



Cumulative dissertation

Ph.D. student:

Supervisor:

Co-supervisor:

Number of essays to be included in the dissertation.

Number of essays, if any, which are to be submitted to qualitatively highly-ranked peer-review journals.

Number of essays written by the candidate as sole author.

Will either the supervisor or the co-supervisor appear as a co-author?

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Date

Chair of Programme Committee



Requirements for cumulative dissertations

The DIA programme committee has decided on the following requirements for cumulative dissertations in the doctoral programme International Affairs and Political Economy (Promo07/Promo17):

1. The programme committee must approve requests for writing a cumulative dissertation at the beginning of the dissertation phase. In the request, the supervisor recommends the number of essays to be included in the dissertation, and which, if any, are to be submitted to qualitatively highly-ranked peer-review journals prior to the dissertation defence.
2. Each essay must constitute a unique contribution to the academic literature. The various essays need to be related to each other thematically and together constitute a coherent whole.
3. The dissertation comprises a minimum of five parts: one introductory chapter setting out the research agenda and explaining the above mentioned relationship of the individual essays; the essays themselves; and a conclusion.
4. All essays need to state the name of the authors and the essay title.
5. A minimum of one essay must be written by the candidate as sole author.
6. Essays by more than one author require a description of the candidate's share of work with regard to both subject/content and share/quantity.
7. In this case (6), an agreement between the authors needs to be submitted, in which the co-authors confirm by signature the division of work and their approval of the essay's inclusion in the dissertation. These agreements are submitted as an annex to the cumulative dissertation.
8. In the event that essays have already been published or been submitted for publication, the candidate is required to provide information about the journal and the current publication or review status.
9. If the supervisor or co-supervisor appears as a co-author, the programme committee will appoint an external referee after submission of the dissertation in order to independently evaluate the scholarly quality of the respective essay.
10. In addition to assessing the scholarly quality of the thesis as a whole, the referees must explicitly affirm in their written appraisals that the dissertation conforms with points 1 to 9. The written appraisal of the external referee includes an explicit confirmation that the individual essays together constitute a contribution of sufficient quality and weight to warrant the conferral of the doctoral degree, given the international standards of the relevant discipline.