

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

Between

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (ESS)

University of Essex
Colchester, United Kingdom

And

Department of Political Science

National Chengchi University
Taipei, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

1. Purpose

This Agreement establishes a collaborative partnership between the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (ESS) and the Department of Political Science of National Chengchi University (hereafter “the NCCU Department of Political Science”) with the objective of promoting advanced training in social science research methods and strengthening academic exchange between the two institutions.

2. Scope of Collaboration

The collaboration will focus on:

- a) Facilitating participation of students and academics (“participants”) from the NCCU Department of Political Science in the Essex Summer School courses.
- b) Providing reduced tuition fees for those participants, as detailed below.
- c) Encouraging mutual promotion of academic activities and information exchange related to research methods and social science education.

3. Responsibilities of the Essex Summer School

The ESS agrees to:

- a) Offer **reduced tuition fees** to students nominated by the NCCU Department of Political Science, equivalent to the bulk enrolment discount on standard fees, for in-person, hybrid, and online courses.
- b) Provide **timely information** on available courses, registration procedures, fees, and relevant deadlines.
- c) Assist nominated students in the application and enrolment process.
- d) Maintain communication with a designated contact person (“liaison officer”) within the NCCU Department of Political Science.

4. Responsibilities of the NCCU Department of Political Science

The NCCU Department of Political Science agrees to:

- a) **Promote the Essex Summer School** among its students and faculty through departmental communications and events.
- b) **Encourage and facilitate the participation of two (2) or three (3)** students and/or academics per year in ESS courses.
- c) Designate a liaison officer to coordinate communication and participant nominations (students or academics).
- d) Nominate eligible students to the ESS and provide confirmation of their departmental affiliation.
- e) The NCCU Department of Political Science liaison officer will contact the ESS staff by no later than May 1st each year to indicate which participants qualify for the above discount rate in order to ensure they are properly classified. Note that the precise courses in which participants enrol may be subject to successful evaluation for prerequisite experience.

5. Financial Arrangements

- a) The reduced tuition fee will apply only to participants (students or academics) formally nominated by the NCCU Department of Political Science and accepted by the ESS.
- b) Participants in in-person courses will be responsible for obtaining their visa and other permits to travel to the United Kingdom, their own travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon.
- c) No transfer of funds between institutions is implied or required under this Agreement.

6. Other clauses

- a) The parties are authorized to make this partnership public and mention it in their webpages, social media communications, and promotional materials. The use of the other party's logo or names is restricted to the purposes of the mutual promotion of academic activities and information exchange related to research methods and social science education.

7. Duration and Renewal

- a) This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and remain valid for an initial period of **three (3) years**.
- b) It may be renewed or modified by mutual written consent prior to expiration.

8. Evaluation and Reporting

Both parties agree to review the partnership annually, assessing participation numbers, feedback, and potential areas for expansion or improvement.

9. Termination

Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice at least three (3) months in advance. Students already accepted for an ESS course shall remain eligible for the agreed tuition reduction during the ongoing cycle.

10. General Provisions

- a) This Agreement is not intended to create legal obligations beyond the terms explicitly stated herein.
- b) Each party will retain its institutional autonomy and responsibilities.

- c) Any amendments must be made in writing and approved by authorized representatives of both parties.

For the **Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis**
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