

Cooperation Agreement

Between

**FACULTY MILITARY SCIENCE
NEDERLANDSE DEFENSIE ACADEMIE**

AND

**FACULTY OF GOVERNANCE & GLOBAL AFFAIRS,
UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN**

Regarding

**Collaboration and collective build-up of knowledge in the
areas of research, education, and policy-oriented initiatives**

Parties:

- Faculty Military Science, Netherlands Defence Academy, legally represented herein by [REDACTED], Dean of the Faculty Military Science,

hereinafter referred to as: Faculty Military Science, Netherlands Defence Academy,

and
- Leiden University, a legal person governed by public law under Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act, established in Leiden, legally represented by prof.dr.mr. Erwin Muller, Dean of the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs

hereinafter referred to as: Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs, Leiden University.

Background:

- The Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs of Leiden University (hereinafter: “FGGA”) provides high-quality interdisciplinary education and research on major societal, security, public policy, administration and governance issues. FGGA aims to strengthen scientific, academic and policy-oriented knowledge, to train students and professionals and to contribute to society through wide-ranging impact and sustained valorization.
- FGGA focuses its research and education via its different entities and through its connections and partnership across Leiden University on topics and issue areas of direct interest to the Faculty Military Science, Netherlands Defence Academy (hereinafter: “FMS”), such as *inter alia*, war, security, peace and intelligence studies, crisis management and crisis governance, terrorism, counterterrorism and political violence, diplomacy and global affairs and the role of major regional and international organisations in security governance, cybersecurity governance as well as global security and technology, comparative policy analysis, international law, law and safety, public governance and leadership, cognitive psychology and mental health, law and data science.
- FGGA works closely with a variety of national and international partners and societal stakeholders to promote impactful and societally relevant research and education. It is particularly well-situated to foster strong links with the political and administrative centre of The Hague and its network of national and international organizations and institutions.
- The scientific research of FGGA increases insights and understanding of social, technological and security trends and developments relevant to citizens in the Netherlands, Europe and at the global level and on topics that have potentially far-reaching implications for civil-military security governance actors.

- Within FGGA, the interdisciplinary Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA) focuses in particular on fundamental and policy-oriented education and research on major issues of security and global affairs and offers a variety of cooperation opportunities with the FMS in research, joint PhD projects, staff-to-staff cooperation, educational initiatives and joint programmes. The appointment of Frans Osinga as a Professor by Special Appointment for War Studies at ISGA enhances in particular future cooperation possibilities.
- Education and research within the FGGA are further strengthened and expanded by two centres that both play a role within the FGGA and offer added value for the university and the Campus The Hague: the Center for Professional Learning and the Dual PhD Center.
- The FMS is the Netherlands Defence organisation's military-scientific knowledge and research institute and provides military education at academic level. The courses given at the Netherlands Defence Academy bear comparison with courses given at civilian universities. In addition, it is the only military-scientific knowledge and research institute in the Netherlands. The FMS' scientific research is mainly Defence-oriented, with scores of scientific experts in the area of Defence contributing to improvements in military operations. The Netherlands Institute of Military History, also part of the Netherlands Defence Academy, mainly focuses on historical scientific research.
- The Netherlands Defence Academy's Faculty of Military Sciences is specialised in military subjects such as strategy, operations, defence economics, leadership and ethics. The faculty also focuses on civil-military cooperation and logistic and technical issues in the military field. The faculty works in close collaboration with civilian universities and knowledge institutes.
- The research carried out by FMS can enrich the scientific research of FGGA and vice versa and cooperation could contribute to joint research projects in the field of security and defence cooperation and in assessing major developments in the field of war studies, peace studies and the future of national, European and global security governance
- FGGA and FMS want to join forces to stimulate and improve joint knowledge building and the implementation and application thereof in education, policy and professional practice.
- FGGA and FMS wish to lay down in writing the following aspects of cooperation:

FGGA and the Netherlands Defence Academy have agreed as follows:

1. Cooperation

1.1. The Parties agree that:

- a. FMS and FGGA look for opportunities to jointly develop educational initiatives at undergraduate (including Minors), graduate and executive training levels, with a particular emphasis on utilizing synergies between the expertise of the respective institutions;

- b. FMS and FGGA shall seek to jointly develop and offer educational modules in the context of professional learning;
- c. FMS and FGGA shall work together on interdisciplinary and applied research on core issues related to war studies, defence as well as national, European and global security governance;
- d. FMS and FGGA will shape together a joint PhD programme, offering synergies in terms of financing and in terms of bringing together outstanding candidates from both institutions and in terms of recruiting international candidates for joint PhD topics and supervisions
- e. FMS and FGGA shall work together to appoint (endowed) professors and create new special chairs in close cooperation with FGGA's Institute of Security and Global Affairs (ISGA);
- f. FMS shall, within limits of classification of the data, make data accessible and make it available to FGGA, and vice versa, for scientific research;
- g. FMS and FGGA shall make a mutual effort to strengthen their national and international networks with the aim of promoting and strengthening the connection between research, policy and practice.

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