

Annex no. 3**JOINT SUPERVISION AGREEMENT FOR DOCTORAL STUDIES**

West University of Timișoara, represented by **Rector**, Marilen Pirtea, on one side
and

Bhaktivedanta Research Center represented by **Dean of Academic Affairs**, Sumanta Rudra on other side.

agree with the signature of the present agreement for the joint supervision of the doctoral studies of the PhD student:

Chui Yin Chow

enrolled to the doctoral studies at West University of Timișoara in the year 2022 at the Doctoral School of Philosophy, Sociology and Political Sciences, the field of Philosophy

Chapter I. Student commitments

Art. 1. The student will carry out his doctoral activity alternately in the two signatory institutions, according to the program of activities established jointly by the two doctoral supervisors, annexed to this agreement.

Art. 2. The student will follow the study program from the contract concluded with the West University of Timișoara and will pay the related fees.

Art. 3. During the activity at the West University of Timișoara, the student will be able to benefit from:

1. Courses, seminars, and learning resources
2. Individual and joint guiding and supervision

During the activity at Bhaktivedanta Research Center, the student will be able to benefit from:

3. _Individual and joint mentoring and supervision_
4. _Center's learning and research resources_.

Art. 4. The student must follow the procedures and methodologies of doctoral studies of both institutions.

Chapter II. Institutional commitments

Art. 5. The two scientific advisers undertake to jointly exercise this quality towards the doctoral student, agreeing with the topic and the plan of the doctoral thesis. If the doctoral supervisor coordinates certain parts of the doctoral thesis, the coordinated parts of the thesis will be established by mutual agreement in the annex to this agreement.

Art. 6. The defense of the thesis will be preceded by the writing of two scientific reports of the coordinators, as the case may be, one of them may be written in a language of international circulation.

Art. 7. The commission for public defense of the doctoral thesis will be composed of the president, the doctoral supervisors and at least three experts approved by both institutions.

Art. 6. The unique public defense of the final doctoral thesis will take place at the West University of Timisoara.

Art. 7. Exceptions to Article 6 are possible:

1. if the support is done online (on location);
2. given that the studies are carried out under international co-supervision and the rules for defending the thesis are different (such as private defense), two defenses will be organized at a distance of no more than one month.

Art. 8.

- a. The issuance of the single doctoral diploma is made after the confirmation of the scientific title according to the national legislation by the West University of Timisoara.
- b. If it is agreed to issue two separate diplomas, each will be accompanied by a document referring to the pair diploma.

Art. 9. The archiving of the thesis, the exploitation and the protection of the common results of the research will be carried out, in accordance with the incident laws in force for the two institutions and the internal regulations of each of the two institutions.

III. Final provisions

Art. 10.

- This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the legal representatives of the two educational institutions and shall be concluded when the provisions of Chapter II of this Agreement are fulfilled.
- This agreement may be terminated by agreement of the parties or at the request of the doctoral student, with the mandatory consent of both advisors.
- This agreement terminates if the quality of student at the West University of Timișoara ceases.

Art. 11 Done in 2 original copies in Romanian and in English , having the same content (If there is a conflict between the terms of the agreement in the two languages, the agreement signed in Romanian will prevail), on _____, 2 copies for each institution.

(Signatures and stamps)

West University of Timișoara

Rector

Marilen Pirtea

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Doctoral School
Director

Silviu Rogobete

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PhD advisor

Florin Lobont

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Bhaktivedanta Research Center

Acad. Affairs Dean **Sumanta Rudra**




Dean

Anurag Pareek

Administration




PhD advisor **Elliot D. Cohen**

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