Agreement for the Scientific Collaboration
Between
Loyola University Chicago
Dept. of Theology - PhD Program in New Testament and Early Christianity;

The University of Bologna
Dept. of “Discipline Storiche” – PhD Program in “Studi Religiosi: Scienze Sociali e Studi Storici delle Religioni”;

And
The Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, en Sorbonne

Loyola University-Chicago (1032 W. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60660 – USA), represented by its Provost, John Pelissero, Ph.D., hereinafter ‘LUC’;

The Alma Mater Studiorum-Università di Bologna (Via Zamboni 33, 40126 Bologna - Italy), represented by its Rector Prof. Ivano Dionigi;

The Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, of 46, rue de Lille, F-75007 Paris, France, represented by its President Jean-Claude WAQUET, hereinafter ‘the EPHE’,

Agree to the following:

Preamble
The objective of the agreement is to promote cooperation in matters of research and teaching in the area of religion. In this regard, the institutions specifically involved are: at LUC, the PhD Program in New Testament and Early Christianity, Dept. of Theology, at the EPHE (Section of ‘Sciences Historiques et Philologiques’ and Section of ‘Sciences Religieuses’) and, at the University of Bologna, the PhD Program in “Studi Religiosi: Scienze Sociali e Studi Storici delle Religioni,” Dept. of “Discipline Storiche”.

Article 1: Ways of Collaboration
The forms of the collaboration may include the exchange of visiting scholars, doctoral students, young post-doctoral researchers and professors; the exchange of scientific publications; the organization of colloquia, seminars and common conferences; the development of research projects that will connect the three institutions. The main topic of the present Agreement is the exchange at doctoral (PhD) level.

Article 2: Procedures and Financing
Each of the three Parties designates a ‘scientific coordinator’ in charge of overseeing the agreement. This coordination will be secured for LUC, Department of Theology, by Prof. Edmondo Lupieri, for the EPHE, Section of “Sciences Religieuses,” by Prof. Simon Mimouni, and for the Università di Bologna by Prof. Mauro Pesce.
Each of the three Parties has the right to change the scientific coordinator. In the
framework of responsibilities which are delegated to them, the scientific coordinators jointly establish a curriculum at the beginning of every academic year, so that a calendar of exchanges and other actions can be put to work. The three Parties are in agreement to negotiate on a case by case basis the arrangements deemed necessary for the specific forms of exchanges and research. These arrangements will depend upon the availability of finances at each institution.

**Article 3: Details Concerning the Exchange of Students and/or Visiting Scholars**
The duration of the exchange will generally correspond to one period of not less than one semester and not more than three semesters. The sending institution will choose its candidates. Receiving institutions will review candidates according to their own procedures. The candidates for exchange may be categorized as graduate students or visiting scholars, depending on the preferences of the receiving institution. Loyola University prefers to accept participants in this program as visiting scholars. Visiting scholars will enjoy privileges according to the practices in place at the receiving institution. Students will enroll themselves at the receiving institution with the agreement of the hosting institution and according to its customary rules. For students, all courses and seminars of the receiving institution will be open and tuition-free, within the limits of space availability. In all cases, for students and visiting scholars, courses and seminars will be open for enrollment or audit according to the practices in place at the receiving institution. The implementation of the exchanges of students will be subject to the availability of financial resources that will be verified case by case according to the University regulations of each partner institutions.

**Article 4: Expenses and Scholarships**
Lodging and travel expenses as well as other costs will be the responsibility of the students participating in the exchange, unless allowances for study are provided for them. The receiving institution will help the students in whatever degree possible in finding living accommodations.
The insurance of the students and/or visiting scholars participating in the exchange will be the responsibility of their institution of origin. Health insurance costs will be the responsibility of the students participating in the exchange.

**Article 5: Exchange of Teachers and Participation on Exam Committees**
The three Parties commit to conducting teaching exchanges within the limits of financial and logistic availability. The choice and invitation of teachers will be done at the proposal of the inviting institution (with the agreement of the interested teachers and institutions). The teachers of one institution will be able to sit on the board of examiners for any of the other institutions. The participation of the invited teacher on a board will be decided by the qualified committee of the institution forming the board of examiners. The implementation of the exchanges of teachers will be subject to the availability of financial resources that will be verified case by case according to the University regulations of each partner institutions.
Article 6: Association of Other Institutions
The three Parties will actively work together (if need be) to promote the implementation of this agreement by the association with other institutions.

Article 7: Co-tutoring of Doctoral Dissertations
The co-tutoring of doctoral dissertations will be encouraged in the framework of the present Agreement, according to the laws and dispositions of each of the three countries.

Article 8: Final Dispositions
In its first inception, the present agreement has a validity of 3 years. It will be enforced from the date of the signatures of the three contracted parties. One year before its expiration date, the parties will determine the procedures for renewal of the agreement. Annually, the parties have the opportunity to cease their collaboration. The partners will be notified of this wish, at the latest, by December 15, effective August 15 of the following year (so as to respect the academic calendar). The eventual termination does not dismiss the actions of the ongoing collaboration.

Done in three original copies, 4/23/2010

For the Loyola University – Chicago:

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The Provost of LUC

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The Chair of the Dept of Theology

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The John Cardinal Cody Chair of Theology

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For the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes:

The President of the EPHE

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Jean-Claude WAQUET  J.C. WAQUET
For the University of Bologna:

The Rector of the University of Bologna

The Director of the Dept. of "Discipline Storiche"

The Coordinator of the PhD Program in "Studi Religiosi: Scienze Sociali e Studi Storici delle Religioni"

Date: 27/07/2010

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