

## ***COLLABORATION AGREEMENT***

between

the "**Institut fuer Soziologie**"  
**Freie Universitaet Berlin**  
represented by **prof. Rolf Dieter Hepp**

and

**the Group of Experts and Researchers from universities, entitites and associations who participate at the International Conference in Berlin, 31. January-1.February, whose names appear on the last page of this document**

Agree that

- All the parties signing this agreement consider that the exchange of knowledge and information and the collaboration of scientific and cultural sectors promote civility and progress leading to reinforced understanding and peaceful cooperation between different peoples
- All the parties signing this agreement agree to share a common interest in ....(*precarity problems and social reorientation*).... and to promote a regular exchange of information and organise intitatives for scientific and cultural collaboration -research, lectures, promotion. The objective is to promote a better understanding of precarity phenomena and their influence on the society, to overcome national boundaries and diffuse a method for the study, research and analysis of precarity phenomena and reach an assessment of the social, ethical, cultural, political and institutional effects these have on community life in Europe and on an international scale
- All the parties signing this agreement see this as a work tool and manifest their interest and availability to promote collaboration agreements amongst themselves as well as with third parties and with European and international bodies operating along the same lines.
- All the parties signing this agreement intend to contribute their initiatives for the reinforcement of scientific, cultural and educational cooperation on a European and international scale and, by doing so, contribute to the process of European integration and the strengthening of the international role of the European Union

Taking these premises into account

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#### **Article 1 - Importance of the Premises**

The premises are an integral and essential reference point in the agreement for cultural and scientific collaboration

#### **Article 2 - Exchange of Infomation**

All the parties signing this agreement are committed to:

- a) exchange information on a regular basis regarding programmes on study projects, research, training and publications to be undertaken on national, European and international levels
- b) make the results from these projects available
- c) create an efficient system for the gathering and diffusion of data (internet) which will allow for comparative study

#### **Article 3 - Joint Programme**

All the parties signing this agreement are committed to:

- a) develop and promote a joint programme for cultural and scientific collaboration in order to intensify the cooperation established during the past conferences : Wien, december 2005, Berlin Juli 2006, Berlin January 2007
- b) verify the conditions to organise a European Research Group E.R.G. according to European Union guidelines. The Group is entitled as : S.U.P.I. PROJECT GROUP where S.U.P.I. is the acronimus that represents a specific line of analysis, studies, researches, information and education activities: Social Uncertainty Precarity Inequality and the word Project means the engagement of the scientific Group to contribute to reinforce the social inclusion in Europe and to promote a line of continuous, equal progress in the living conditions of our societies
- c) operate according to the guidelines outlined by the European Commission to create a unique European scientific community specialized in the study of precarity phenomena and their effects on society

The parties signing this agreement are committed to defining a joint programme which will involve:

- a) research, analysis and study projects
- b) target research projects to promote the active participation of European Union and international initiatives
- c) periodic study and updating meetings. Furthermore, all the parties signing this agreement will collaborate towards the success of the management of a specialized Website as an instrument to increase the studies, researches, education and information activities and to enlarge the cooperation of the European scientific community and the European civil society to the comprehension of this phenomena. The Web site, that is the reference of the activities of the Group, is ready and open to a general contributions at the following address: [www.supi-project.eu/new](http://www.supi-project.eu/new)
- d) shared initiatives for updating, educating and training to favour the exchange between students, teachers and researchers for a multidisciplinary approach of precarity phenomena
- e) organise a pan-European network offering consultancy services for public institutions and civil society bodies dealing with the problems of precarity problems and their effects on society in Europe

#### **Article 4 - Additional Protocol**

If any of the parties signing this agreement would like to extend the range of the agreements or their level of involvement, all the other signees will have to agree and sign the additional articles to be integrated into this current document

#### **Article 5 - Participation and Coordination**

In order to promote this joint programme, all the parties signing this agreement agree to operate in the spirit of constructive, sincere and honest collaboration to reinforce their presence and their service role at a national, European and international level.

To promote this objective, a Joint Work Group at the Institut fuer Soziologie at the Freie Universitaet Berlin will be created. The Joint Work Group will be regulated by agreement of all the signers of this present act. Participants at the International Conference, Berlin January 2007 will provide a contact person for every country represented at the workshop

#### **Article 6 - Third Parties**

The parties signing this agreement can extend the terms of this agreement to third parties, be they individual experts, researchers, or institutes in and outside of Europe

#### **Article 7 - Arbitration**

This agreement is to be interpreted and applied respecting international and national agreements - with reference to the Nation of each individual party - regarding scientific and cultural cooperation.

Any issues regarding the interpretation or of a contentious nature will be entrusted to a conciliatory work group constituted by the Coordinator of the Group, the prof. Rolf Dieter Hepp, of the Institut fuer Soziologie at the Freie Universitaet Berlin..

This agreement has a duration of three years and can be automatically renewed for another three years. Each party signing this agreement can withdraw at any moment by writing to the prof. Rolf Dieter Hepp, of the Institut fuer Soziologie at the Freie Universitaet Berlin..

(Signature - Date)