This memorandum of describes the shared expectations of the research teams managed by Miriam Golden and by Nicholas Carnes and Noam Lupu.

The shared goal of these two research teams is to compile reelection and demographic data (name, party affiliation, gender, education, and occupation) on the members of the lower chambers of the national legislatures in 103 electoral democracies with populations over 300,000 as of 2015. The Carnes/Lupu team has begun the process of compiling these data, and the Golden team proposes to complete the data collection and preparation process. The final product will be a dataset shared by both teams.

Both teams agree to the following:

1. Carnes and Lupu will turn over all the data they have collected to Golden's team and will be available to answer questions in a timely fashion via email, Zoom, or some equivalent.
2. Golden's team will fill in the available missing data and recheck the existing data, creating country-specific datasets that include individual-level data on national legislators, including names, party affiliations, gender, occupation (raw and coded into three-digit ISCO codes), education and, where possible, DOB.
3. Golden's team will prepare a codebook (although its source documentation will necessarily be incomplete in places where the Carnes/Lupu team's data do not include sufficient source documentation).
4. Golden's team will work until July 2020, when the two teams will convene by phone to discuss the timeline for the project. Thereafter, the two teams will discuss the status of the project approximately monthly. If the project cannot be completed by January 2021, the Golden team will share the dataset as it then stands with the Carnes/Lupu team at that time, and will share individual completed countries thereafter as they are completed so that the dataset can be used in a partial form.
5. When the dataset is completed, authorship of the resulting dataset and codebook will be attributed to Carnes, Golden, Lupu, and any members of their teams that they designate, with names listed alphabetically (and with the alphabetic coding convention clearly noted in the codebook and any other accompanying documentation).
6. Copies of the resulting dataset and codebook will be shared with both teams, and both will be allowed to use them as they see fit, subject to the following provisions:.
    a. Neither team will post the dataset in full or in part to any public repository until January 2023 unless both teams mutually agree otherwise.
    b. Neither team will share the dataset with individual scholars until January 2023 unless both teams mutually agree otherwise.
    c. The Golden team will not write about the causes or effects of the political representation of working-class politicians until January 2023 unless both teams mutually agree otherwise.
    d. The Carnes/Lupu team will not write about reelection rates (except for differences by social class) until January 2023 unless both teams mutually agree otherwise.
7. If Carnes, Lupu, and/or Golden wish to write a paper introducing the dataset, all three will be invited to work as coauthors and will have the option to invite members of their teams to coauthor as they see fit.
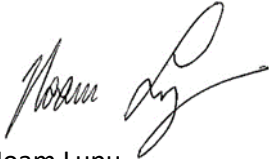
8. Signatories may affirm their agreement with the plans described in this MOU by replying "I agree" to the email accompanying this MOU.

Returned by email 21 June 2020.

Miriam Golden

Countersigned and returned by email 23 June 2020

Noam Lupu