Renewal Agreement for a Student Transatlantic Dual Degree Program and Faculty Exchange Program in International Economics and Modern Languages/Economia Aziendale - Economics and Management Between Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America And Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia, Venice, Italy And Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Versailles, France

In furtherance to the existing cooperation agreement executed on June 24, 2010, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its Modern and Classical Languages Department in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Department of Economics in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America (“Georgia State”), the Università Ca’ Foscari di Venezia (“Ca’ Foscari”) through its Department of Mangement in Venice, Italy and the Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, Versailles, France (“UVSQ”) through its Department of Economics and its Institut des Langues et des Etudes Internationales (“ILEI”) wish to extend the student Dual Degree program and the faculty and research exchange program in support of the US-EUTransatlantic Program in International Economics and Modern Languages (“IEML”)/Economics and Management in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement (“Agreement”).

PREAMBLE

Georgia State, Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ, member institutions of the consortium of the EU-US Atlantis program, hereby agree to extend their affiliation for the purpose of academic cooperation through the exchange of students, faculty, and academic information in support of the
Transatlantic Dual Degree Program in International Economics and Modern Languages/Economics and Management.

The partners hereby agree to the following:

1. **Description of Program**

   The purpose of this program (collectively, the “Program”) is to enable students from Georgia State to take classes at Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ while working towards degrees at Georgia State and Ca’ Foscari; students from Ca’ Foscari to take classes at Georgia State and UVSQ while working towards degrees at Ca’ Foscari and Georgia State; and students from UVSQ to take classes at Georgia State and Ca’ Foscari while working towards degrees at UVSQ and Georgia State (individually, the “Dual Degree Program”); as well as to encourage faculty and researcher exchanges for the furtherance of research in their fields (individually, the “Faculty/Research Exchange”).

   **Student Exchange Program Type:** Please check the appropriate box to indicate program type.

   - [ ] Non-Degree Program
   - [ ] Joint Degree Program
   - [x] Dual Degree Program
   - [ ] Certificate Program
   - [ ] Other, please specify ____________________________

   For purposes of this Agreement, with respect to the Dual Degree Program, the term “Home University” shall mean the institution from which the student was accepted into the Dual Degree Program and “Host University” shall mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the Home University for a period of study.

   With respect to the Faculty/Researcher Exchange, as used herein, “Home University” or “Home Institution” shall mean the university where the faculty member/researcher is normally employed, and “Host University” or “Host Institution” shall mean the university that the faculty member/researcher is visiting.

   Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ students selected to participate in the Dual Degree Program who complete their degree requirements at Georgia State will be awarded degrees by Georgia State.

   Equivalent Georgia State course credit will be given to specified Ca’ Foscari courses after course syllabi are pre-approved by the appropriate academic department. Once approved, courses will be placed on the transfer articulation table.

   Dual Degree Program participants will be advised by their Home Institution regarding the proper selection of courses. Participants must be enrolled as full time students as required by each institution’s specific regulations.
For students selected to participate in the Dual Degree Program, Georgia State agrees to transfer credits taken at Ca’ Foscarì and UVSQ in accordance with established university procedures so that Ca’foscari and UVSQ students may apply and qualify for a Georgia State degree.

For students selected to participate in the Dual Degree Program, Ca’ Foscarì agrees to transfer credits taken at Georgia State and UVSQ in accordance with established university procedures so that Georgia State students may apply and qualify for the Ca’ Foscarì degree.

For students selected to participate in the Dual Degree Program, UVSQ agrees to transfer credits taken at Georgia State University and Ca’ Foscarì in accordance with established university procedures so that UVSQ students may apply and qualify for the UVSQ degree.

To re-establish parity in the exchange system, under this renewal, the terms of exchange are as follows. GSU will send two students to either/both of the partner universities in exchange for one student from either/both partner until parity is achieved. Once parity is achieved, GSU will exchange students on a one-for-one basis.

With respect to the Faculty/Researcher Exchange, this Program is intended to permit faculty members and researchers from each Home University to take advantage of the following opportunities:

1. Visits of one or two weeks to be made in conjunction with other academic or research activities that allow faculty to understand the Host University’s academic and research structure

2. Collaborative research that takes advantage of partner institutions’ strengths and capabilities.

3. Curricular collaborations that further partner institutions’ research or institutional goals.

2. Term and Academic Years

The term of this Agreement shall commence on June 25, 2013 and end on June 25, 2016, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Paragraph 9 below. The term of this Agreement shall be three years, renewable for additional three-year terms upon the advance written agreement of both parties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State assumes any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement. Such Agreement may be renewed for academic year renewal terms upon the advance written agreement of both parties.
The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: the first begins in August and runs through December, and the second begins in January and runs through May. In addition, there is a summer semester composed of a six/seven week term and abbreviated summer sessions (“mesters”). Dual degree program participants from Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ will be allowed to participate for one academic year including any summer sessions.

The academic year at Ca’ Foscari consists of two terms: the first begins in September and runs through January, the second begins in February and runs through June. Students from Georgia State taking classes at Ca’ Foscari will be allowed to participate for two terms.

The academic year at UVSQ consists of two terms: the first begins in September and runs through January, the second begins in January and runs through July. Students from Georgia State taking classes at UVSQ will be allowed to participate for one term.

3. **Number of Students and Faculty Members and Researchers**

Georgia State, Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ will endeavor to maintain a balance and an active flow of students in the exchange during each semester over the term of this Agreement. Imbalances between the number of students between any two campuses will be corrected in the immediate following year of the imbalance by reducing the number of students sent from the school that is out of balance (school that has sent more than received). This may include an increase in recruitment efforts where needed.

Exchanges will be measured according to the following formula: one full-time semester student at Georgia State equals one full-time semester student at Ca’ Foscari and one full-time semester student at UVSQ; and one full-time semester faculty member/researcher at Georgia State equals one full-time semester faculty member/researcher at Ca’ Foscari and one full-time semester faculty/researcher at UVSQ. There are no limits on the number of students and/or faculty who may participate but an equivalent exchange between the institutions will be achieved over the life of this Agreement.

If a student or faculty member/researcher voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the Program, the program will be considered completed by the Host University with respect to that student or faculty member and researcher. No replacements will be sent to the Host University for students or faculty member/researchers who do not complete the Program.

4. **Units Involved in Program**

Participants in the Program will be drawn from the undergraduate programs in International Economics and Modern Languages, Economics or Bachelor’s of Business Administration (Economics concentration) at Georgia State, the program in Economics
and Management at Ca’ Foscari and the undergraduate program in Economics and the ILEI at UVSQ at the discretion of Georgia State, Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ.

5. **Student Dual Degree Program**

**A. Requirements for Students to Participate**

Students who wish to participate in the Dual Degree Program will be screened for eligibility for admission by the Home University which shall respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the Host University. Students from Georgia State and Ca’ Foscari will be approved by a panel of academics from Georgia State University’s departments of Economics, and Modern and Classical Languages, and Ca’ Foscari’s department of Management. Students from UVSQ will be approved by a panel of academics from Georgia State University’s departments of Economics and Modern and Classical Languages and UVSQ’s Institute of Languages and International Studies. Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions of the Host University in the selection of courses, including requirements of language proficiency.

Students must be proficient in the language of instruction for courses being taken at the Host University in order to participate. At Georgia State, the language of instruction is English, and at Ca’ Foscari the language of instruction is English for the degree program in Aziendale – Economics and Management. Language of instruction at UVSQ is French. Non-native English speaking students from Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ will be required to certify English proficiency through one of the following methods:

- International Language Testing System (IETLS) minimum score of 6.5
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores of
  - 550 or better (paper test)
  - 79-80 (internet-based test)
- Georgia State Test of English Proficiency (GSTEP) minimum score of 6.
- Completion of a college-level English composition course with a grade of “C” or better.
- SAT Critical Reading score of 430 or better or ACT English score of 17 or better.

If the language of instruction of the courses being taken is not English, students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in Italian or French as required by the Host University. These language requirements apply only to the students and not to their spouses and dependents.
Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

B. Academic Advisement and Reports

The school, department or unit involved in this Agreement at each Home University will provide academic advisement to its own students to ensure that the courses taken at the Host University are acceptable with respect to its own degree programs. The Host University will provide advisement to students applying for its degree regarding its courses and curriculum requirements. The Host University will supply the Home University with syllabi, course descriptions and other pertinent materials to assist in determining course equivalency. Students will carry a normal load of classes appropriate to full-time status.

NOTE: Georgia State is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award graduate degrees. Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ are not accredited by the Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of Georgia State does not extend to or include Ca’ Foscari. UVSQ or its students. Although Georgia State accepts certain Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ course work in transfer, other colleges and universities may not accept this work in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Georgia State.

At the end of each semester or term, no later than six (6) weeks after the last day of final examinations, academic achievement reports showing each course taken, the final grade in each course, and the number of credit hours of each course will be sent to each student’s Home University using appropriate procedures at each Host Institution.

C. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

Unless otherwise indicated in an appendix hereto, students in this Program will be responsible for the following:

1. Payment of all academic fees and tuition to the Home University
2. Payment of any applicable student fees, such as library usage, sports facilities, photocopied texts, field trips and similar expenses, to the Host University;
3. With the assistance of the Host University, obtaining the proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guaranty that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
4. The costs of international travel, food, housing, local transportation, books and other educational and personal expenses;
5. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization/liability insurance for the time period of their involvement in the Program in order to meet governmental regulations, as well as the regulations of the Host and Home Universities, as set forth in Paragraph 5F below:
6. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at the Host University; and
7. Submitting any health or immunization records required by Host University.

D. Visa Requirements

Program directors will ensure that students submit proper documentation to Host University in order to assist students in obtaining proper student visas through the appropriate Embassy or Consulate. Students will be responsible for providing proof of financial resources and other necessary documentation for obtaining visas. Students coming to GSU on the dual degree program will be assisted by International Student & Scholar Services in obtaining the documents needed for an F1 visa.

E. Housing for Students

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Host Institution may, upon request, offer advice and assistance in finding accommodations for the period of exchange but shall not be responsible for providing accommodations for exchange students.

F. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including an evacuation and repatriation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all students participating in this Program. Students who already have insurance must submit proof of such coverage to the Host University for approval before departing from their home countries. The Host University will assist students in identifying available insurance options designed for international students, if necessary.

G. Employment

This Agreement does not provide for student employment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, some forms of employment may be permitted subject to the laws of the host country and the rules and regulations of the Host Institution as well as students’ visa status.

H. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Dual Degree students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host Institution, and the laws and procedures of the state or canton in which the institution is located. The students must pursue the approved course of study for the agreed period.

The Host Institution will assume no responsibility for a student’s conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country’s laws. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided, however, that the
Host Institution will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home Institution before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other students. If a student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the Program, the program will be considered complete by the Host University with respect to that student. No replacements will be sent to the Host University for students who do not complete the Program.

6. Faculty/Researcher Exchange

A. Requirements for Participation

Faculty and researchers who wish to participate in the Program will be screened for eligibility by the Home University and approved by the Host University.

Faculty and researchers should be proficient in the language of the Host University in order to participate. At Georgia State, faculty/researchers from Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ will be required to have proficiency in English. The language of instruction at Ca’ Foscari is English for the degree program in Economia Aziendale - Economics and Management, and Italian for all other programs. The language of instruction at UVSQ is French and English, and faculty/researchers from Georgia State will be required to have proficiency in either of these languages.

Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding the acceptance of faculty and researchers from the Home University to participate in research, teaching or other activities.

B. Faculty/Researcher Responsibilities

Each faculty member and researcher participating in this Exchange Program will be responsible for the following:

1. Payment of all expenses and fees that his or her Home University has not agreed to pay;
2. With assistance from the Host University, and any financial assistance from the Home University, obtaining proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guaranty that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
3. Purchasing the required health, hospitalization and liability insurance, including repatriation & medical evacuation coverage, for the time period of their involvement in the Program in order to meet governmental regulations, as well as the regulations of the Host and Home Universities;
4. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other faculty and researchers at the Host University;
5. Submitting to criminal background checks, if necessary; and
6. Submitting any health or immunization records required by the Host University,

C. Department/School/Unit Responsibilities

Participating institution units are responsible for identifying and arranging for a supervisory and reporting structure applicable to all visiting faculty and researchers participating in the exchange program.

D. Salaries and Expenses

Home Institutions will pay the salary, health insurance, and any procedures needed to adhere to the health regulations for their faculty and researchers who participate in this Program. Host Institutions may assist in arranging housing for faculty but are not responsible for doing so. All faculty and researchers will undergo any procedures needed to adhere to the Host country's health regulations.

E. Visa Requirements

Each Host University will provide the necessary documentation for exchange scholars to obtain a visa to enter the host country. In order to produce this documentation, they will rely on the Home University communicating scholar information three (3) to four (4) months before the start of the Exchange Program. The Host University will update the Home University annually regarding the data and documentation required. It is each scholar's responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. Exchange scholars coming to GSU are required to obtain a J1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by GSU's International Student & Scholar Services.

Georgia State faculty/researchers on this program who are American citizens must possess a valid U.S. passport and entry clearance to enter Italy and France. All Georgia State faculty/researchers who do not possess a U.S. Passport (including US lawful permanent residents and other foreign nationals employed at Georgia State) must follow the process for proper entry clearance required by Italy and France for citizens of their home country. International faculty/researchers may be required to provide evidence of sufficient financial resources as determined by the partner countries.

F. Office Space and Support

Each Host University agrees to use reasonable efforts to provide office space and appropriate administrative support for visiting faculty and researchers.
G. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Participating faculty/Researchers will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host Institution, and the laws and procedures of the state or canton in which the institution is located.

The Host Institution will assume no responsibility for a faculty/researcher's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country's laws. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange faculty or researcher at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided, however, that the Host Institution will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home Institution before implementing such action. The dismissal of a faculty or researcher shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other faculty or researchers.

7. Research

To the extent allowable by law, the parties may engage in joint research, conference participation, publication of research results and other research-related activity. The parties understand and agree that national laws regulating the export of technologies may prohibit participation by visiting students, faculty, and researchers on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all University and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If exchange faculty, researchers or dual degree students participate in research funded by a third party sponsor, the parties agree that such research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If exchange faculty, researchers or dual degree students receive third party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the exchange faculty, researchers and students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement.

Faculty, researchers and dual degree students on this Program pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both the Host and Home Institutions unless such disclosure is unlawful under the law of the Host Institution's country. If valuable intellectual property is created as a result of joint research, ownership of such intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with the law of inventorship or authorship of the country in which the research occurred and the Host Institution's policies. The parties agree that the Host Institution will evaluate the intellectual property, in consultation with the other party, to determine whether formal patent, copyright, or other protection is desirable.
8. **Equal Opportunity**

All parties to this Agreement subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

9. **Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement**

This Program Agreement will be evaluated annually, and will be formally reviewed and evaluated before each renewal.

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed only upon the consent of all parties in writing. Any party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other parties submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination will not affect existing faculty, researchers or students in the Program. Unless renewed by written consent of all parties to this Agreement, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year (as defined in section 2 above).

10. **Primary Contacts / Program Directors**

The Primary Contacts/ Program Directors will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure the general welfare of program participants, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight for the program.

The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:

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WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

Executed by Georgia State, Ca’ Foscari and UVSQ, in English and in French, each version in triplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

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President

Università Ca’Foscari di Venezia
By: [Signature]
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Sylvie Faucheur
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27 May 2013
Date

28 June 2013
Date