



**AGREEMENT ON THE JOINT SUPERVISION OF
DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS
(Cotutelle de thèse / Joint Degree)**

The University of Calicut, represented by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. M.K. Jayaraj

AND

The University of Erfurt, represented by its President, Professor Dr. Walter Bauer-Wabnegg,

agree

for the Indian side:

On the legal bases of the current Guidelines of University Grants Commission and the University regulations regarding PhD

for the German side:

On the legal bases of the Promotionsordnung of the Max-Weber-Kolleg from September, 6th, 2012

to the preparation of a doctoral dissertations/thesis, whose completion and defense takes place under the joint responsibility of both institutions in accordance with the following conditions.

Part one – administrative regulations

Art. 1 – The University of Calicut and the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt, hereafter referred to as “institutions” agree to organize the joint supervision of research leading to Ph.D.

A prerequisite for the implementation of the joint doctoral procedure is the formal acceptance of the doctoral candidate by both institutions in accordance with the applicable regulations and the availability of doctoral supervisors at both institutions.

Art. 2 – The minimum duration of the preparation of the thesis is 3 years. If necessary, the duration can be expanded according to the regulation in both institutions.

Art 3 – The preparation of the thesis takes place in alternating time spans at both institutions. The duration of a time span will be decided jointly by the supervisors and the doctoral candidate; the stay at the foreign institution should not go below one academic year (9 months). During the said period, they have to complete 30% of the total credit. In justified exceptional cases, the actual stay at the respective other institution can be replaced by a virtual presence of the doctoral candidate or her/his participation in the doctoral program there. The conditions for this are determined by mutual agreement between the doctoral supervisors.

Art 4 – The candidates registered will pay fees for the duration of the semester in the respective institution where she/he is working.

Art. 5 - For the entire period of preparation of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate is subject to the regulations of the social security system in accordance with the respective legal provisions of both countries. Sufficient insurance coverage (including health insurance) is the responsibility of the doctoral candidate. In addition, the doctoral candidate shall bear his own travel and accommodation expenses, unless otherwise agreed.

Part two - Provisions concerning the doctoral procedure

Art. 1 - The doctoral candidate shall prepare his or her dissertation under the joint supervision of doctoral supervisors at both institutions, who undertake to jointly and

comprehensively perform the function of supervisors of the doctoral researcher and to evaluate the doctoral researcher's dissertation with their own written report. The positive assessment of both supervisors is the necessary prerequisite for the acceptance of the dissertation.

Art. 2 - The defense of the thesis shall take place once at either of the institutions on the basis of the joint advice of the doctoral supervisors, in accordance with the regulations in force there.

Art. 3 - The Examination Committee is appointed by mutual agreement between the Vice Chancellor of the University of Calicut and the Director of the Max-Weber-Kolleg of the University of Erfurt and consists of academic representatives of the two institutions who are entitled to hold examinations in doctoral procedures. It consists of four members who belong to the academic fields of the dissertation, including the two supervisors. Both institutions should be equally represented.

Art. 4 - The institutions shall bear the travel expenses, if any, of their respective committee members, unless otherwise agreed. Members of the Examination Committee may take part at the thesis defense using telecommunication technology.

Art. 5 - The dissertations will be written and discussed in English; the theses will be written in English and presented orally in this language when defending the dissertation.

Art. 6 - Each of the two institutions undertakes to award the doctoral degree for the same dissertation after a positive assessment by the examination committee and the successful completion of the oral examination, as soon as the requirements of the doctoral regulations of the two institutions are met.

The University of Calicut awards the title PhD to the successful candidates.

The University of Erfurt awards the academic degree "Doctor of Philosophy" (Dr. phil.) by the Max-Weber-Kolleg.

The doctoral degree obtained through the joint procedure is shown in the doctoral certificates of the respective participating universities with reference to the cotutelle/joint degree procedure.

The doctoral candidate has thus acquired the exclusive right to bear ONE academic degree.

Art. 7 – Only for German part: The following marks will be given for the assessment of the written and oral examinations: For the dissertation: summa cum laude ("a quite outstanding performance", 0) - magna cum laude ("a particularly recommendable performance", 1) - cum laude ("a performance exceeding the average", 2) - rite ("a performance meeting the average requirements", 3) - insufficienter ("a performance suffering from considerable deficiencies, altogether no longer useful", 4). The overall grade of the doctorate is as follows: summa cum laude ("excellent", up to 0.5) - magna cum laude ("very good", over 0.5 to 1.5) - cum laude ("good", over 1.5 to 2.5) - rite ("sufficient", over 2.5 to 3.5). With the grade 4 the work is not accepted, the oral examination is not passed.

The evaluation procedure is based on the doctoral regulations.

The two institutions recognise the result of the jointly supervised doctoral procedure and the validity of the doctoral degree awarded.

Part three – final provisions

Art. 1 - The doctoral candidate must respect the rules and customs of the host institution.

Art. 2 - The institutions concluding the agreement commit themselves to mutually exchange, through the supervisors of the doctoral candidate, all information and documentation useful for the organisation of the joint supervision of the doctoral work and the completion of the doctoral procedure.

Art. 3 - The conditions for the submission, deposit and printing of the thesis will be carried out in each country in accordance with the applicable regulations. The protection of the subject of the dissertation as well as the publication, use and protection of the results obtained with the doctoral candidate's research at the institutions are subject to the applicable legal provisions and are secured in accordance with the specific procedures of each country participating in the joint supervision.

On request, the provisions on the protection of intellectual property rights may be the subject of protocols or specific documents. Should the doctorate candidate, supervisors or staff of any partner institution identify an issue, or a result, that would be subject to intellectual property protection other than that of open source release and standard academic publications, they have to notify the partner institution in writing in order to settle a specific agreement about this issue. The credit of the standard academic publication born out of research will be shared by both institutions

Art. 4 - This agreement comes into force on the date of signature by the legal representative of the two institutions and is valid for six years. However, in cases where and while the doctoral candidates transcend this period the validity will last until the end of the academic year in which the doctoral examination takes place. In the event that the doctoral candidate should not be enrolled at one and/or the other institution or should renounce in writing the continuation of the doctoral procedure or should not be entitled to continue the preparation of the doctoral thesis in joint supervision due to the decision of at least one of the doctoral supervisors, the institutions will jointly and immediately declare the provisions of this agreement null and void.

Art. 5 For every single doctoral candidate an additional agreement has to be signed according to the attached template (Annexure I).

Art. 6 - This agreement is drawn up in four identical originals having legal effect. Each University will be responsible for any fiscal charge related to the execution of

this agreement, according to the rules and regulations applicable in each University.

For the University of Calicut
THE VICE CHANCELLOR

Date: 04.06.2024



Vice-Chancellor

Für die Universität Erfurt
DER PRÄSIDENT

Date: 23/4/24



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