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### Contract of Study for the Masters Course "Global Studies – a European Perspective"

Between xxx

Resident at:

Hereafter referred to as - the student -

and

the consortium of the Global Studies course, represented by the Universität Leipzig and by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Eva Ines Obergfell, Ritterstraße 26, 04109 Leipzig.

Hereafter referred to as - the university -

Spokesperson of the consortium: Prof. Dr. Matthias Middell

The following is agreed:

### Preamble:

The consortium offers the "Global Studies - a European Perspective" as a transnational masters course in which the study of historic and contemporary globalisation processes makes-up a central focus. The concept of interdisciplinary Global Studies is connected to the contemporary transformation of various disciplines which place historical analysis and the connection of perspectives from the Global North and the Global South, along with their post-socialist transforming societies, at the centre of new approaches (for example from the study of new political geography, global civil society, global cities and to global and/or transnational history). These otherwise individual subjects of study are undergoing a series of changes which, supported by the concept of Global Studies, produces a new framework whilst also simultaneously contributing to an increasing dynamism. The MA program is therefore strongly orientated to research and addresses the most immediate contemporary questions of social analysis. The consortium of the Masters course Global Studies endeavours to provide the best conditions within which to complete the course of study

### Paragraph 1:

The prescribed period of study of the Masters course is 2 years. The study programme is offered in a modular structure. For a successful completion of the programme a minimum of 120 ECTS need to be earned. Each student is obliged to study at least in two of the participating universities of the Global Studies programme. There is furthermore the possibility to apply for an exchange term at one of the non-European partner universities of the programme.

The structure of the study programme is regulated in the at that time effective study and examination regulations (available at: https://globalstudies-masters.eu/about/study-examination-regulations/)

The start of the academic year as well as semester breaks, lecture-free days and examination periods are subject to the institution of study. These are available at the following website:

https://globalstudies-masters.eu/program/terms-holidays/

Information on introduction and welcome days will be directly communicated by the respective university.

The winter school will take place in November or December and the summer school in June or July during the first year of studies. The Graduation Ceremony takes normally place in November of the year of completion of the programme. Concrete information on the specific dates and places for the above mentioned events will be communicated at least 2 months in advance via e-mail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We are herewith providing you with a provisional translation of the EMGS study contract. However, please be aware only the German version of the contract is legally binding.

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Internships can only be conducted if there is no collision with mandatory courses unless it is regulated differently in the study and examination regulations of the specific study place.

The programme can be studied entirely in English. The possibility to attend courses instructed in further languages depends on the availability of the respective study place.

### Paragraph 2:

The student will be enrolled into the Masters course "Global Studies – a European Perspective" and is therefore obliged to meet all of the requirements of study (study place year 1: see contract and study place year 2: see contract) and examination regulations and accordingly achieve the foreseen academic performance.

The types of examination employed as well as its weighing for the calculation of the module grade and possible re-sit options are defined in the requirements of study and examination regulations of the respective university (check also: https://globalstudies-masters.eu/about/study-examination-regulations/).

The following marking scheme is used within the Consortium.

Ghent University	London School of Economics and Political Science	Leipzig University	Roskilde University	University of Vienna	University of Wroclaw
17 to 20 excellent 15 - 16 very good 13 - 14 good 11 - 12 satisfactory 10 sufficient <10 fail	70% + distinction   60 - 69% merit   50 - 59% pass   (x+1) - 49% fail o - x% -	1.0 – 1.5: very good 1.6 – 2.5: good 2.6 – 3.5: satisfactory 3.6 – 4.0: sufficient 4.1 – 5.0: fail	12 excellent 10 very good 7 good 4 satisfactory 02 sufficient 00 fail	1 very good 2 good 3 satisfactory 4 sufficient 5 fail	from 4.75 excellent (5.0) from 4.25 to 4.74 very good (4.5) from 3.75 to 4.24 good (4.0) from 3.26 to 3.74 satisfactory (3.5) up to 3.25 sufficient (3.0)

The final grade of the study program is derived from the average marks of the modules including the final mark of the Master Thesis weighted according to ECTS. The final grade will be given following the German marking system.

Transition from the first to the second year university will only be possible after the student has successfully completed all units/assignments required at the first year university.

According to the requirements of study the student is required to partake in the winter school (year) as well as the summer school (year).

The student will be awarded a Master of Arts in Global Studies after successful completion of the programme. Students, who studied at the universities of Leipzig, Wroclaw and Vienna will be awarded a joint degree. Whereas students whose mobility track contained Ghent University, London School of Economics and/or Roskilde University will be awarded, according to the current regulations, a double degree issued by the European universities at which the student studied.

For each student a Master certificate and a transcript of records as well as a diploma supplement will be issued.

#### Paragraph 3:

The consortium is hereby bound to provide the following for the students:

- Courses of study according to the study regulations, including tutorials and course offer during the (year) winter school and the (year) summer school
- Guidance by a local Coordinator at the respective university of study (for example support with the application for a visa/residence permit, guidance in search for an accommodation, support with all administrative procedures related to the studies, information on courses and support with access to university-specific online platforms) additional support is provided by the International Center of the respective university

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- Provision of language courses in order to learn/improve knowledge of the local language used at the respective study place (this offer is not available at the London School of Economics since knowledge of English is mandatory for enrolment into the programme). These courses aim mainly to allow students to acquire basic knowledge of the local language in order to facilitate everyday life in the respective country.
- Charge-free single issuing of graduation documents
- Charge-free participation in the Graduation Ceremony

Costs for public transport must be covered by the student.

Travel costs for the winter school and summer school must be covered by the student also travel and accommodation costs for the participation in the graduation ceremony need to be covered by the student.

The student can be held liable for costs caused by gross negligence or culpably behavior during these events as well as any other event organized in the framework of the study programme.

If the student does not successfully complete the studies within two years, the fees applicable at the respective university attended will be due for each additional semester. In addition, the EMGS Consortium may charge the full tuition fees for each additional semester commenced.

The final degree certificates of the Global Studies Masters Course will only be awarded to the student after the successful completion of all assignments required for both study years and after the complete payment for the course has been received.

### Paragraph 4:

Tuition fees amount to see contract Euros per academic year. Due to the excellent academic potential proven in the application the student will receive a fee waiver from the committee of the consortium to the amount of see contract Euros per year of study for a maximum duration of two years. Therefore the payable annual tuition fees amount to see contract Euros.

The tuition fees can be paid in instalments. The first payment of see contract Euros (including administration costs of application if applicable) is due by 31st October (year) and thereafter of see contract Euros by 1<sup>st</sup> April (year), 1<sup>st</sup> October (year) and 1<sup>st</sup> April (year). Payments are to be made to the consortium via its representative body of the Universität Leipzig.

Should the student be guilty of not fulfilling the requirements of study and examination regulations the consortium reserves the right to withdraw the fee waiver for the following years study. Failure on the student's part to pay the tuition fees by the above mentioned deadlines may result in the removal from the register of students. The student may raise within 3 months an appeal against this decision. Precondition for such an appeal is that the student has transferred the tuition fees.

Payment of the tuition and application processing should be made via bank transfer to the Universität Leipzig

### Paragraph 5:

The student will be informed prior to the start of their studies at a respective university by the respective local coordinator about all necessary important administrative and organizational preparations.

#### Paragraph 6:

If a research internship forms a mandatory part of the course requirements at a specific university the regulations for the research internships including reporting requirements are defined in the study regulations.

Information on the programme is provided on the following Website: https://globalstudies-masters.eu/. Information on further online resources will be provided by the respective local coordinator.

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Two copies of this contract of study must be signed of which one copy is to be kept by the student for their reference. The remaining copy will remain with the consortium. Resolution of disputes arising from this contract will be dealt with in Leipzig.

Duration of contract

The contract becomes effective on the date that both parties sign the agreement; it remains in effect until the completion of the course by the student.

Leipzig, \_\_\_\_

Spokesperson of the consortium

Student

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The student would like the Consortium to inform the following person in case of an emergency (voluntary statement):

- Name:
- E-Mail:
- phone (fixed including country code):
- phone (mobile including country code):
- Address: