Cooperation Agreement for the Establishment of
Sino-German Institutes of Social Computing
between
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Represented by President Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel
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and

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"Nanjing University"

- hereafter referred to as Partner Universities-

Nanjing University and Universität Göttingen wish to extend their cooperation
concerning the establishment of "Sino-German Institutes of Social Computing" and
reach the following agreement:

1. Nanjing University, through the Department of Computer Science and
   Technology as leading department, and Universität Göttingen, through its Faculty
   of Mathematics and Computer Science as leading faculty, plan to establish a Sino-
   German Institute of Social Computing (SGISC) on each side. Subject to
   compliance with university laws under which the Partners are operating, the
   corresponding SGISC may include other departments of the same university or of
   another university or research institution from the same country. Both SGISCs
   cooperate with each other closely towards the common scientific direction of
   social computing.

1.1. If not otherwise agreed upon in writing or required by universitary laws,
   Universität Göttingen and Nanjing University, through the respective board of
   their SGISC, will appoint a director and an executive vice director for the SGISC
   on each side, respectively. Together with the respective board chaired by him/her,
   the Directors shall be responsible for joint decisions on the organization, activity
   planning and promotion of the Institutes. The executive vice directors support the
   directors in implementing the Institutes’ programs and represent the directors in
   case of their absence.

1.2. The partner universities endeavor to provide the necessary financial resources,
   office space and operational support for the SGISC of their respective side. The
   partner universities aim to provide the other necessary resources for the SGISC of
   their respective side.
1.3. The SGISCes are devoted to the research, educational and practical areas of social networks, social computing and big data analysis.

1.4. Both SGISCes collaborate together to promote joint PhD supervision, academic exchanges and research projects.

1.5. Both SGISCes will initiate joint projects, organize jointly scientific events and publish scientific works.

2. Faculty exchange

2.1. Subject to capacities, available resources and each Partner’s actual needs,

a) Universität Göttingen invites one or more lecturer(s) (full/associate/assistant professor) in the area of social computing from Nanjing University to research and jointly supervise respective PhD students at the SGISC in Göttingen for one to three months. The visiting plan should base on mutual consensus. The corresponding traveling and accommodation costs are financed by the guest lecturers themselves or the sending partner university upon the availability of funding. Universität Göttingen provides office space and other necessary working conditions, as well as assistance in finding accommodations for the guest lecturer(s); and

b) Nanjing University invites one or more lecturer(s) (professor/junior professor/senior researcher with PhD degree) in the area of social computing from Universität Göttingen to research and jointly supervise respective PhD students at the SGISC in Nanjing for one to three months. The visiting plan should base on mutual consensus. The corresponding traveling and accommodation costs are financed by the guest lecturers themselves or the sending partner university upon the availability of funding. Nanjing University provides office space and other necessary working conditions, as well as assistance in finding accommodations for the guest lecturer(s).

3. PhD student joint supervision and research exchanges

Subject to compliance with each Partner’s university laws and further details to be laid down between the Partners accordingly, the Partners wish to promote PhD joint supervisions and research exchanges through the planned SGISC’s as follows:

3.1. The SGISCes shall promote joint PhD supervision and research exchange of PhD students. Jointly supervised PhD students will have a supervisor at Universität Göttingen and a supervisor at Nanjing University, who jointly define the study plan and supervise the scientific work of the PhD students.

3.2. Each jointly supervised PhD student from Universität Göttingen will visit Nanjing University for one to six months. The PhD student will work on projects jointly defined by the PhD student’s supervisor in Göttingen and supervisor in Nanjing. The corresponding traveling and accommodation costs are supported by the students themselves, or sending partner university upon the availability of funding.

3.3. Each jointly supervised PhD student from Nanjing University will visit Universität Göttingen for one to six months. The PhD student will work on projects jointly defined by the PhD student’s supervisor in Göttingen and supervisor in Nanjing. The corresponding traveling and accommodation costs are supported by the students themselves, or sending partner university upon the availability of funding.
4. The Partners will ensure their best endeavours to each reach the establishment of a SGISC as foreseen according to this agreement, however acknowledge that such establishment requires considerable administrative and human resources and efforts. The Partners therefore agree that nothing in this agreement shall be deemed to require a Partner to breach any university regulations under which it is operating. In any case, however, both Partners will support each other to overcome any difficulty that may arise under this agreement amicably in order to soon reach the establishment of both SGISCes.

5. The agreement will become effective for three years starting from the date of the last signature. Coming the expiry date of the agreement, to renew the agreement or not should be decided according to the results of the consultations between the two sides. Ongoing projects and exchanges shall remain unaffected by this termination.

6. In witness of the terms of this agreement, signatures of the following authorized representatives of the parties are affixed:

Nanjing University
Nanjing, China

Prof. Dr. Jun Chen
President

Prof. Dr. Xuanmei Li
Project Head

Date

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Göttingen, Germany

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Beisiegel
President

Prof. Dr. Xiaoming Fu
Project Head

8.5.15
Date