



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between the
Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory
Department of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
and the
DETHRI Foundation
India

1. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into by and between the **Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory** of the Department of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (hereafter “APRL”), and the **DETHRI Foundation**, India (hereafter “the Foundation”), with the purpose of establishing a framework for **academic and publication collaboration**, particularly regarding:

- a) The **co-publication of an edited scholarly volume** based on the International Conferences. The first in this series being the *"Insights into Bioethics in an Indian Context."*
- b) Collaboration in conducting international conferences in the field of Philosophy and Bioethics. The first in this series being the *3-day international conference planned from 24th to 26th April 2026 at the premises of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India.*

2. Scope of Collaboration

The parties agree to collaborate on the following activities:

- Co-publication of an **edited academic volume** containing selected revised papers presented at the above-mentioned conference.
- Joint **editorial oversight and review** of submitted contributions.
- Assignment of **Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)** and **ISBN** to the final publication.
- Dual-format publication:
 - **Electronic edition** by the APRL (through the Lab's Press).
 - **Print edition** by the DETHRI Foundation for distribution in India and internationally.

- Promotion and dissemination of the volume through the networks of both parties.
- Jointly identify relevant topics which is of interest to both the parties for future international conferences (In-person, Online or Hybrid).
- Nominate speakers and plan the conference program in collaboration.
- Jointly agree and prepare the materials for creating awareness about the future conferences.

3. Responsibilities

APRL shall:

- Provide through its Press the publication infrastructure (platform, ISBN for the electronic publication, DOI assignment).
- Supervise the academic editing of the volume through its appointed editor, **Professor Ioannis Ladas**.
- Ensure open access availability of the digital publication.
- Guarantee academic and research integrity, including plagiarism checks.
- Provide relevant current research areas of interest and need, to decide on the topic of future International conferences
- Identify and nominate relevant scholars to present papers in these conferences.
- Invite other European Universities to collaborate for certain specialized areas with regards to the planned conferences.
- Provide inputs in creating materials for creating awareness for upcoming conferences.
- Post information about the upcoming conference in the University portal.

The DETHRI Foundation shall:

- Provide the required ISBN for the printed version.
- Coordinate communication with contributing authors.
- Ensure the submission of properly formatted and language-edited texts.
- Cover or facilitate the printing of the volume for physical dissemination.
- Promote the printed volume through its network and partner institutions.
- Conduct the conference in India when it is Hybrid or Off-line conference.
- Provide the required infrastructure for experts to participate online for Hybrid or full Online conferences
- Identify and engage with experts from India to participate and present paper in the conference.
- Collaborate with various Indian universities and research centers to partner for organizing and providing facilities to conduct the conference.
- Prepare and distribute the required marketing material for the conference.

4. Authorship and Copyright

- All authors will retain the copyright of their individual chapters.
- The volume will be published under a **Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License**, unless otherwise agreed.
- Both parties will be acknowledged equally in the publication as co-publishers.

5. Duration and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall come into effect on the date of its signature by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years, unless extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties. This MoU may be amended or modified at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MoU by giving the other Party at least ninety (90) days prior written notice. Termination shall not affect the validity or duration of ongoing activities and projects commenced under this MoU prior to the effective date of termination, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the Parties. This MoU is intended to record the understanding and intentions of the Parties and does not create any legally binding obligations under national or international law. The Parties affirm their intention to cooperate in good faith to achieve the objectives set out in this MoU. This document is digitally signed in one original in the English language, each Party retaining one copy.

Athens and Navi Mumbai, 14.09.2025

For the APRL



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