Rules

Art. 1 – Constitution of research centre
By board resolution of 15th May 2019 the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage of Ca’ Foscarì University approves the constitution of the new research centre ‘Trust in Science’ (from now on TIS).

Art. 2 – Purpose and aims
TIS, based on the principles of freedom of research, thought and expression, will pursue the following aims:

- Institute an interdisciplinary and international forum of discussion and research on the highly debated and controversial issue of trust in science.
- Encourage collaboration with centres and institutes, national and international, engaged with akin and/or relevant interests.
- Articulate a framework of research and analysis of the conditions, both theoretical and practical, that prove conducive of trust in scientific knowledge and practice, as well as of those conditions that are responsible of distrust – with particular attention to how different dimensions of trust/distrust relate and interact.
- Promote discussion meetings on themes relevant to TIS interests, open to both academic and non-academic stakeholders, there included purported contributors from the world of politics/policy, social development, education and management.
- Engage in fund raising and, to that end, in the formulation/coordination of project proposals at regional, national, European, international level, both public and private, in compliance with Art.6 below.
- Promote dissemination of research activities and results via publications, seminars, conferences, discussion groups and the setting up of a centre website.

Art. 3 – Members and honorary members
Eligible centre membership includes:

i) Faculty (permanent and temporary), doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows of the Dept. of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage
ii) Faculty (permanent and temporary), doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows from other departments at Ca’ Foscarì and from other universities, national and international
iii) Non-academic individuals, e.g. journalists, policy makers, scientific advisors, and people with an interest in the centre research themes who, in compliance with TIS aims and mission, will submit their request of membership to the centre Director (approval of membership will ultimately be deferred to the entire Centre Steering Committee)
iv) Honorary members include Emeritus individuals who will continue to take part, with full rights, in the activities of the centre.

Members and honorary members are authorised to use the centre logo for any of the activities and publications related to TIS – subject to approval of TIS Steering Committee.

Art. 4 – Affiliated members
1. Eligible affiliated membership include:
   - Experts from outside Ca’ Foscarì
   - Undergraduate and postgraduate students at Ca’ Foscarì

An application including a CV should be submitted to the Centre Director, who will put it up for approval to the Steering Committee.
2. Centre affiliated members are to seek authorisation from the Steering Committee to make use of the Centre logo for activities that are deemed congruent with the centre’s mission and aims.

3. Members and affiliates will be committed to participate in the Centre’s events and pursue activities within the Centre which are in line with the Centre’s intellectual profile and mission.

4. Membership could be terminated any time by individual members by submitting written notification to the centre Director.

5. Under special and motivated circumstances, the Steering Committee is entitled to revoke membership or resolve a partnership.

Art. 5 - Partners
The Steering Committee can institute relations of partnership with

- Centres or Laboratories at Ca’ Foscari or other Universities or research institutions, Italian or international, and their representatives
- Institutions and associations (public or private) operating in conformity with the Centre’s mission and aims, and their representatives.

Art. 6 - Resources

1. The centre is run, financially and administratively, by the Dept. of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, represented by the Head of Department, who will authorise any activities funded by the Department or other, previous to their occurrence.

2. Centre activities are self-funded via members’ funds and other funds allocated by the Department and/or other institutions such as
   - National and/or international research grants
   - Funds from partnership agreements with national and/or international institutes or institutions
   - Funds resulting from consultancy agreements with non-academic professions
   - Funds made available by individual members, as well as donations and individual contributions from private and/or public institutions (national and international).

3. None of the above forms of fund acquisition attributes to individuals or institutions the right of deciding over the programme of activities and research initiatives of the Centre, which are freely and autonomously planned and are only subjected to institutional financial obligations.

4. The administrative and financial management of the Centre is run by the Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage.

Art. 7 – Structure

1. The centre is run by
   a. a Director
   b. a Steering Committee

2. The Director represents the centre in any situations required.

3. The Director
   - convenes and presides over the Steering Committee
   - coordinates the activities of the centre
   - develops and fosters relations with institutions and research organizations with similar or comparable mission and aims.
   - presides over public activities organised by the centre
   - evaluates requests of centre membership.

4. The Steering committee includes the Director and a minimum of three members (including a coordinator) not necessarily belonging to the host department. The Committee remains in office for five years; individual members can be re-elected.

5. The Steering Committee
- implements the centre programme by means of relevant activities
- disseminates information concerning centre events and activities among members and affiliates
- coordinates the relations between the centre and the department
- coordinates relations with partners and other centres, labs and institutions within the host University and the region, in line with instructions received during work meetings.

**Art. 8 – Annual Report**

1. At the end of each academic year (month of July) the Steering Committee makes a report that details the activities of the centre. The Director approves and signs the report.

**Art. 9 – Further provisions**

1. The Centre makes use predominantly of the host department’s space. Subject to collaboration with other centres or labs at Ca’ Foscarì or in other universities, national or international, the centre may organise activities in different locations.
2. Discussions and meetings pertaining centre business can be held away from DFBC, and when necessary can be run via video conferencing or email.
3. These Rules come into force upon approval of the Department board.
4. Changes in the present Rules will be the responsibility of the centre Director.
5. These Rules, there included anything that is not explicitly detailed, are subject to the University of Ca’ Foscarì Statute and norms.