

**Institute of Islamic Theology at Humboldt University of Berlin
and
Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University
Inter-Institutional Bilateral Agreement and Project Proposal**

Agreement

This agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into between the Institute of Islamic Theology at Humboldt University of Berlin, hereinafter referred to as “Humboldt University,” and the Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University, hereinafter referred to as “Üsküdar University.”

1. Purpose

This Agreement represents a mutual understanding between Humboldt University and Üsküdar University and is based on the proposal put forward by Prof. Tuba Işık regarding the “Mathnawī Children’s Project: Moral Education Project with Selected Stories from Mathnawī.” The purpose of this Agreement is to outline the stages of work and cooperation until the project is funded.

2. Stages of Work

The parties agree to undertake the following stages of work:

2.1 Preparation Meetings

Prior to the project workshop, the parties will hold preparation meetings to discuss project details, objectives, and logistics.

2.2 Istanbul Workshop

A pilot application workshop will be conducted in Istanbul, scheduled to take place from December 24th to 26th. This workshop aims to implement the pilot project and gather valuable insights.

2.3 Symposium in Berlin

An international symposium will be organized at Humboldt University in October 2024 to evaluate the project outcomes

2.4 Analysis and Consolidation of Findings

After the Istanbul workshop, the parties will undertake the analysis and consolidation of the findings. This process will help evaluate the project’s effectiveness and identify areas of improvement.

2.5 Fundraising Efforts

Both parties agree to collaborate on fundraising efforts for the project’s expansion. This includes seeking project funding through bilateral cooperation project calls between Turkey and Germany, as well as open project calls.

3. *Financial Obligations*

The budget required for researcher mobilization (covering travel and accommodation expenses) for the stages mentioned above will be covered by Humboldt University. Istanbul workshop will be arranged by Üsküdar University as a host Institute between 24-25 December, 2023. The Symposium focused on the project outcomes will be held by Humboldt University as a host Institute in October, 2024.

4. *Project Proposal and Applications*

Both parties agree to implement the project proposal, which is included as an annex to this Agreement. Furthermore, they will jointly make applications to open funding calls and actively seek further opportunities for collaboration and project advancement.

5. *Duration and Termination*

This Agreement shall come into effect on the date of signature and will remain valid until the mutual objectives outlined in the project proposal are achieved or until terminated by either party in accordance with their respective institutional policies and procedures.

6. *Amendment and Modification*

Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

7. *Governing Law and Jurisdiction*

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the country where the Universities are located. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be resolved between the relevant institutions and the affiliated Universities,

8. *Entire Agreement*

This Agreement, including any annexes and attachments, constitutes the entire agreement between Humboldt University and Üsküdar University and supersedes all prior understandings, agreements, or representations, whether oral or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of both parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first above mentioned.

For the Institute of Islamic Theology at Humboldt University of Berlin

Prof. Dr. Tuba Işık
Project Coordinator
25.12.2023

For the Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University

Prof. Dr. Elif Erhan
Director of the Institute
25.12.2023



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