



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE**

between

**THE BERKELEY APEC STUDY CENTER, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, USA**

and

**CIMET - CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO NAZIONALE DI ECONOMIA APPLICATA, ITALY**  
(ITALY'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR APPLIED ECONOMIC STUDIES)

The Berkeley APEC Study Center, University of California, Berkeley (BASC) and CiMET - Centro universitario nazionale di Economia applicata, recognize the value of educational, cultural, and scientific exchanges between research institutions, and have determined that sufficient interest exists to establish this formal understanding.

### **SCOPE**

BASC and CiMET hereby endorse the development of programs and activities that advance scholarship through our cooperative relationship. These may include:

- i. Joint educational, cultural and research activities
- ii. Exchange of faculty, graduate students and postdoctoral scholars
- iii. Participation in seminars, workshops and academic meetings
- iv. Exchange of academic materials, publications and other information
- v. Special short term programs and visits.

## **FORMAT**

With the approval of appropriate officers from each institution, this MOU allows for the development and negotiation of separate written agreements defining in more detail the nature, extent, and terms of specific collaborations and implementation of each specific exchange activity.

## **CONVENTION**

There are no legally binding obligations for either institution under the terms of this MOU. Nothing shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution. This MOU is intended to encourage and facilitate collaboration on topics of mutual academic interest.

BASC and CiMET therefore encourage all members of our faculties and research communities to engage as active participants.

The host institution bears no responsibility for the financial support of activities or visiting participants or programs named in this MOU . No constraints or financial obligations will be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the MOU. To sustain special programs and activities, both institutions may seek funds from extramural sources, if available.

Except in promoting activities among participating faculty and students, neither party may use the name of the other party in any form of advertising or publicity without express written permission of the other authorized party.

Agreements between BASC and CiMET regarding specific activities shall be negotiated and executed subsequent to and separate from this MOU.

## **TERM AND TERMINATION**

This MOU is expected to remain in effect for five years from date of latest signature with the possibility of renewal; however, if either institution desires, the understanding memorialized herein may be revoked at any time after the first six months by either party giving six months' prior written notice to the other party to minimize impact to participants completing their activities at the host institution.

Any notice or request given or made by one Party to the other under this MOU shall be in writing in the language of English and shall be addressed to the appropriate office as is designated in writing hereinafter:

**Berkeley APEC Study Center**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives. Each Party shall hold one original signed MOU, with both documents being equally authentic.

For Berkeley APEC Study Center

For CiMET

Prof. Vinod K. Aggarwal  
Director

Prof. Marco Rodolfo Di Tommaso  
Director



Date: March 3, 2023

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