Agreement for the Joint Binational Supervision of a Doctorate

between

the Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, represented by President Prof. Dr. Ralph Bruder, Ammerländer Heerstr. 114-118, 26129 Oldenburg,

implementing institution:

Faculty ………………….,

represented by the Dean, Prof. Dr.

- hereinafter referred to as the "University of Oldenburg" -

and

the ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………,

implementing institution: ……………………………….,   
represented by ……………………

- hereinafter referred to as the "Partner University" -

Section 1 – Doctorates

(1) This agreement regulates the cooperation and the respective responsibilities of the universities involved in the joint binational doctorate of …………………………………………………………………….  
[Name, date of birth, address of the doctoral candidate]

(2) The topic of the dissertation is .......................………............................. . The dissertation will be written in German/English.

(3) The doctorate is expected to take 3 years to complete, whereby approximately two-thirds of the dissertation will be completed at the University of Oldenburg and one-third at the Partner University.

Section 2 – Responsibilities

(1) The Faculty………………….. of the University of Oldenburg is in charge of managing the joint binational doctoral proceedings and coordinates the cooperation with the Partner University.  
(2) The doctorate will be realized in accordance with the legal provisions of both universities.  
(3) Irrespective of the joint academic responsibility for the doctorate, the University of Oldenburg shall bear responsibility for all administrative tasks relating to the doctorate, and in particular for the doctoral candidate's admission to doctoral degree studies, the opening of doctoral proceedings and the completion of the doctorate.  
(4) Any costs incurred (travel expenses, etc.) by the Supervisor or other members of the  
 Examination Committee shall be borne by their respective university.

Section 3 – Supervision, Examination Committee

(1) The Supervisor of the dissertation, who is the Advisor at the same time is ..............................

(2) The Co-Advisor is ……………………….., who at the same time shall supervise the dissertation on behalf of the University of Oldenburg/the Partner University.  
(3) The Supervisors shall perform the task of supervision jointly and in close cooperation.  
(4) The joint binational Examination Committee shall be formed in mutual consultation and with both universities equally represented, in accordance with their respective doctoral  
 regulations. It consists of the following members:

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Section 4 – Disputation

(1) The defence of the dissertation will take place at the University of Oldenburg/Partner  
 University.  
(2) The dissertation will be defended in German/English.

Section 5 – Publication

The dissertation will be published according to the doctoral regulations of the Faculty……………… of the University of Oldenburg. The intellectual property rights of the doctoral candidate regarding his or her dissertation shall remain unaffected by its publication.

Section 6 – Joint Doctoral Degree

Once the doctoral candidate has successfully completed the doctoral examination procedure both universities shall jointly award the doctoral degree, which in the German version confers the title "Dr." or in the ............................. version the title "…………………..", and shall issue a joint doctoral degree certificate which makes reference to the joint doctoral procedure and the joint awarding of the doctoral degree.

Section 7 – Enrolment, Fees, Insurance

(1) The doctoral candidate shall enrol at both universities in accordance with each of the university's regulations. The first enrolment will take place on ........................................   
(2) The University of Oldenburg will charge the fees and contributions stipulated in the Lower  
 Saxony Higher Education Act (Niedersächsischen Hochschulgesetz). To the extent legally   
 admissible the doctoral candidate will be exempt from paying fees and contributions to the  
 Partner University.  
(3) The doctoral candidate is insured against accidents via his or her respective university, in accordance with the statutory provisions. As regards other insurance, the doctoral candidate  
 bears the responsibility to ensure that he or she is adequately insured against the risks of  
 illness and as regards third-party liability.

Section 8 – Entry into Force, Term and Termination, Final Provisions

(1) This Agreement will enter into force upon signature and is concluded for a term of … years. It  
 will terminate automatically once the decision regarding the successful or unsuccessful  
 completion of the doctoral programme becomes legally valid.  
(2) The right to ordinary termination is excluded.  
(3) There are no oral side agreements. Any amendments or supplements to this Agreement,  
 including the annulment of this written form clause, shall require written form.  
(4) The ineffectiveness or unenforceability of one or more provisions hereunder shall not affect  
 the effectiveness of the remainder of the Agreement. The parties to the Agreement  
 undertake to replace the ineffective or unenforceable provision with an effective and enforceable provision which comes as close as possible to the purpose of the ineffective or unenforceable provision. The same shall apply to any gaps herein.

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| Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg |  | Partner University |
| Place, date |  | Place, date |
|  |  |  |
| President |  | President/Rector/Vice President |
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| Place, date |  | Place, date |
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| Dean |  | Dean |
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| Place, date |  |  |
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| Chairman/Chairwoman of the Doctoral Examination Committee (Promotionsauschuss) |  |  |
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| Place, date |  | Place, date |
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| Supervisor and Advisor or Co-Advisor |  | Supervisor and Advisor or Co-Advisor |
| Place, date |  |  |
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| Doctoral candidate |  |  |