the Parties should regulate the terms of such academic cooperation in a separate agreement.

SECTION 4: Participation in any program, project or activity in the spirit of this MOU and duly regulated in a separate agreement does not generate any formal employer-employee relationship between any person from either Party and the other Party.

SECTION 5: This MOU does not create any financial or legal obligation from either Party to the other. Each Party shall bear the costs of its own effective participation in the development hereof.

SECTION 6: Both Parties subscribe to the principles of human rights and equal opportunity. The Parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of disability, race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status or family status.

SECTION 7: This MOU is valid as from the date of the last signature by both Parties and will remain in force for five (5) years.

SECTION 8: Questions arising from the interpretation of this MOU will be friendly settled by both Parties.

This MOU has been drawn up in the English language. The Portuguese version is for informational purposes only, and in case of discrepancies, the English version shall prevail.

São Carlos, São Paulo (Brazil), 29/4/2024

Malmö (Sweden),

Prof. Ana Beatriz de Oliveira, Ph.D.

Rector

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