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CODE OF RESEARCH ETHICS  
OF THE INTER-INSTITUTIONAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME  
“History of Modern and Contemporary Art”

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## ARTICLE 1: Field of Application

The Code of Research Ethics of the Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Programme (IIPP) “History of Modern and Contemporary Art” is harmonised with the Fundamental Principles of Research Ethics and Integrity governing research conducted at the University of Ioannina, which is the coordinating institution.

This Code applies to all research activities, the provision of specialised services, training programmes or other scientific applications, as well as developmental activities conducted under the responsibility or with the participation of the scientific personnel of the IIPP—whether on or off campus, and whether or not such activities are funded.

## ARTICLE 2: The Value of Research Work, Research Independence and Academic Freedom, Transparency

a) Research work aims to advance scientific knowledge in accordance with internationally recognized theories or through the formulation of new theories capable of being acknowledged by the international scientific community. It constitutes both a social and an individual good.

b) The independence of research is a public good, safeguarded by the State and competent authorities, within the framework of the unhindered development of research initiatives, governed by fundamental ethical principles and specific deontological standards.

c) In the field of research, a corresponding institutional principle applies to that of academic freedom. Researchers enjoy constitutionally guaranteed academic freedom. The freedom of research is ensured through the independence of the University of Ioannina and the Department of Fine Arts and Art Sciences from political and economic influence.

d) Researchers are obliged to disclose the sources of funding of their research and to ensure that their rights and academic freedoms are protected in any funding agreements.

## ARTICLE 3: Extent, Limits and Basic Principles of Research Activity

a) Research—basic or applied, individual or collective—advances scientific knowledge, art, and educational processes, and contributes to the application of scientific findings.

b) Research must be conducted with respect for scientific truth, academic freedom, life, nature and the environment, human dignity, personal autonomy, biological and intellectual integrity, intellectual property, and personal data.

c) All forms of discrimination must be avoided during research.

- d) Research methodology must be transparent and demonstrable, ensuring verifiable results.
- e) Researchers must adhere to the ethical and professional standards of their discipline.
- f) Plagiarism, misappropriation of others' work, and falsification of results are strictly prohibited.
- g) Classified research projects for military organisations are not permitted, except those serving national defence in accordance with this Code.

#### ARTICLE 4: Fundamental Principles of Research Activity

- a) Research must be conducted with respect for scientific truth, academic freedom, life, nature and the environment, human dignity, and personal data, avoiding discrimination.
- b) Researchers must observe professional ethics, and projects through the University of Ioannina's ELKE are also subject to relevant legislation.
- c) Researchers must not repeat previous studies unless scientifically justified, and must comply with legislation on intellectual property and patents.

#### ARTICLE 5: Compliance with Safety Regulations

1. Researchers of the IIPP must apply all recognised safety regulations within their scientific field, including those related to the protection of humans, nature, animals, and the environment.
2. Researchers supervising projects must inform participants and take all necessary scientific measures to protect their health and safety.

#### ARTICLE 6: Respect for the Rights of Third Parties

1. Researchers must show respect for the dignity, autonomy, and rights of all individuals involved in research and avoid discrimination.
2. Researchers must inform participants and affected individuals about the purpose and objectives of the research.
3. Researchers bear social responsibility for how knowledge is produced, shared, and used.

#### ARTICLE 7: Respect for Intellectual Property

1. Researchers must not infringe on the intellectual property rights of third parties.
2. Anyone who becomes aware of research progress before publication must maintain confidentiality.

3. IIPP researchers hold intellectual property rights proportional to their contribution.
4. Intellectual property includes economic and moral rights, and exploitation follows ELKE guidelines.

### ARTICLE 8: Publicity of Research

1. All publicity materials must serve to inform the scientific community and public, ensuring clarity and avoiding promotional content.
2. Public materials must include all contributors to the research.
3. Specific categories of faculty are bound by additional obligations relevant to their fields.

### ARTICLE 9: Obligation of Information

1. Research supervisors must inform participants about the purpose and objectives of the research.
2. Research involving personal data requires written informed consent from participants.

### ARTICLE 10: Connection of Research Activity with the Functions of the IIPP

1. Research may involve other university staff and external collaborators.
2. Externally funded research follows ELKE procedures.
3. Research requires prior notification of the Programme Study Committee and the Director of the IIPP.
4. Facilities and infrastructure may only be used for research covered by this Code, and not for personal purposes.