MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding is made on 14 February 2019

Between
The University of Buckingham, UK
And
The Università degli Studi di Cassino, Italy

PREAMBLE
Recognising the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperation promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, the University of Buckingham, through the School of Education, Practitioner Doctorate Programme, and the Università degli Studi di Cassino will enter into this academic cooperation agreement. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to record formally this mutual interest of the University of Buckingham and the Università degli Studi di Cassino in exploring, for a period of five [5] years following signature of this MoU, collaborative research, training and capacity building to address research opportunities in the UK and Italy, for the mutual benefits of both parties and in investigating funding sources to realise these opportunities.

OBJECTIVES
This cooperation (MoU) may include the following activities.
 a) Organising, promoting, staffing and coordinating short-term staff and student exchanges and other academic activities, provided that all participants are appropriately qualified and there are adequate financial resources.
 b) Facilitating and coordinating joint research cooperation and curriculum development.
 c) Organising seminars, academic interactive sessions, and other professional development activities.
 d) Coordinating special short-term academic programmes, including short-term seminars to introduce staff and students of the institutions to general cultural activities and other areas of specialised learning.
 e) Enhancing the capacity of the two Universities to carry out relevant research and to secure the required external funding for same.
IMPLEMENTATION
Each University shall designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programmes. The terms of such mutual assistance and the necessary budget for each specific programme and activity that is to be implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be discussed and agreed, and written into a legally binding agreement prior to the initiation of the programme or activity and any such agreement shall be reviewed at agreed intervals.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, RESULTS AND PUBLICATIONS
Each party shall continue to remain the sole owner of all materials it contributes in any joint project. The parties will work together to negotiate appropriate licensing terms.

DURATION AND TERMINATION
1) This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both parties and shall be valid for five [5] years.
2) Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both parties.
3) This MoU may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the party who wishes to terminate gives written notice of its intention at least three months prior to termination.
4) Nothing in the above MoU shall be construed as legally binding.

CONFIDENTIALITY
During the term of this MoU each party shall treat as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection herewith without the prior written consent of the other party provided, however the party may disclose such information as required by law or to its professional advisers. This provision shall survive termination or expiration of this MoU.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS
The parties acknowledge the merits of positive publicity but they recognise that neither party should make any press announcements or public statement about the proposals in this MoU which have not been agreed in advance by the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorised by their respective organisations, sign this MoU on the date as above written.

Barnaby Lenon
Dean of Education
The University of Buckingham

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The Università degli Studi di Cassino