

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### for the Joint Research Laboratory 'URBES'

UNIVERSITY IUAV OF VENICE, VENICE, ITALY

AND

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING, TONGJI UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI, RPC

The University Iuav of Venice (IUAV) and the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, Tongji University (CAUP) will establish the Joint Research Laboratory 'URBES' (Urban & Rural Built Environment Sustainability) with the following aims.

Based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence, the two institutions will foster and organize:

- Parallel and joint research activities focusing on issues of Cities and contemporary urbanization challenges, applicable to cities and rural areas, including local development, redevelopment and conservation.
- Parallel and joint teaching activities, off-line and on-line, including design studios, workshops, seminars, lectures and other academic activities, especially those activities that are in support of urban challenges research, in the field of Architecture, Planning and Landscape.
- Parallel and joint activities also with third parties, such as Universities, Research Centers, NGOs, to fulfill joint research and educational goals.
- Exchanges of faculty and students involved in research and teaching in a variety of situations from short visits to semester or longer stays at each university.

Main topics of activities and research:

- Cities and strategies for urban planning: design strategies and instruments in urban, suburban, and rural areas in the 21st century.
- Cities, Society and urban development: analysis of urban qualities and economies and development in greater city regions
- Cities and health: analysis and development of urban quality, citizen behavior and wellbeing and planning and design strategies

- Cities and Tourism: interrelations between the heritage, tourism, and architectural, design and planning at different scales, in cities and rural areas.
- Cities and Contemporary Life: urban transformation and regeneration, spatial analysis and an empirical and phenomenological investigation of cities and territories.
- Cities and the Territory: processes of transformation of contemporary territories in broader territorial frames such as the city's hinterlands, "rural" country sides, and "nature".
- Cities and historic fabrics: integrating policies and practices for the physical, social, and environmental protection into the wider goals of urban development in respect of the inherited values and traditions of different cultures, including housing and housing patterns.
- Cities and Resilience: cities and territories and the challenges to become more resilient to physical, social, and economic shocks and stresses.

Parties on occurrence will enter into a separate agreement signed by each party's authorized signatory entity, describing the terms of the agreement including budgets and other matters for specific activities.

It is implicit that every activity undertaken under this agreement is approved by the appropriate officials at each institution and must fall within each institution's academic and fiscal constraints.

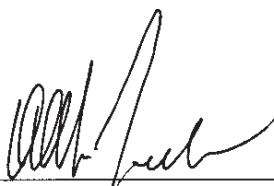
The Joint Research Center 'URBES' is located in Venice and in Shanghai where the two partners institutions are based, but it can operate activities to achieve the joint goals in Italy, China, and abroad.

The Joint Research Lab 'URBES' is headed by One Director from each Party, heading and representing the Lab, assisted by one Executive Director from each party, whose role is to promote, implement, and develop the activities of the Lab.

An Academic Council, consisting of Professors (6-8 on each side), whose field of research falls within the scope of the Joint Laboratory, plus the two Executive Directors will assist and cooperate for the development of the Lab strategy and activities. (see attachment)

This agreement shall be effective on and after the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of the two institutions and shall remain in force until either party wishes to terminate. In order to terminate, a one year written notice must be issued.

This agreement may be modified at any time after due consultation between the two institutions.

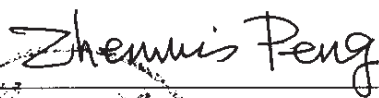


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Alberto Ferlenga, Rector

University IUAV of Venice

Date : 20/05/2017



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Zhenwei Peng, Chairman of College Council

College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Tongji University

Date : 20, May, 2017

**Attachment: Institutional Structure**

Director:

Alberto Ferlenga, University IUAV of Venice

Zhenwei Peng, Tongji University

Executive Director:

Margherita Turvani, University IUAV of Venice

Lan Wang, Tongji University

Academic Council:

University IUAV of Venice: Armando Dal Fabbro, Enrico Fontanari, Laura Fregolent, Mauro Marzo, Maria Chiara Tosi

Tongji University: Zhenyu Li, Xiangning Li, Jian Zhou, Yongjie Cai, Guiqing Yang, Feng Han Jianlong Zhang, Weiqiang Wang, Luoxi Hao