AGREEMENT ON STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN

TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY,
executed through its Center for Social Network Research,

AND

GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN,
executed through its Sino-German Institute of Social Computing

This agreement is entered into by Tsinghua University (Tsinghua), executed through its Center for Social Network Research (thereinafter referred to as CSNR), and the University of Göttingen (UGOE), executed through its Sino-German Institute of Social Computing (thereinafter referred to as SGISC). Tsinghua-CSNR and UGOE-SGIS agree to establish a reciprocal student exchange program for the educational, research and cultural enrichment of both universities in the direction of big data and social networks, executed through the close cooperation between CSNR and SGISC, under the following terms:

1. Definitions

In this agreement unless the context implies otherwise, ‘exchange’ shall mean a one-for-one exchange of students from each university; ‘exchange students’ shall mean students participating in the student exchange program implemented herein; ‘student exchange program’ shall mean the student exchange program established herein; ‘home institution’ shall mean the university at which the student intends to graduate; ‘host institution’ shall mean the university which has agreed to receive the exchange students from the home institution; and ‘overseas student health cover’ shall mean the valid health insurance coverage which exchange students are required to purchase under the host institution country’s laws whilst studying at the host institution.

2. Number of students

CSNR and SGISC will offer the opportunity of student exchange to a maximum of 10 PhD students and 6 Master students each academic year.

Two students enrolling for one semester each will be equivalent to one student enrolling for one year. Both parties will review the program annually to maintain a well-balanced exchange. Distribution of the exchange students between summer and
winter semesters should be equal. At the same time a maximum of 10 PhD and 6 Master students at the host university should not be exceeded.

3. Selection of Participants and Schedule of Exchange

The home institution will screen its applicants for the student exchange program in accordance with the home institution’s program regulations and the host institution’s entry standards. The home institution will send the applications to the host institution by the date specified by the host institution. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment on the admission of students nominated for the student exchange program.

1) Identity: Coursework exchange students shall undertake an academic program at the host institution, developed in consultation between the home and the host institution, as full-time, non-degree status students at a level, master or PhD, determined by the host institution. The host institution reserves the right to exclude students from restricted enrollment programs.

2) Exchange students must have completed at least one semester of studies prior to commencing studies at the host institution.

3) Language requirements: For exchange students seeking admission to UGOE, the following language requirements apply: Proof of English language proficiency equivalent to level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) or a satisfactory grade in the College English Test Level 6 (CET-6) is required; additionally, a level of A2 in German is recommended.

4) Credit recognition: Any academic credit earned at the host institution may be transferred back to the home institution in accordance with procedures determined by the latter.

5) Length of stay: The student exchange program is limited to a period not exceeding two semesters; the period of exchange must be approved by both CSNR and SGISC.

4. Responsibilities of Tsinghua/CSNR

CSNR will agree to accept the prescribed number of exchange students, to enrol them at Tsinghua as full-time, non-degree students. Tsinghua will assist the UGOE exchange students, as far as possible, in arranging accommodation and will provide appropriate assistance in matters of health, language and local custom that may arise. At the end of each academic program CSNR will send to SGISC an official transcript of credits for each exchange student at Tsinghua.

5. Responsibilities of UGOE/SGISC

SGISC will agree to accept the prescribed number of exchange students, to enrol them at UGOE as full-time, non-degree students. UGOE will assist the Tsinghua exchange students, as far as possible, in arranging accommodation and will provide appropriate assistance in matters of health, language and local custom that may arise. At the end of each academic program SGISC will send to CSNR an official transcript of credits for each exchange student at UGOE.

6. Responsibilities of Exchange Students

Exchange students will be responsible for:

1. Complying with the same academic and disciplinary regulations as other students attending the host institution, in addition to adhering to the home institution's standard of conduct.
2. Applying for and obtaining the appropriate visa (host institution to provide necessary documents).
3. Informing the host university of arrival and departure details.

7. Finances

Tsinghua and UGOE support the application of the International Research Training Group (IRTG) Program to the Ministry of Education (MoE) in China and the German Research Foundation (DFG) in Germany, as well as other funding opportunities.

All exchange students must register and pay tuition and other fees to the home institution. They will not be required to pay registration fee, examination fee, tuition fees or other fees to the host institution. However, the Tsinghua students need to pay the “semester fee” obligatory for all students at UGOE, which includes administration fee, student body fee, semester bus ticket, arts and culture ticket, and Studentenwerk (organization providing social, financial and cultural support services to students in Germany) fee.

Exchange students will be responsible for (under the condition they are not awarded by any scholarship or other third-party funds):

- overseas student health cover or other compulsory medical insurance
- travel expenses
- living costs at host university
- visa costs
- all other incidental and non-compulsory fees incurred during the period of exchange

In case the Chinese government funding is not available for the IRTG, the participating CSNR scientists agree to provide financial support from their own project.
funds in order to cover the travel expenses, visa fees, overseas health insurance fees, accommodation and basic living costs for the Tsinghua exchange PhD students during their visits to UGOE under the framework of an IRTG project.

8. Contact persons / first point of contact

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When a new partnership coordinator is appointed, timely notification to the other party is required.

9. Legal Issues

Both parties will comply with all relevant laws. Selected students shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the home and host universities and by all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the home and host countries.

10. Dispute resolution

If a dispute arises and cannot be resolved, the leading faculties of Tsinghua-CSNR and UGOE-SGISC, i.e., Tsinghua’s School of Social Sciences and UGOE’s Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science, may refer the matter for mediation to a Dispute Resolution Panel to be established in the following manner: Each party shall appoint one member to the Panel. These two appointed members shall jointly appoint an additional member as chairperson. The dispute resolution panel shall review the facts, other terms of this agreement and applicable statutes and rules and make a determination that shall be final and binding for both parties. In the event of a dispute, Tsinghua’s School of Social Sciences and UGOE’s Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science shall continue to carry out their respective responsibilities under this agreement.
11. Terms of Renewal, Amendment, and Termination

This agreement shall come into effect and remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving twelve months' prior written notice to the other party. The event of termination will not affect participants from completing their activities at the host institution.

This agreement may only be renewed if, after a review process between the parties, the parties agree in writing to renew it. This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two parties. Such amendments, once approved by the parties, will become part of this agreement.

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on the date(s) indicated below:

For Center for Social Network Research, Tsinghua University:

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Date: 2016. 11. 15

Prof. Dr. Jar-Der Luo
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Date: 2016. 11. 21

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