Bilateral Agreement

between the

Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca

and the

Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Napoli, Italy

The Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca, and the Scuola Superiore Meridionale in Italy, considering the development of cultural and scientific cooperation to be of mutual advantage to both institutions and desiring to reinforce such cooperation, agree on the following points:

Objective and scope

Art. 1: Scientific and educational cooperation shall be undertaken in the field(s) of
1) Modeling and Engineering Risk and Complexity

Such cooperation shall be carried out on the basis of equal and mutual advantage, reserving the opportunity to define, through mutual consent, further fields of activity. Furthermore, this consent will take into consideration the budget available at that moment in time and the experience acquired by the interested scholars from both institutions.

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Art. 2: Object of the exchange: In order to achieve the objectives set out in the first article, scientific and educational cooperation may be implemented in the following ways:

a) exchange of visits by scholars;
b) participation in research programs;
c) organization of scientific meetings, seminars and courses on subject(s) laid down in the agreement;
d) exchange of scientific information and scientific papers;
e) exchange of visits by students.

Art. 3: To implement the aforementioned points, it is possible to promote a reciprocal exchange of scientific staff between both institutions, in accordance with the available budget.

Art. 4: Timing and initial understanding of the exchange: Planned activities can start once the agreement is signed by both contracting parties, and thus enters into force.

Art. 5: Status of those involved in the exchange: Scholars and students sent by one institution to the other are required to possess medical, civil liability and accident insurance. This may be provided either by their home institution, according to its own regulations, or it may be directly set up by the interested person, through the stipulation of a policy with an insurance agency guaranteeing against the above mentioned risks.

Art. 6: Obligations towards visiting scholars and students: Each contracting party shall ensure, in compliance with its respective laws and regulations, any kind of assistance and facilitations for scholars temporarily residing on its territory, allowing them to perform the assigned tasks under the provisions of this agreement.

Visiting scholars will be required to comply with the regulations regarding occupational health and workplace safety in place at the institution they will be staying at. Any research activity shall comply with the existing rules and bylaws regarding the development and transfer of (even potentially) dual-use technology.

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Art. 7:. Duration of the agreement: This executive protocol shall remain in force for three years and, subject to approval by both parties, be renewable.

Art. 8: Controversies: An arbitrators council, made up of a member chosen by each contracting party and a jointly chosen one, shall resolve any eventual controversy concerning the interpretation and application of this agreement.

Art. 9: Responsible people: For the Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca the coordinator responsible for the agreement is the Director del Centro de Posgrado e Investigación (CEPI). For the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, the coordinator responsible for the agreement is the Coordinator of the Modeling and Engineering Risk and Complexity (MERC) area.

Art. 10:Modifications: In order to enhance the efficacy of their cooperative activities, the Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca and the SSM agree that it shall be possible to introduce changes and additions to this Agreement by means of mutually agreed upon additional written clauses.

Rules of the exchange of scholars and students

Art. 11: Duration of the exchange: Doctoral students may be exchanged for periods up to one academic year.

Art. 12: Numbers of students and scholars involved in the exchange: Up to 5 exchange Ph.D. students will be admitted to each institution per year.

Art. 13: Selection of students: Initial selection of Ph.D. students will take place at the home institutions. Ph.D. students must be enrolled at the home institutions at the time of application and throughout the exchange.

Art. 14: Admission of students:: The host institution reserves the right to deny admission to any Ph.D. student who does not meet its admission criteria.

Art. 15: Exchange students: Exchange Ph.D. students can be enrolled in a full-time course load at the host institution for the duration of the exchange.

Art. 16: Declaration of not being a double degree: Ph.D. Students who participate in the exchange program will not receive the degree from the host institution.

Art. 17: Record of academic activities: At the end of the Ph.D. student exchange program, each host institution will send the home institution an official record of coursework completed at the host institution.

Art. 18: Coursework: Coursework is assessed by the institution that offers the course, and each institution will award credit to its exchange PhD students in accordance with its own academic policies and regulations.

Art. 19: Housing: Exchange Ph.D. students interested in living in university housing will be provided assistance and information as far as possible in regard to accommodations. Exchange Ph.D. students, however, will be responsible for their own housing costs.

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Art. 20: Funding: Tuition, fees and stipend funding arrangements are between the student and the home institution only. The host institution will waive the cost for the courses taken by the exchange students.

Art. 21: Validity of the rules: This rules shall be effective for the same period as the Agreement of Cooperation and may be amended in writing upon mutual agreement of the three parties.

Drawn up in Italy in two original copies in English language, both possessing the same legal validity:

Date: 05/05/2025

Signature: Omissis

Date:

Signature:

Prof. Walter Arizaga Cervantes

Rector

Universidad Mayor, Real y Pontificia de San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca

Prof. Arturo De Vivo,

Responsabile della Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Italy

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