Memorandum of Understanding

University of Southern Denmark

and

University of Jordan
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DATED: 29th of January 2009

PARTIES:

(1) University of Southern Denmark (USD), Campusvej 55, DK- 5230 Odense M, Denmark

and

(2) University of Jordan (UJ), Amman, 11942, Jordan

PURPOSE:

The parties have decided to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (the "Memorandum") to work together in order to promote cooperation to the mutual benefit of both universities. Through this Memorandum, the universities agree to cooperate, collaborate and support each other in the areas of research, knowledge dissemination, the internationalization of higher education, networking, internships and events as outlined below.

AGREEMENT

1. OBJECTIVES AND AREAS OF COOPERATION

The parties agree that the objectives and related areas of cooperation covered by this Memorandum shall be as follows, subject to mutual agreement by the parties relating to details on a case-by-case basis:

- Enhancing university cooperation aiming at strengthening the dialogue between researchers in Jordan and in Denmark
- Enhancing knowledge of relevance for stimulating the research relations between universities in the Middle East and in Denmark and the EU
- Enhancing research focusing on the Middle East region by cooperating and collaborating in research;
- Facilitating information exchange among scholars, researchers, faculty and students by convening joint conferences, seminars, workshops and lectures as well as through the sharing of relevant data, databases and publications;
- Facilitating networking by jointly organizing exchanges of scholars and regional experts;
• Enhancing knowledge dissemination by publishing selected joint publications in both electronic and hard copy form;
• Enhancing technical capabilities by exchanging relevant information and transferring knowledge, including best practice information; and
• Enhancing on-the-job experience by helping to provide internships in Jordan for USD students in relevant subject areas

2. MODALITIES OF COOPERATION

In order to make this Memorandum constructive, the parties agree to:

• Share and exchange resources, networks, information, expertise and publications in all areas of cooperation outlined above;
• Assist each other with public relations and awareness-raising activities;
• Ensure appropriate recognition and acknowledgement of collaboration during the development and implementation of all joint project activities;
• Respect each other’s intellectual property rights and copyrights and acknowledge them as and where appropriate;
• Operate in an open and transparent manner in implementing the above activities;
• Formalize identified joint projects through specific agreements, signed by both parties, that address each project in detail, including: duration, personnel, substance, funding, financial reporting and other factors as mutually agreed by the parties.
• Define one person to act as liaison with the other party within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding:

1. Jordan University, Faculty of International Studies liaison: Prof. Abdullah Nagrash

2. University of Southern Denmark, Centre for Contemporary Middle East Studies liaison: Dr. Peter Seeberg; seeberg@hist.sdu.dk
3. **TERMINATION**

Either party shall be entitled to withdraw from this Memorandum on one month's written notice to the other party, delivered to the appropriate address as specified at the head of this Memorandum. For specific agreements particular modes of termination may be stipulated.

Either party shall be entitled to terminate this Memorandum with immediate effect by giving notice to the other party if the other party engages in corrupt or fraudulent practices.

4. **MODIFICATIONS**

This Memorandum may be modified only through mutual agreement in writing signed by both of the parties.

5. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

This Memorandum shall be governed by the laws of the country where the defendant party has its principal place of business, excluding its conflict of laws provisions.

Any dispute between the parties, which cannot be settled amicably, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the appropriate national court of the party that would be the prospective defendant in any legal proceedings on the issue. Such national court shall have also jurisdiction in the event of a counterclaim made by the defendant in the legal action.

6. **NATURE OF MEMORANDUM**

Except for paragraphs 3, 4, 5 and 6, this Memorandum is a statement of intent only and is not intended to create any legally binding obligations.

Agreed upon by:

Signed for and on behalf of:  
University of Southern Denmark  

Signature: ____________________________

Signed for and on behalf of:  
University of Jordan  

Signature: ____________________________
Name: Jens Oddershede
Position: rector
Signed in [location 1]: Odense
Date: 10/2/2009

Name: Hisham A. Al-Kafaki
Position: President
Signed in [location 2]: Amman
Date: 8/31/2009

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