

**SPECIFIC COTUTELLE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF CAUCA (Colombia) PhD Program of Anthropology
AND
THE JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN (Germany) Program of Social
Sciences**

On one hand, Mr. DEIBAR RENÉ HURTADO HERRERA, of legal age, identified with citizenship card number 76.311.561, appointed as Rector by the Superior Council, according to resolution number 004 of April 6, 2022, in his capacity as Legal Representative of the UNIVERSITY OF CAUCA, an autonomous national university entity linked to the Ministry of National Education, with a special regime, legal personality, academic, administrative and financial autonomy, and independent assets, which was created on April 24, 1827, by decree issued by the President of the Republic Francisco de Paula Santander, in the development of the Law of May 18, 1826; installed on November 11, 1827, and its nationalization was ratified by Law 65 of 1964.

And on the other, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Ludwigstrasse 23, 35390 Giessen Germany. Represented by its President, Prof. Dr. Katharina Lorenz

AGREE

Clause 1: The trainee researcher and the PhD thesis project

The trainee researcher: Andrea Neira Cruz
With Document Number: c.c. 35425811
Nationality: Colombian

Will conduct the research that will constitute her PhD thesis under the supervision and responsibility of the following thesis directors:

By the University of Cauca: Prof. Rodrigo Parrini, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, Department of Anthropology, PhD Program of Anthropology.

By the Justus Liebig University Giessen: Prof. Stefan Peters, Faculty of Law, Chair of Peace Studies.

These professors commit to fully, coordinatedly, and jointly directing the mentioned PhD thesis, titled:

“Masculinities in Transitional Justice in Colombia and Engendered Narratives of Nation”

The results of the PhD thesis will be subject to the provisions contained in the regulations governing doctorate studies in terms of intellectual and industrial property, as well as any other applicable regulations in each of the countries to which the Universities signatories of this agreement belong.

The thesis will be submitted and examined according to the established procedures. At University of Cauca the regulations are specified in the “Resolución 375 del 22.11.2017”. At JLU the regulations are specified in the “Promotionsordnung” 7.40.03 No. 1 as of 17.01.2024 in its most recent version.

Clause 2: Language of work

The PhD thesis must be written in Spanish language, and its formal presentation must meet the requirements of each participating institution. In accordance with Justus Liebig University regulations, an abstract in English language must be provided as well.

Clause 3: Defense of the PhD thesis

The PhD thesis will be presented and defended publicly, in accordance with the applicable regulations of the University of Cauca, without prejudice to any other requirements that the Justus Liebig University Giessen may have, as long as they are not contrary to those.

Clause 4: Composition of the PhD thesis evaluation committee

The evaluation committee for the PhD thesis will consist of (4) regular members and (2) substitutes, who will be chosen by mutual agreement by the participating institutions.

The examination commission will be designated in consultation with the two partner institutions. Subsequent to the public disputation, the commission will convene in two different formations, thus following the rules and regulations for public defence of doctoral dissertations at University of Cauca (Resolución 375 del 22-11-2017) as well as the doctoral degree regulations of JLU ("Promotionsordnung" 7.40.03 No. 1 as of 17.01.2024 in its most recent version). Both conventions will include members from both countries. The first convention will consist of 3 members without the supervisors of the dissertation (University of Cauca). The second convention will consist of 5 members including the members of the first convention and the two supervisors (JLU).

The reading will take place in a public session during the academic period (1-2027).

The evaluation record will provide information on the realization of the PhD thesis under the cotutelle agreement, indicating the names of the Universities and programs involved. Two original copies of the thesis defense record will be signed, one copy will be kept at the University of Cauca, and the other at the Justus Liebig University Giessen.

Clause 5: PhD Degree

Once the defense of the PhD thesis is completed, each University recognizes the validity of the thesis defended by Andrea Nelra Cruz, if so considered by the designated committee, and each University commits to issuing their respective PhD, upon payment of the corresponding public fees:

By the University of Cauca: Doctora en Antropología
By the Justus Liebig University Giessen: Dr. rer. soc.

Both diplomas will state that the PhD thesis was conducted under a cotutelle agreement with the other university.

Clause 6: Validity

The present agreement shall be valid from the date of perfection of this agreement until the date of issuance of the doctoral degree, which is expected to be in December 2027, with the possibility of a one-year extension by mutual agreement.

Clause 7: Enrollment in the Program

The enrollment in the PhD Program of Anthropology at the University of Cauca was done in the academic year (2021-1) (start date: 30/01/2021).

While the enrollment in the Program of Social Sciences at the Justus Liebig University Giessen was done in the academic year (2025-2) (start date: 01/09/2025).

Enrollment must be renewed at each university at the beginning of each academic year.

Clause 8: Entry conditions and insurance

The trainee researcher will be responsible for complying with any formalities required by the applicable legislation in both Colombia and Germany regarding the obtaining of visas. Likewise, when required by the current regulations in any of the aforementioned countries and/or the Universities signatories of this agreement, he/she must contract any necessary insurance to cover any health contingencies that may arise or any other of any nature.

Clause 9: Duration of studies

The duration of the studies and the completion of the PhD thesis, at University of Cauca, may not be less than four (4) years, nor more than six (6) years (from the date of enrollment in the home University).

As for Justus Liebig University regulations, no more than five (5) years shall pass between the acceptance as doctoral candidate and the examination procedure. After this period an application for extension could be issued to the Examination Commission, which should not normally exceed two (2) years.

Clause 10: Development of the research plan for the PhD thesis

The research work for the PhD thesis will be carried out at both institutions between 01/8/2025 and 1/12/2027 at the Department of Anthropology at the University of Cauca and the Faculty of Social Sciences at Justus Liebig University Giessen. Most of the time at JLU is spent at the JLU representative office in Colombia, while short physical stays at JLU are planned.

Clause 11: Monitoring and intermediate evaluations

Each institution will carry out the process of monitoring and evaluating progress, following its protocol, and will inform the other party of the evaluation result. Specifically, the University of Cauca will request an annual work report from the trainee researcher, providing data on the progress of the work plan, intermediate results, and specific training activities. This report will be reviewed by the director at the University of Cauca and evaluated by the Academic Committee of the Program.

Clause 12: Financial aspects

The trainee researcher will assume his/her own travel, relocation, health insurance, and subsistence expenses incurred to fulfill the work plan. The expenses associated with the travel of the members of the evaluation committee will be borne by Andrea Neira Cruz.

Clause 13: Entry into force and resolution

This agreement comes into force from the date of its execution, considering the last date of subscription as the start date, and may be terminated at any time by either party in case of breach of the obligations stipulated. If necessary, the parties may modify the stipulations contained in the agreement by signing any required addendums, which will be attached to this agreement as an inseparable part of it.

Clause 14: Grounds for termination

The following will be grounds for termination of this agreement: a. The expiration of the agreed term, except for the provisions of the previous clause. b. Mutual agreement between the parties, expressed in a document signed by the legal representatives of the entities. c. Technical, administrative, or legal impossibility to continue with the execution of the agreement. d. The occurrence of circumstances of force majeure or fortuitous events that prevent the continuity of the agreement.

Clause 15: Extensions

This agreement may be extended, subject to the processing of the corresponding document, which must be signed by the Legal Representatives within its period of validity.

Paragraph: Either party may denounce this agreement, which must be communicated to the other party at least three (3) months before the initial end date or any of its extensions. Likewise, any modifications intended to be made must also be proposed to the other university in advance, so that they do not interfere with ongoing exchanges.

Clause 16: Execution

This agreement is executed with the signature of the parties.

The parties read this document, find it in accordance, and as proof of it, sign it in three originals and for a single effect, in the place and on the date indicated.

In Giessen on _____

In Popayán on _____

JUSTUS LIEBIG UNIVERSITY GIESSEN

UNIVERSIDAD DEL CAUCA



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Rector and Legal Representative

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