

**Agreement on collaboration in training doctoral students
between
the Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences
(Filosofický ústav Akademie věd České republiky),
Faculty of History, Arts, and Oriental Studies of the Leipzig University
(Fakultät für Geschichte, Kunst und Orientalwissenschaften der Universität Leipzig),
Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy of the Leipzig University
(Fakultät für Sozialwissenschaften und Philosophie der Universität Leipzig),
and
Leibnitz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe
(Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa)**

Preamble

The Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences (henceforth ‘Institute of Philosophy of the CAS’) is a non-university research institute focused on interdisciplinary research in philosophy and related humanities. Jointly with partner institutions, it participates in training doctoral students to whom it offers the opportunity to collaborate with researchers working at this institute and to use its infrastructure.

The Faculty of History, Arts, and Oriental Studies of the Leipzig University (henceforth ‘GKO’) in terms of research and education focuses on political, social, and cultural changes and processes both in the past and at present. The GKO is involved in several comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programmes and grants the academic title *doctor philosophiae* (Dr. Phil.) in areas represented at the GKO in terms of teaching and research.

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Philosophy of the Leipzig University (henceforth ‘FSP’) is comprised of a wide range of institutes and centres. It grants academic titles *doctor philosophiae* (Dr. phil.) and *doctor rerum politicarum* (Dr. rer. pol.) in sciences and research areas represented, in terms of research and education, at the FSP by master’s programmes or in the description of particular professorships.

In its declaration of 4 October 2019, the Leipzig University described a strengthening of mutual support in training doctoral students as a key objective of future collaboration with the Czech Academy of Sciences. Research Academy Leipzig functions at the Leipzig university as a central service centre aimed at supporting young researchers.

Identity of the Leibnitz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (henceforth GWZO), an institute adjoined to the Leipzig University, is characterised by not only conducting research on the region that is in its name but also by collaboration with partners from that region, i.e., by activities in Eastern, especially Central Eastern Europe. To this purpose, the GWZO aims at long-term, institutionalised collaboration with the Czech Academy of Sciences in Prague. Within its framework, it intends to function as a mediator between German and Czech institutions dedicated to research, teaching, and culture. To achieve this goal, it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Leibnitz Association (Leibniz-Gemeinschaft) and the Czech Academy of Sciences. To the extent of its capacities, the GWZO supports the achievement of goals and measures listed in the abovementioned memorandum.

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Partners to this agreement are the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS, the GKO, FSP, and GWZO.

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Partners to this agreement hereby confirm their intention to jointly, across state borders and the borders of particular scientific fields, aim at supporting young scientists in areas of science represented at their institutions. This undertaking aims especially at expert training provided to doctoral students and at mediation of general key skills.

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The Institute of Philosophy of the CAS suggests to the abovementioned German institutions young researchers suitable for collaboration with partners at the Leipzig University, where they would, as part of their education and activity at its institutions, take a doctoral programme. To acquire a supervisor at one of the abovementioned German institutions, candidates must work in a compatible field and demonstrate appropriate knowledge of language. In most cases, the contact person for a thesis supervisor from the Leipzig University is another thesis supervisor from the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS. The abovementioned German faculties likewise have the option of proposing young researchers for a doctoral internship at the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS. From such candidates, what is required in terms of knowledge of language, is proficiency in German and English. Knowledge of Czech is welcome, but it is not a necessary condition for undertaking such a research internship.

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Participating faculties of the Leipzig University enable researchers proposed by the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS for acceptance among Leipzig doctoral students to undertake a doctoral study in accordance with rules applying to doctoral study at the relevant faculty. Doctoral examinations then take place at the Leipzig University, whereby a representative of the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS is to be incorporated into the examination committee with the right to vote. Doctoral title is awarded by the Leipzig University, but documents connected with its award as well as the diploma itself shall mention that the doctoral student participated in the joint programme of the partners.

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The GWZO offers support in identifying a qualified supervisor at the abovementioned faculties of the Leipzig University, help with registration for doctoral study, as well as with eventual use of services of the Research Academy Leipzig, especially its postgraduate centre for humanities and social sciences. Doctoral students sent by the Institute of Philosophy of the CAS will have the option of participating in events organised as part of training of doctoral students, especially in terms of presenting their dissertation projects.

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Outstanding dissertations completed withing the framework of this agreement may be published in one of the publication series of the GWZO.

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All partners to this agreement in general support mutual communication of participating young researchers. They will enable them to participate in scientific events, present their research projects, and support their involvement in other joint activities.

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Conclusion of this agreement does not lead to any financial obligations towards partners. Partners do, however, agree on their intention to use for realisation of this agreement certain pre-existing structures of financial support (e.g. Erasmus) or to apply for other non-institutional financial resources. Partners moreover hereby declare their intention to search for individual possibilities of financing and to share such information.

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This agreement comes into effect by signing by participating partners.

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