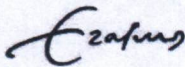


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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

JOINT EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

BETWEEN

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES,
ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS**

AND

LATIN AMERICAN FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, ECUADOR

1. It is the wish of International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam (hereafter "ISS") and Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, (hereafter "FLACSO Ecuador"), jointly referred to as **"the Parties"**, to jointly reach a framework for collaboration by virtue of which they will develop and implement a Joint Educational Initiatives. The Parties will promote academic activities that will offer students opportunities for international education. FLACSO Ecuador authorizes Prof. Ph.D. Juan Elías Ponce Jarrín, director of FLACSO Ecuador, Director of Ecuador - The Netherlands Programme (hereafter "ENP") to implement and operate this programme.
2. Each Party's specific intention in entering into this Memorandum of Understanding is to demonstrate to the other Party its respective interest in pursuing a proposed a Double Degree in Development Economics Program and a joint Doctor of Philosophy programme.
3. The proposed collaboration will provide:
 - an opportunity to facilitate international research for doctoral candidates, including access to the latest research equipment in two countries/institutions;

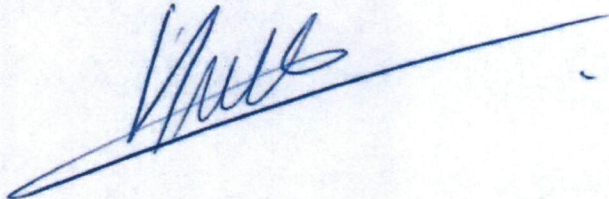


- a mechanism to enhance co-operation and collaboration between the researchers and the universities involved;
 - an opportunity to recruit international students of the highest calibre to research training programmes.
4. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is only to express the intentions of the Parties. The provisions contained in this Memorandum of Understanding are not legally binding on either Party, and no legally binding obligations are intended to, or do, arise as a consequence of the existence or execution of this document.
5. Where either or both of the Parties propose any specific arrangement concerning students from either or both of their institutions relating to the implementation of the Proposed Collaboration ("Proposal"), each Party agrees to nominate an appropriate representative and the Proposal shall be negotiated between the representatives of the Parties. Once the Parties have reached an agreement in relation to the Proposal, the agreement shall be recorded and governed by a separate legally binding agreement executed by both Parties ("**a Legal Agreement**").
6. A Legal Agreement should, without limitation, include provisions requiring:
- (a) compliance by each Party (to the extent applicable) with the laws of country of each Party; and
 - (b) each Parties commitment to use reasonable endeavours to assist students governed by the arrangements under the Legal Agreement, to complete their studies, even if the Legal Agreement is terminated.
7. The Parties acknowledge that all salary, travel, living and allied costs and expense will be determined at the discretion and be the responsibility of the visitor's home university.
8. All visits of staff and students will be subject to compliance with entry and visa requirements of the two countries involved, and the requirements of the two universities.
9. Each Party recognises that the other Party has, may have, or will have arrangements of a similar or different nature with other persons, whether in each Party's respective countries or elsewhere in the world, during the currency of this Memorandum of Understanding.



10. This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective from the date of the last signature and shall remain current for four (4) years with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving six months' prior written notice to the other Party.
11. Each party acknowledges that, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding will not have any effect whatsoever on any Legal Agreement in force at the time of termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed on behalf of
International Institute of Social Studies,
Erasmus University Rotterdam



Prof. Inge Hutter
Rector

Date: 11 ENE 2013

Signed on behalf of
Latin American Faculty of Social
Sciences, Ecuador



Prof. Juan Elías Ponce Jarrín
Director

Date: - 11 ENE 2013

