

SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT





Agreement for Educational and Scientific Cooperation

between

University of Tours, France

and

Mohamed Sathak AJ Academy of Architecture, Chennai

India

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote educational and research opportunities between the two institutions, the University of Tours ("abbreviation UT") and the Mohamed Sathak AJ Academy of Architecture ("MSAJAA") join in the following understanding on educational cooperation and agree on the following principles under which the two institutions may develop activities of mutual interest.

Article 1

Both UT and MSAJAA will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members and respective Departments of Spatial Planning and Architecture, as they are able, and will act as coordinators of contacts with other faculties whenever appropriate.

Within fields of mutual collaboration, a general form of cooperation is envisaged as follows:

- (a) Joint research activities
- (b) Exchange of information in the area of spatial planning-architecture and research which is of mutual interest to both of UT and MSJAA
- (c) Exchange of faculty members for research, lectures, and discussions
- (d) Exchange of graduate students for study and research
- (e) Access to the various facilities of each institute

Article 2

This MOU is intended to create neither legally binding obligations nor contractual relationships between the partners. In the event that a separate



legal agreement needs to be executed in relation to this MOU, both partners agree to negotiate in good faith on the terms and conditions of a legal agreement to be executed at any other appropriate time.

This general MOU provides a platform for interaction between UT-Polytech Tours and MSAJAA. It envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

Separate agreements should be developed independently between individual MSAJAA members and UT-Polytech Tours, at a later stage to articulate specific intentions and collaborations between the institutions.

Article 3

UT-Polytech Tours and MSAJAA agree to develop a program for exchange activities and to offer further education opportunities to both graduate students of UT and MSAJAA.

This exchange program will be coordinated by:

- Laura Verdelli - Polytech Tours - UT
- Ranees Vedamuthu – MSAJAA

All students participating in this program:

- must be full-time students at the host institution in program of studies or participate to an internship. Their internship, supervised project or studies program must also be validated by the home institution. A learning agreement or traineeship agreement will be prepared and signed by both parties and the student before the beginning of the mobility.
- will be required to meet the language proficiency requirements of the Host Institution.
- must abide by the rules and regulations of the host institution, including compliance with all laws of the host country. Violation of these laws shall subject the student to immediate expulsion;
- are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa and otherwise complying with all immigration laws and regulations in the host country;
- will be responsible for their own travel and subsistence expenses.



- are required to take, at their own expense, suitable health insurance which covers and provides health care, hospital fees and repatriation, providing adequate proof of this to the host university. Medical insurance can be provided by the host university. If such insurance is not taken out, the student must provide proof to the host university that he/she has equivalent medical coverage. The student agrees that the host university is not responsible for any personal injury, loss or damage suffered by the exchange participant in case of medical emergency or force majeure.
- must immediately inform the home and host institution, as well as the staff responsible for the exchange, in the event of any problem, early departure or any modification of the terms of the exchange or in his/her learning agreement.

Article 4

Exchange students will not be required to pay any tuition fees at the host Institution, with the exception of students registered in the International research Master Degree – Urban Planning and Sustainability - taught in English at Polytech Tours. For this Master program, specific fees apply.

Article 5

This agreement will go into effect for a period of five years from the date of signing by the representatives of both institutions. The validity of the agreement may be extended in writing after approval by the relevant authorities.

Article 6

Any modification to the current text, decided by both contracting parties, will be subject to an amendment signed by the parties and must be submitted for the approval by the competent authorities.

Article 7

In case of difficulty regarding the terms of the agreement, the partners agree to seek a solution by common consent. Should the problem persist, the claim or dispute arising out of or in connection with this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the country in which the Institution which is the defendant is located. Each Institution irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the country where the defendant institution is located.



Article 8

Pursuant to Article 46 EU GDPR "Transfers subject to appropriate safeguards", data transfer will only be possible after having concluded a transfer agreement on personal data between the two universities according to the standard contractual clauses for data transfers adopted by the European Commission.

Article 9

The agreement shall be written in English. Two signed copies will be provided.

Hereupon, the signature of the representatives UT and MSAJAA will follow in hope of promoting mutual friendship and goodwill.

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The coordinators will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits. They will also ensure that the study proceeds according to a reasonable schematic plan and ensure that the terms of this MOU are carried out and ensure the interface with Faculty members involved in this cooperation.