

The project is extended to 31.12.2015

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Concerning an International Scientific Research Project

between

Project Holder and Coordinator:

Roanoke College, Robert Benne Center for Religion and Society

221 College Lane, Salem, Virginia 24153, USA

represented by **Prof. Dr. James Peterson, PhD**

and

Participating Institution Nr. 1:

Univerzita Konštantína Filozofa v Nitre, Filozofická fakulta

Štefánikova 67, 949 74 Nitra, Slovakia

represented by **Prof. PaedDr. Bernard Garaj, CSc.**

and

Participating Institution Nr. 2:

Žilinská univerzita v Žiline, Fakulta humanitných vied

Univerzitná 8215/1, 010 26 Žilina, Slovakia

represented by **doc. Dr. Vlasta Cabanová, PhD**

Article I.

Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of the agreement between the Project Holder and Coordinator and the Participating Institutions is the realization of an international scientific research project with the title:

SØREN KIERKEGAARD'S LEGACY FOR A CONTINUING CONVERSATION BETWEEN RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, AND SOCIETY IN THE CZECH AND SLOVAK CONTEXT

Title of the project in national language:

Posolstvo Søren Kierkegaarda pre pokračujúci dialóg medzi náboženstvom, filozofiou a spoločnosťou v Českom a Slovenskom kontexte

This scientific project was prepared and will be coordinated by the Project Holder and Coordinator – Robert Benne Center for Religion and Society, Roanoke College, Salem, VA, USA. Its expected end result is to prepare a scientific, collective monograph on the topic as it is expressed in the project's title.

Czech and Slovak scholars from the fields of theology, philosophy, religious studies, and sociology will engage the rich intellectual legacy of Søren Kierkegaard and relate it to the current social, religious, and cultural context of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The questions of a “state church” situation and the “existential situation” of the Christian as an individual in an increasingly secularized (and hedonistic) society are intricately intertwined and, as such, constitute a relevant theme to explore. The project wants to attempt to portray Kierkegaard's legacy both as a continuing (prophetic) challenge, as well as interesting opportunity/resource for the church and the society.

Article II.

Duration of the Project and its Principal Investigators

Duration of the project:

May 2013 – March 2014

Principal Project Coordinator:

*Roanoke College
The Robert Benne Center for
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Article III.

Project Research Goals

The partners of this agreement have concurred on the following project research goals:

- to understand the current social and cultural context of the Czech Republic and Slovakia;
- to analyze current social and theological challenges/contested issues;
- to analyze the relationship between Kierkegaard's religious and philosophical insights and some of the current issues in the new democratic society in the Czech Republic and Slovak Republic, primarily the positives and negatives of the 'state-church' situation in Czech and Slovak Republics;
- to understand new opportunities of interactions between church and society in the developing democratic context of Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Article IV.

Project Outcomes

The partners of this agreement have concurred on the following project outcomes:

- To publish a collective monograph with the title – ***The Legacy of Søren Kierkegaard and the 'Czech and Slovak Context': Social, Ethical, and Theological Implications for the State-Church Situation*** – by the Robert Benne Center for Religion and Society, Roanoke College, by December, 2013;
- To distribute and promote the publication to relevant academic institutions, researchers, and interested individuals in Czech Republic, Slovakia, the USA, and elsewhere (spring 2014);

- To promote the conclusions offered, as well as the questions raised by the publication by means of seminars and conferences in Czech Republic, Slovakia and/or abroad (spring 2014).

Article V.
Project Financing

The Robert Benne Center for Religion and Society, Roanoke College, Salem, VA, USA – as the Project Holder and Coordinator – will support the project with the sum \$800,- USD (eight hundred American Dollars).

This amount of money will be divided equally between the two Participating Institutions and sent to their account after their signing of this Cooperation of Agreement and providing the necessary bank account data required for the money transfer, however, no later than July 1, 2013. The money may be used in direct support of the above stated project goals (Article III) and project outcomes (Article IV).

Bank account data for **Participating Institution Nr. 1:**

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Name of the Account (if applicable):

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Bank account data for **Participating Institution Nr. 2:**

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Article VI.
Obligations of the Participating Institutions

Both Participating Institutions are obliged to write a comprehensive Report about how the Project research goals as well as outcomes have been met.

The Report, submitted no later than May 31, 2014, will include a financial section stating how the allocated finances have been used.

The deputy of each Participating Institution (Principal Cooperative Workplace) is responsible for the coordination of the project in their respective Institutions, as well as for how the allocated finances are being used.

Upon a written request of the Project Holder and Coordinator, both deputies will be responsible to document (with appropriate receipts and/or invoices) all financial transactions related to the Project.

Article VII.
Concluding Statements

This Agreement of Cooperation is valid for the period of the Project duration, beginning with the day of its signing by all parties involved.

Amendments and/or additions to this Agreement of Cooperation can be made only after a written approval of all parties involved.

This Agreement of Cooperation can be terminated prematurely only after a mutual written consent of all parties involved.

This Agreement of Cooperation exists in six identical originals in English language – two for the Project Holder and Coordinator and two for each Participating Institutions.

All parties involved in this Project have read and understood the content of this Agreement of Cooperation and by signing it express their free and unreserved consent with it.

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Date:

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Project Holder and Coordinator

Roanoke College,

Robert Benne Center for Religion and Society

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Date:

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