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**INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

**UNIVERSIDADE DO VALE DO ITAJAI**

**AND**

**ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW PACE UNIVERSITY**

CONSIDERING the mutual interest in strengthening technical and cultural relations between the United States of America and Brazil;

CONSIDERING the commitment to academic, scientific, and technological advancement;

CONSIDERING the need to qualify human resources to enhance the quality of higher education;

CONSIDERING the desire to strengthen institutional research and development programs between the two institutions;

**UNIVERSIDADE DO VALE DO ITAJAI**, hereinafter referred to as "UNIVALI", a legal entity of higher education, maintained by Fundação Universidade do Vale do Itajaí, headquartered at Rua Uruguai, n. 458, Centro, Itajaí-SC, Brazil, represented herein by Valdir Cechinel Filho, Rector of UNIVALI, and **ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY**, hereinafter referred to as "PACE LAW", a private institution focusing on legal education, located at 78 North Broadway White Plains, New York, USA, represented herein by Horace Anderson, Rector of Pace Law, **AGREE:**

## **ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE**

This Memorandum aims to establish a strategic partnership between the Universities to promote academic and scientific cooperation, aiming at mutual development and strengthening of institutional capacities, including opportunities for students to obtain degrees from both Universities.

## **ARTICLE 2: AREAS OF COOPERATION**

2.1 The parties agree to coordinate efforts to implement joint projects in academic, scientific, technological, social, and cultural fields, promoting regional integration and, simultaneously, the development and academic excellence of both Institutions, in accordance with the legislation in force in each country and international laws and rights.

2.2 Cooperation includes the transfer of knowledge and experiences and/or any activity of common interest related to learning, extension, research, educational management, and qualification of human resources, including the exchange of members and students from the universities, encompassing, but not limited to:

- a) Academic Exchange:** Promotion of student and faculty exchanges between the institutions, as detailed in Appendix 1.
- b) Master's Degree:** Establishment of a dual degree program in Master of Juridical Science, as detailed in Appendix 2.
- c) Doctorate:** Partial scholarships for doctoral programs in Environmental Law, as detailed in Appendix 3.
- d) Visiting Scholars:** Partial scholarships for Visiting Scholars as detailed in Appendix 4.
- e) Scholarships:** Granting of partial scholarships amounting to 50% (fifty percent) for UNIVALI students undertaking part of their studies at "PACE LAW".

## **ARTICLE 3: IMPLEMENTATION**

3.1 The Appendices detail the areas of collaboration chosen by the parties, which include Academic Exchange, Dual Degree Master's Program, and Granting of Doctorate Positions, as described in Appendices 1, 2, and 3, respectively.

3.2 Changes or amendments to this document and/or its appendices shall be agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties.

3.3 The Parties have the right to amend their curricula and enrollment procedures in order to maintain their academic integrity and comply with their assessment standards. Any such changes, if any, shall be promptly communicated to the other Party in writing.

3.4 At the request of either Party, meetings may be held to address any issues, monitor the progress of the Program, and develop any improvements.

#### **ARTICLE 4: RESOURCES AND THEIR MANAGEMENT**

4.1 Ownership of the results achieved through work under this Agreement, as well as any patents resulting from tasks performed under this Agreement, shall be established in the respective additional protocols.

4.2 This Agreement shall in no way be construed as recognition of an employment relationship between the Universities, faculty, and students, nor shall it constitute any form of venture outside their countries of origin.

4.3 There shall be no financial transfers between the institutions under any circumstances.

4.4 This Agreement is intended to benefit both Universities and is not intended to confer rights upon third parties.

#### **ARTICLE 5: PRIVACY**

5.1 Each University's representative shall provide the other University with necessary confidential information for the execution of this Agreement and admission of students to the Dual Degree Program.

5.2 All information used within the Universities may only be shared with administration as necessary to fulfill the terms of this Agreement.



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5.3 Notwithstanding the above provisions, each University may disclose information belonging to the other party if it can be demonstrated that the information:

- a. was publicly available;
- b. was formally received; and/or
- c. was already available to the other party for disclosure.

#### **ARTICLE 6: DURATION**

6.1 This Agreement shall have a duration of five years from the date of its signing and shall automatically renew upon expiration for equal periods, unless expressly terminated by either party unilaterally at any time, upon giving a notice period of not less than three months.

6.2 Termination shall not entitle the signatory parties to claim damages of any nature.

6.3 In case of ongoing projects through the application of an Additional Protocol, the date of completion of the agreement shall be considered as stipulated in the document concerning the execution of the projects.

#### **ARTICLE 7: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

7.1 Any dispute relating to the interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved amicably between the parties. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, United States, in the event of any conflict related to Pace Law, and shall be governed and construed in accordance with Brazilian law in the event of any conflict related to UNIVALI.

7.2 This Agreement is executed in two (2) original copies in the English language and in two (2) original copies of equal tenor in the Portuguese language, all having the same legal force and authenticity.

7.3 The competent forum elected to settle disputes arising from this Agreement shall be that of the party initiating the claim.



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**ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW PACE UNIVERSITY and  
UNIVERSIDADE DO VALE DO ITAJAÍ** authorize their representatives to execute  
this Agreement on the dates indicated below:

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**Rector of Universidade do Vale do  
Itajaí**

Date:

Horace Anderson

**Dean of Elisabeth Haub School of Law  
Pace University**

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DOC: **APPENDIX 1 – ACADEMIC EXCHANGE**

The academic exchange among undergraduate students will proceed according to the following terms:

### **1.1 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**

Each year, the universities may exchange up to **2 (two)** undergraduate students for a period of one (1) or two (2) semesters of study at the host university. The number of students in the exchange does not need to be precisely balanced each year but should be equitable over the agreement period.

### **1.2 SELECTION OF STUDENTS**



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Both universities must select exchange students according to criteria and procedures established by the home institution. The host university reserves the right to make the final decision regarding admission of the student to academic programs at the host university.

### **1.3 ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

Exchange students may enroll at the host institution in courses and programs for which they are qualified and as long as there are available spots.

- a) The host university will provide information about courses and programs, as well as the results achieved, making them available to exchange students at the end of the semester or academic year. Each institution shall provide a record of courses and grades received by each exchange student.
- b) The host university will ensure appropriate arrival and orientation services for exchange students, and will continue to provide academic services to exchange students through their academic staff.

### **1.4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

At the end of the exchange period, the host university will be responsible for sending official academic transcripts to exchange students. Credits earned by the student at the host university will be granted as credits from the home university, in accordance with its policies. The acceptance of credits for courses taken will be at the discretion of the home university.

### **1.5 STUDENT STATUS**

Participating students will remain candidates for graduation at their home institution and will not be candidates for graduation at the host institution.

- a) Exchange students will be enrolled as exchange students at the host university and will have the same privileges and access to facilities as other international students. They will be subject to the rules and regulations of the host university.
- b) All exchange students must comply with the laws of the host country.

### **1.6 FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION**

Each student must pay all fees required by their home institution and will be exempt from tuition and academic fees at the host institution. Other fees such as fees for activities or instructional materials, or fees for computer use, may be required of exchange students by the host institution.

### **1.7 ACCOMMODATION**

It is responsibility of the students to find accommodations, with the cost to be borne by the student.



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### **1.8 VISA ARRANGEMENTS**

The exchange student is responsible for obtaining the visa and other related documents required for studying at the host institution. The host institution will provide exchange students with all necessary academic documentation for obtaining a student visa for the exchange period.

### **1.9 MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE**

All full time undergraduate and graduate domestic and international students must have health insurance. Brazilian Students at Pace are automatically enrolled in the school accident/sickness plan when they register. Brazilian Students may waive the school's insurance if they can provide proof of comparable coverage.  
<https://www.pace.edu/health-insurance>

### **1.10 STUDENT EXPENSES**

Exchange students must have sufficient personal funds to cover any and all expenses not covered by the home and/or host institution as part of this Specific Agreement. Exchange students are responsible for arranging and covering expenses related to domestic and international travel arrangements, meals, study materials, local transportation, personal expenses, passport, visa application, and all other general expenses.

### **1.11 MANAGEMENT AND CONTACT**

Both institutions agree to maintain regular contact through their respective International Affairs offices to report on the progress of exchange students and provide other specific information as requested.

## **APPENDIX 2 DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM FOR MASTER OF LEGAL SCIENCE**

Students enrolled in the Master of Legal Science programs at UNIVALI may also obtain a Master of Laws in Comparative Legal Studies degree issued by Pace Law, provided that the requirements detailed in this Appendix are met.

### **2.1 PROGRAM OF STUDY**

- a) The Master of Legal Science program at UNIVALI requires 24 academic credits and 6 credits for dissertation for its completion and issuance of the diploma. The Master of Laws program at Pace Law requires 24 academic credits, along with the production of a relevant legal paper of approximately 25 pages for its completion and issuance of the diploma. Pace Law agrees to validate 12 academic credits from UNIVALI, as detailed in item 2.3 of this Appendix.





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- b) The program of study shall be mutually agreed upon by the Universities. Of the 24 credits that UNIVALI students need to complete, 12 will be taken at Pace Law and validated at UNIVALI. Refer to details about the courses in Appendix 2.
- c) Double Degree students who fulfill all Pace Law requirements will receive the Master of Laws in Comparative Legal Studies diploma issued by Pace Law. This diploma does not grant students eligibility to sit for the New York Bar Exam.
- d) The Universities will facilitate the issuance of diplomas for students enrolled in the Double Degree Program. Each University will issue an individual academic diploma bearing its own name, seal, and signature.
- e) A participant student from UNIVALI must stay at Pace Law during the Fall Semester (August - December), or as agreed upon by the parties. Upon the satisfactory registration at the Master Course, a student from UNIVALI may apply for the Double Degree Program and, upon selection, complete the activities and requirements requested by UNIVALI.
- f) Pace Law and UNIVALI agree to provide informational literature and materials related to the academic programs of both Universities to Double Degree students, and commit to promoting and supporting this program to graduate law students.
- g) Support and promotion by Pace Law and UNIVALI shall encompass, but not be limited to, distribution of materials related to academic programs, online seminars, and Skype meetings between administrators and counseling of students interested in the Double Degree Program.
- h) The goal of the Double Degree Program is to provide students with the knowledge and analytical skills to successfully engage in the practice of law with scholarly insight and practical expertise.

## **2.2 TERMS**

- a) UNIVALI agrees to the participation of a minimum of 10 students in the specified Double Degree Program.
- b) Each student from UNIVALI will submit to Pace Law an official transcript translated to English showing they have completed and received a passing grade in the UNIVALI courses listed under Appendix 1 as well as showing completion of a substantive paper of approximately 25 pages in length, before receiving the Masters of Law in Comparative Legal Studies degree from Pace Law.
- c) Students shall adhere to the specific application procedures and requirements, applying separately to both Universities. Admission to the program is at the sole discretion of each University.
- d) During the period of stay at the other University, students shall also retain their student status at the origin University.



- e) While attending Pace Law, UNIVALI Double Degree Program students must have the same status as Pace Law students, subject to the same rules, regulations, rights, and privileges as Pace Law students.
- f) All campus facilities will be available to the Double Degree Program students at both Universities, with the same conditions and privileges awarded to the non-Double Degree Program students. This privilege does not extend to spouses and/or dependents.
- g) Universities are responsible for informing Double Degree Program students about the courses available at both Universities and the subjects that may be taken to fulfill the Double Degree Program requirements, as per item 2.3 of this Appendix.
- h) Under this Agreement, the Universities are not obligated to make any payments to the other University.
- i) This Agreement should not be interpreted in any way as recognizing an employment relationship between the Universities, professors, and students, nor should it characterize any kind of venture outside their home countries.
- j) This Agreement is intended to benefit both Universities and is not intended to expand rights to third parties.
- k) If this Agreement is terminated, students who have already been admitted to the Double Degree Program should have the opportunity to complete their studies.

### **2.3 EQUIVALENCE OF CREDITS FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED AT UNIVALI IN DOUBLE DEGREE WITH PACE LAW**

Students must complete 24 academic credits within 24 months, in accordance with the University's internal regulations. The student shall take 12 academic credits at UNIVALI and 12 academic credits at Pace Law, in addition to producing a relevant legal paper of approximately 25 pages.

- a) The courses listed in Table 1 must be taken at UNIVALI:

<b>TABLE 01 – COURSES TO BE TAKEN AT UNIVALI</b>	
<b>Courses</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Political Theory</b> Political Philosophy, Political Theory and Political Science: conceptualization; connections; differentiation. Classical Political Theory: panoramic perception. Contemporary Political Theory:	03 credits

panoramic perception. State and Power. Authoritarianism and Dictatorship. Ideologies. Democracy. Socialism.	
<b>Transnational Governance and Sustainability</b> Sustainability as a new paradigm of Law. Economic dimension of sustainability. Economics and environmental standards. Principle of participation and political ecology. Participative judicial hearing. Knowledge and risk society. Legal nature and planetary dimension of Environmental Law. Law and Transnationality. Transnational environmental governance; Solidarity through law and jurisdiction. Jurisdiction for sustainability.	03 credits
<b>Fundamentals of Legal Perception</b> Morality, Law and Legal Perception. Theory of the legal system. Three-Dimensional Theory of Law; Rule of law; Legal hermeneutics: Crisis of the epistemological understanding of the legal sources of law (morality; statutes, precedents; contracts).	03 credits
<b>Juridical Theory and Transnationality</b> Transnationality. Legal theory of development. Transnational Governance. Sustainability and cooperation in the risk society. Transnationality and the environment. Freedom and Sustainability: the new paradigm of Law.	03 credits
Dissertation/ Substantive Paper (25 pages in length)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 credits</b>

b) The subjects listed in Table 2 must be taken at PACE LAW:

<b>TABLE 02 – COURSES TO BE TAKEN AT PACE LAW</b>	
<b>COURSES</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Introduction to the American Legal System (Mandatory)</b> This course introduces foreign-trained law students to the history, substance and practice of law in the United States.	02
<b>Introduction to US Legal Research and Writing (Mandatory)</b> This course introduces foreign-trained law students to the process, skills and resources of conducting legal research in the United States. It also teaches students to conduct American-style legal analysis and to write legal memoranda.	02
8 additional credits of elective course work to be determined depending on semester <a href="https://www.pace.edu/law/course-list-z">https://www.pace.edu/law/course-list-z</a>	08
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 credits</b>

## 2.4 ESTIMATED COST PER SEMESTER FOR UNIVALI STUDENTS



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A 50% tuition waiver scholarship will be applied to the tuition charged by the LL.M. Program for the respective year (annual tuition costs are available at <https://law.pace.edu/admissions-aid/tuition-and-fees>).

All expenses related to travel, health insurance, accommodation, meals, books, materials, and other incidental expenses will be the sole responsibility of the participating student. Neither institution will be responsible for such expenses.

Estimated Fees	Amounts (Dollars)	Observations
Expenses Course fees	USD \$22,500 50% waiver Estimated gross cost: USD \$ 11,250	Umivali students will be granted a 50% over the current tuition
Student Activity Fee	\$90	Estimate
Health insurance	\$2,361*	Required - unless waived the cost may be prorated for the equivalent of 1 semester
Institutional Fee	\$658	Estimate
University Health Service Fee:	\$150	Estimate
Technology services fee	\$210	Estimate
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12, 358</b>	<b>Excluding accommodation costs</b>

#### Estimated Indirect Costs

##### Resident (living on campus)

- Loan Fees: \$216
- Books & Supplies: \$4,000
- Room & Board\*\*: \$20,092
- Transportation: \$1,070
- Personal Expenses: \$1,596
- Total: \$26,974

\*\*Figures will vary based on residence hall room and meal plan selection.

Note: Pace University reserves the right to change tuition, fees, and room and board rates.



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## **APPENDIX 3 – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DOCTORATE IN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AT PACE LAW**

### **3.1 SCHOLARSHIP**

UNIVALI doctorate students duly selected by the destination institution will benefit from a 50% (fifty percent) scholarship on the tuition fees to pursue the Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) in Environmental Law offered by PACE LAW.

Student fees, meals, books, course materials, living expenses, international round trip, and other expenses will be the responsibility of the individual student. All expenses related to travel, health insurance, accommodation, meals, books, materials, and other incidental expenses will be the sole responsibility of the participating student. Neither institution will be responsible for such expenses.

Students are responsible for the payment of any fines or other liabilities which they may incur towards Pace University during the period of their registration with Pace University (e.g., library, parking, fines).

### **3.2 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- a) To apply for the Doctorate program in Environmental Law at PACE LAW, the student must have completed a Master of Laws (LLM) in Environmental Law at a U.S. educational institution.
- b) To be admitted to the program, the candidate must submit a Research Proposal, demonstrating the project's feasibility and allowing the Admissions Committee to assess the student's capability to complete the doctoral program.
- c) Further selection and admission requirements can be found at <https://law.pace.edu/graduate/sjd-environmental-law>

### **3.3. VISA ARRANGEMENTS**

The student is responsible for obtaining the visa and other related documents required for studying at the host institution. The host institution will provide students with all necessary academic documentation for obtaining a student visa.

### **3.4 MEDICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE**

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## **APPENDIX 4 – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

### **4.1 Eligibility Criteria**

UNIVALI students must meet the eligibility requirements for the Haub Law Visiting Scholars Program, which include:

- a) Holding a position or distinction as a law professor, researcher, legislator, judge, or civil servant, or being a postgraduate student with a strong research interest.
- b) Demonstrating proficiency in English via:
  - TOEFL iBT score of at least 80 or IELTS score of at least 6.5 (within the past two years);
  - Certification of English proficiency from their home academic institution; or
  - An interview (in person, telephone, or videoconference) with a Haub Law faculty member or administrator.

### **4.2. Application Process**

Prospective visiting scholars must complete the Haub Law **On-Line Application** and submit the following documents to the Office of International Affairs and Graduate Programs via email at [llm@law.pace.edu](mailto:llm@law.pace.edu):

- Current résumé or curriculum vitae.
- One letter of recommendation from the candidate's Dean or employer.
- Copy of their passport (identification and signature pages).
- Research proposal (approximately one page).
- Proof of English language proficiency as outlined above.

Candidates must apply at least six (6) months before their intended start date. Those already in contact with a Haub Law faculty member should indicate the faculty member's name on the application form.

### **4.3. Visits Period**

Visits may range from a few weeks to one year, based on the scholar's research requirements and agreement with Haub Law.

### **4.4. Activities to Be Performed**

Visiting scholars will conduct specialized legal research under the supervision of a Haub Law faculty member. The faculty member will provide feedback and support throughout the visit.

Scholars will participate in the academic community at Haub Law and may be invited to attend relevant events or seminars.





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#### **4.5. Fees and Waiver**

The standard fee for visiting scholars is USD 2,500 per semester. This fee is nonrefundable and payable in advance. For UNIVALI students, a **50% waiver** will be applied, reducing the fee to USD 1,250 per semester.