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Doctoral Degree Regulations of School III for Cultural Studies at the University of Olden- burg

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Section 1 Purpose of the doctorate and doctoral work

(1) School III (hereinafter referred to as the School) awards the degree of a Doctor of Philosophy (Dr phil.) for advanced independent scholarly accomplishments in the field of cultural studies, which in the case of graduates of arts programmes may also include artistic aspects.

(2) Joint doctoral programmes (bi-national doctorate) can be carried out in the framework of international doctoral programmes or on the basis of a cooperation agreement with a foreign university or non-academic research institution (Section 7 (5)). The same applies to cooperation with German universities and non-academic research institutions. In such cases, the doctoral degree referred to in (1) is awarded jointly by the School and the competent body of the cooperation partner.

(3) The doctorate serves as proof of the ability to carry out in-depth, independent scientific work.

(4) The following achievements are required for the doctorate:

- a) a written doctoral assignment (thesis) whose subject matter belongs to the field of cultural studies and which may include artistic elements. For details, see Section 8.
- b) An oral examination (thesis defence). For details, see Section 11.

Section 2 Competences

(1) The following committees are involved in the doctorate process

- a) the Doctorate Committee (Section 3),
- b) the Examination Committee (Section 4),
- c) the first assessor (Section 6), who is also the supervisor of the thesis in accordance with Section 5, and
- d) one or more persons as co-assessors (Section 6, Section 10 (2) Sentence 2).

(2) The Doctorate Committee decides on procedural matters unless otherwise provided by the Doctoral Degree Regulations, and on the doctorate.

(3) The Examination Committee conducts the thesis defence and assesses it.

(4) The first assessor and the co-assessors assess the thesis.

Section 3 Doctorate Committee

(1) The School appoints from its ranks the Doctorate Committee for cultural studies, consisting of one member from the group of professors or one habilitated member as the chair and, as a rule, four further members from the group of professors or habilitated members, by decision of the Faculty Council. The Committee will include a member of the academic staff group and the student group from the doctoral degree programmes in an advisory capacity. The chair will be elected by the Doctorate Committee.

(2) The Doctorate Committee will take decisions by a majority of votes. In the case of a tied vote, the matter will be decided by the chair's vote.

Section 4 Examination Committee

(1) At the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure, the Doctorate Committee will appoint an Examination Committee for each doctoral project (Section 9 (3)). The composition of the Committee should adequately reflect the relevant fields of study. Areas of expertise outside cultural studies that the thesis touches on¹ should, if possible, be considered in the composition of the Examination Committee. When carrying out bi-national or other joint doctoral degree procedures (Section 1 (2)), professors of the cooperation partner should be given due consideration in the composition of the Committee.

(2) The Examination Committee will consist of

- a) a member of the group of professors or a habilitated member of the Doctorate Committee as the chair,
- b) the first assessor of the thesis,
- c) the co-assessors of the thesis,
- d) a professor (Section 6 (2) Sentence 2) of a field adjacent to the thesis topic.

At the suggestion of the doctoral candidate, a further assessor may be appointed. This may also be a lecturer with a doctorate who is authorized to teach independently.

(3) A majority of the members must belong to the School. In well-founded exceptional cases, there may be fewer.

Section 5 Supervision

(1) The subject of the thesis should be agreed on with a professor (as defined in Section 6 (2) Sentence 2) of the field of study concerned. The professor will supervise the thesis in terms of content and will serve as the first assessor according to Section 6 (1). By entering into a written supervision agreement as in Annex 1, which is to be countersigned by the chair of the Doctorate Committee after verification of compliance with the requirements for admission pursuant to Section 7, the doctoral student will receive, even before formal approval of her or his doctoral project in accordance with Section 7 (6), the status of 'accepted doctoral student'. Section 5 (2) applies accordingly. The candidate may ask the Doctorate Committee to help find a supervisor.

(2) The supervisor may also be a professor from another university or cooperation partner, pursuant to Section 1 (2). This requires the approval of the Doctorate Committee at the stage of admission to the doctorate. In this case, the supervisor is entitled to assume the rights of a member of the School's professors' group with regard to the doctoral degree procedure. In this case, the co-assessor must be a member of the School.

(3) The applicant has the right to prepare the thesis without supervision and to submit it to the Doctorate Committee, provided that a member of the group of professors or a habilitated member of the School advocates this procedure and undertakes the assessment. In this case, the period between application and the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure should normally be at least 12 months

Section 6 Assessors

(1) The Doctorate Committee will appoint the first assessor, who should belong to the School, for the evaluation of the thesis, and up to two co-assessors. In the case of a bi-national or other joint doctoral degree procedure pursuant to Section 1 (2), the first assessor may belong to the cooperation partner.

(2) The assessors must be professors. These include the members of the group of professors, lecturers who are not on furlough, as well as professors who are retired or have been relieved of their duties. Honorary professors can be considered as 'further co-assessors'.

(3) The doctoral candidate may suggest the first assessor, the co-assessor and, if applicable, another co-assessor.

Section 7 Admission to the doctorate

(1) The application for admission to the doctorate must be submitted in writing to the chair of the Doctorate Committee.

(2) As a requirement for admission, the application must be accompanied by:

- a) the applicant's curriculum vitae, including a description of his or her educational development and, if applicable, a complete list of scholarly publications,
- b) a detailed description of the planned thesis of 20-30 pages,

¹ E.g. mathematics

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- c) proof of higher education entrance qualification,
- d) the certificate of a Master's degree from a German university, an equivalent university² or university of applied sciences, or a university Diplom, Magister or state examination degree, generally in cultural studies, or evidence of an equivalent degree in the field of cultural studies from an equivalent foreign university,
- e) a declaration of any previous applications for doctoral studies (Section 15 (2) Sentences 4 and 5),
- f) if applicable, an application for a bi-national doctorate or another joint doctoral degree procedure (Section 1 (2)) that mentions the cooperation partner,
- g) a statement by a member of the group of professors or a habilitated member of the School in which this person recommends admission of the candidate and commits herself or himself to assessing the candidate's doctoral work and, if called upon to do so, supervising it.
- h) if applicable, a request for the appointment of a supervisor pursuant to Section 5 (2).

All submitted documents, except for originals and diplomas/certificates, which must be submitted as certified photocopies, become the property of the University.

(3) If, pursuant to Section 2 (d), evidence of foreign degrees has been submitted, the Doctorate Committee will examine whether they are equivalent to the German degrees. In doing so, legally binding intergovernmental agreements and the recognition recommendations of the KMK (the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder and its Central Office for Foreign Education, ZAB) and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) must be taken as a basis. Recognition may be subject to certain requirements and conditions, such as retrieval of a missing diploma or Master's thesis, or the passing of knowledge examinations.

(4) Foreign applicants who do not have a German school or university degree must provide evidence of German language skills as required for admission to a university degree programme. The Doctorate Committee will decide on exceptions and any conditions.

(5) If an application for a bi-national doctorate or another joint doctoral degree procedure is submitted (Section 2 (f)), the chair of the Doctorate Committee will seek to conclude

a corresponding cooperation agreement with the desired university.

(6) The Doctorate Committee will decide on admission to the doctorate. Upon admission, the applicant receives the status of doctoral candidate. This status is lost when the candidate passes or definitively fails the doctorate.

(7) After admission to the doctorate, doctoral candidates should enrol as doctoral students at the earliest possible date.

Section 8 Doctoral thesis

(1) The thesis must demonstrate the author's capacity for advanced independent scholarly work and contribute to the advancement of scholarship in a specific field of cultural studies. It may incorporate artistic components.

(2) The thesis should be written in German. Writing in another language requires the approval of the Doctorate Committee. English-language theses require approval. The thesis must contain a summary in German, as well as a curriculum vitae.

(3) A collection of several scholarly papers may be recognized as a doctoral thesis if they are substantively connected and, in their entirety, comply with the requirements of Section 1. Their substantive connection should be fully explained in the summary, according to (2) Sentence 4.

(4) With reference to (3), the prior publication of one or more parts is permitted.

(5) If it has an appropriate research question, a scholarly work written by several persons - usually no more than two - may be recognized as a doctoral thesis. In such a case, the individual contributions to be considered for the doctoral degree procedure must be attributable without any doubt to one of the applicants and must fulfil the requirements of (1). The contributions of the individual participants must be specified and described comprehensively in the declaration referred to in Section 9 (2) (b). In this case, a cumulative thesis is not allowed. The suitability of a topic for joint work shall be formally established by the Doctorate Committee at the request of the candidate, after they have been consulted. This should be done before work on the thesis has begun. If several doctoral degree procedures are to be carried out on the basis of joint work, a joint Examination Committee and joint assessors are to be appointed. Each individual contribution will be assessed separately.

² Joint structural guideline of the German Länder (KMK) of 10/10/2003 in the version of 22/9/2005

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Section 9

Initiation of the doctoral degree procedure

(1) The doctoral candidate will apply to the Doctorate Committee for the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure. As a rule, the application must be submitted, at the earliest, one year after admission to the doctorate and, at the latest, five years after that date. Upon request and in justified cases, the period specified in Sentence 2 may be extended by a reasonable period, after the doctoral candidate and the supervisor have given their opinion. If the application for the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure is not submitted on time or within the period of grace, the doctorate will be deemed to have been withdrawn. The chair of the Doctorate Committee will inform the doctoral candidate, the supervisor of the thesis and the School management team accordingly.

(2) The application for the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure will be approved if the requirements of Section 7 of these Regulations have been met and the following documents are enclosed:

- a) at least one copy of the thesis for each member of the Examination Committee and one copy for the files of the Doctorate Committee,
- b) a statement that the candidate has written the thesis independently, its content has not already been used for a Diplom, Master's or a similar examination paper, and that the resources used have been fully acknowledged,
- c) nominations according to Section 6 (3),
- d) if applicable, evidence related to Section 7 (3) Sentence 3,
- e) proof of enrolment as a doctoral student according to Section 7 (7).

(3) The Doctorate Committee will initiate the doctoral degree procedure by establishing the Examination Committee, in accordance with Section 4 (2), appoint the assessors who will evaluate the thesis, in accordance with Section 6, and determine the subject areas and procedure for the second part of the thesis defence, pursuant to Section 11 (3). The chair will immediately inform the doctoral candidate of both decisions and the composition of the Examination Committee.

Section 10

Assessment of the thesis

(1) The assessors are expected to file written assessments reports within three months and to recommend acceptance of the thesis and continuation of the procedure, revision of

the thesis, or rejection. In the first case, they will also propose a grade. The grades are:

summa cum laude (high distinction)	=	0	ausgezeichnet
magna cum laude (distinction)	=	1	sehr gut (with distinction)
cum laude	=	2	gut (credit)
rite	=	3	genügend (pass)

(2) If at least one assessor has made reasoned recommendations for revision, and acceptance of the thesis without revision appears unlikely, the Doctorate Committee shall decide by a majority of its members, after hearing the doctoral student, whether the thesis is to be returned to the student with a requirement for revision, whether another expert is to be appointed or whether the procedure is to be continued without requiring revision. The chair of the Doctorate Committee will notify the doctoral candidate in writing of the requirements, stating the reasons. A reasonable deadline will be set for the revision. After revision of the thesis, the assessors will again submit their written comments within one month of submission of the revised version. The committee can only once require revision of the thesis.

(3) The chair of the Doctorate Committee will inform the professors' group of the School (Section 6 (2)), the members of the Doctorate Committee and the assessors of the receipt of the assessments and comments pursuant to (1) and (2). At the same time, the thesis, the assessment reports and comments will be made available in the office of the Dean of the School for a period of two weeks for confidential inspection and the submission of special expert opinions.

(4) The thesis will be considered accepted if all the assessors have recommended acceptance of the thesis and the chair of the Doctorate Committee has received no expert opinions pursuant to (3) up to three working days after the expiry of the period of inspection. If the thesis has not been recommended for acceptance by all of the assessors, (2) applies accordingly. Subsequently, the Doctorate Committee will decide definitively on the acceptance or rejection of the thesis.

(5) If all assessors have recommended acceptance of the thesis, the overall grade of the thesis will result from the arithmetic mean of the individual grades as follows (Section 10 (1) Sentence 3 applies accordingly):

from 0	to less than	0.5	=	aus- gezeichnet =	=	summa cum laude (high distinction)
from 0.5	to less than	1.5	=	sehr gut	=	magna cum laude (with distinction)

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from 1.5 to less than 2.5 = good = cum laude
(credit)

from 2.5 To 3.0 = genügend = rite (pass)

If the thesis has been rejected by an assessor, returned for revision, or expert opinions as in (3) have been submitted, the Doctorate Committee will decide whether and, if so, to what extent the return and the expert opinions will be considered in the grading process. A rejection will enter into the calculation of the overall mark as a mark of 4.0.

(6) The chair of the Doctorate Committee will inform the doctoral candidate whether the thesis has been accepted or rejected and at the same time make the documents available to him or her, especially the reports that form the basis for the assessment. This notification usually takes place within two months after the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure. If revisions are to be made or the appointment of an additional assessor is required (2), the deadline is extended to six months.

(7) If the thesis has been definitively rejected, the candidate will have failed the doctorate, and the procedure will be closed. A copy of the rejected work is to be filed along with all the documents on which the decision was based.

Section 11 Thesis defence (disputation)

(1) If the submitted thesis has been accepted, the chair of the Doctorate Committee will schedule the thesis defence (viva voce) without delay. This can already be done provisionally in the notification of the receipt of the assessment reports pursuant to Section 10 (3), subject to compliance with Section 10 (4). If there are no important personal reasons to act otherwise (e.g. illness, pregnancy or care for children or other relatives), the thesis defence should take place within four weeks after acceptance of the thesis.

(2) The chair of the Examination Committee will invite the doctoral candidate and the members of the Examination Committee to the thesis defence and publicly announce the event within the School.

(3) The thesis defence will last approximately 90 minutes minimum and consist of a lecture, answers to questions by the Examination Committee and a discussion that is open to all members of the University community (20 minutes at the most). The thesis defence consists of a 30-minute lecture that is open to all members of the University, responds to the assessments and expert opinions and presents the aims, methods and outcomes of the thesis, making them under-

standable to laypersons (not only to specialists). This is followed by an examination in the form of a conversation on the aims, methods and outcomes of the thesis. It is led by the chair of the Examination Committee, opened by questions from members of the Examination Committee and continues for a total of at least 40 minutes. With the consent of the doctoral student, interested listeners can be admitted to the discussion during the second part of the examination.

(4) Immediately following the oral examination, the Examination Committee will decide in closed session whether the candidate has passed the oral examination. If so, the Examination Committee will determine the overall grade of the oral examination according to Section 10 (1) and (5). The chair of the Examination Committee will immediately inform the doctoral candidate of the result of the thesis defence.

(5) If the doctoral candidate has not passed the thesis defence, they will be given the opportunity to repeat it once if they, within one week, sends a request in writing to the chair of the Doctorate Committee. The oral examination can be repeated, at the earliest, after four weeks and, at the latest, before the end of one year.

(6) If the doctoral candidate fails to attend the thesis defence without excuse, they will be deemed to have failed the examination. In the case of an excused absence, a new appointment shall be set in accordance with (1). The Examination Committee will decide whether to accept the excuse.

(7) A record must be made of the course of the oral examination, its essential topics and its outcomes.

Section 12 Assessment and completion of the doctorate

(1) Following the thesis defence, the Doctorate Committee will determine how the student's doctoral performance is to be assessed in its entirety. The overall score will be determined by the arithmetic mean of the individual marks for the thesis, which counts twice, and the arithmetic mean of the individual marks for the thesis defence, which counts once. Section 10 (5) applies accordingly. In any event, Section 15 (1) will apply.

(2) The chair of the responsible Doctorate Committee shall notify the doctoral candidate in writing of the marks awarded for the thesis, the defence and the doctorate as a whole.

(3) The doctorate is completed when the Examination Committee determines that the candidate has passed the thesis defence.

Section 13 **Publication of the thesis**

(1) Within one year of the successful defence, the doctoral candidate shall make the thesis accessible to the scientific public in an appropriate manner by copying and processing it. The thesis will have been made accessible to the scholarly public in an appropriate manner if the doctoral candidate has provided the Library and Information System of the University of Oldenburg with six copies of the thesis printed on age-resistant wood- and acid-free paper, and ensured the distribution of the thesis by:

- a) the delivery of 60 copies of the thesis to the Humanities and Social Sciences departments, in the form of a book or photocopies, or
- b) proof of the publication of the thesis in a journal, as well as the transfer, free of charge, of 3 printed and durably bound copies of the thesis to the University Library of the University of Oldenburg, or
- c) providing three copies as well as evidence of distribution by a commercial publisher of at least 100 copies (on the back of the title page, the publication is to be identified as a thesis, stating the place where the thesis was accepted), or
- d) delivering an electronic version in a data format and on a data carrier that have been agreed with the University Library, as well as the transfer, free of charge, of five printed and durably bound copies of the thesis to the University Library of the University of Oldenburg, as well as an affidavit stating that the content and form of the printed and electronic versions are the same, and
- e) delivering two short summaries in German and English (in electronic form), each with a maximum of 1000 characters, approved by the first assessor, as well as an affidavit on the identity in content and form of the printed and the electronic versions.

In the cases mentioned in Sentence 2 (a) or (d), the doctoral candidate will transfer to the University of Oldenburg the right to produce and disseminate additional copies of the thesis in print or in electronic networks in order to fulfil the legal obligations of university libraries. The author's copyright will remain unaffected.

(2) The delivered items will have a title page, the front and back of which will follow the model in Annex 2.

(3) The final draft for publication must be submitted to the chair of the Doctorate Committee. The chair will give the permission to print after consulting the first assessor. The Doctorate Committee and the doctoral candidate can agree on deviations from the thesis.

(4) The chair of the Doctorate Committee may, in special cases, extend the deadline for the delivery of printed copies. The doctoral candidate must submit a reasoned request for such an extension in good time.

Section 14 **Completion of the doctorate**

(1) If the decision according to Section 12 is positive, the School will award the doctoral degree. The doctorate is completed when the leadership of the School delivers the doctoral degree certificate to the doctoral candidate. Before then, the doctoral candidate does not have the right to bear the doctoral degree title, but may use the designation *Dr des*. Upon request, the School can certify this.

(2) The doctoral certificate will be issued according to the model of Annex 3. Upon request, the qualification will also be delivered in an English translation in accordance with the model in Annex 4. In the case of a bi-national doctorate, a certificate shall be issued in accordance with Annex 5 and in the translation of the relevant language (French as in Annex 6). The doctoral certificate will bear the date of the oral examination, but will be issued only after the obligation to publish, in accordance with Section 13, has been fulfilled.

Section 15 **Unsuccessful completion of the doctoral degree procedure**

(1) The doctoral degree procedure is completed unsuccessfully if either the submitted thesis was not approved as an adequate doctoral attainment or the thesis defence was not considered adequate. The chair of the Doctorate Committee will inform the doctoral candidate in writing about the result (see Section 12 (1)).

(2) The re-submission of a thesis is only permitted once and not before the end of one year. This also applies if the first unsuccessful doctoral attempt took place at another university. A rejected thesis may not be resubmitted in the same or an essentially unaltered form for the purpose of obtaining a doctorate. If only the thesis defence has failed, it can be repeated once within one year. In the case of a renewed application for admission to the doctorate, the previous failed attempt must always be reported. The date of the first application, the university and the school, faculty or department to which the thesis was submitted, as well as the topic of the thesis must be stated.

Section 16

Withdrawal of the doctoral application

A doctoral application can be withdrawn as long as no assessment rejecting the thesis has been received. After that, a withdrawal is possible only for important personal reasons that may not be related to the doctoral degree procedure. The Doctorate Committee will decide on this matter in response to a written request. A re-opening of the doctoral degree procedure can then be requested in the same way.

Section 17

Invalidity of the work by the doctoral candidate

(1) If, prior to the award of the doctoral degree certificate, the doctoral student is found to have used fraud in their doctoral work or with regard to the requirements for admission to the doctorate or the initiation of the doctoral procedure, the Doctorate Committee may, accordingly, correct the grades for the doctoral work that involved deception and declare the doctorate invalid.

(2) If the circumstances mentioned in (1) become known only after the doctoral certificate has been awarded, (1) will apply accordingly and the Faculty Council will decide, on the recommendation of the Doctorate Committee and bearing in mind the legal provisions, whether the award of the doctoral degree is to be revoked or withdrawn. The same applies if the award of the degree was obtained by threat or bribery. Except in the cases stated in Section 49 of the Administrative Procedures Act (VwVfG), the award of the degree may be revoked if the holder has seriously violated the dignity conferred by the degree, in particular by an offence that is to be taken into account under the provisions of the Federal Central Criminal Register, or has misused the scholarly authority associated with the university degree.

(3) If the prerequisites for admission to the doctorate (Section 7) or the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure (Section 9) have not been fulfilled, but without any deception on the part of the doctoral candidate, and this fact becomes known only after the doctoral certificate has been issued, then this defect will be deemed to have been remedied by the successful completion of the doctorate.

(4) Prior to a decision, the person concerned must be given the opportunity to discuss the matter with the responsible Doctorate Committee.

(5) The incorrect doctoral certificate must be retrieved and, if appropriate, replaced by a corrected certificate.

Section 18

Access to the doctoral records

Upon completion of the doctoral degree procedure, the doctoral candidate will be granted access to the doctoral dossier upon their request. This request must be submitted no later than three months after completion of the doctoral degree procedure. Section 32 of the Administrative Procedures Act (VwVfG) applies accordingly.

Section 19

Appeal

(1) Negative decisions taken in accordance with these Doctoral Degree Regulations must be substantiated in writing, must provide information on legal remedies and must be announced in accordance with Section 41 of the Administrative Procedures Act (VwVfG). The doctoral candidate can lodge an appeal against an assessment or an examination within one month after receipt of the decision, in writing or orally for the written record, pursuant to Sections 68 ff. of the Administrative Court Regulations (VwGO). It is to be addressed to the chair of the Doctorate Committee.

(2) The chair of the Doctorate Committee will forward the objection to the Examination Committee for review. If the Examination Committee changes its decision as requested, the Doctorate Committee will have definitively dealt with the objection. Otherwise, the Doctorate Committee will forward the objection to the Faculty Council for a final decision. The Faculty Council will examine the decision, paying particular attention to the following aspects:

- a) whether the examination procedure was carried out properly,
- b) whether the grading was based on incorrect information,
- c) whether common principles of assessment were not observed,
- d) whether a reasonable and well-reasoned answer was judged incorrect,
- e) and whether the examiner was guided by extraneous considerations.

(3) If the objection concerns a decision of an assessor, the chair of the Doctorate Committee shall forward the objection to the assessor in question. Otherwise, (2) applies accordingly.

(4) In the event of a violation as in (2) Sentence 4 letters (a) to (e), if the Examination Committee does not already deal definitively with the objection at this stage of the procedure,

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or if there are concrete and substantiated objections to examination assessments and professional comments, without the examiner changing his or her opinion as requested, the performance of the candidate in the examination will be reassessed by other examiners who were not previously involved in the examination, or the thesis defence will be repeated.

(5) The appeal shall be dealt with definitively within three months. If the appeal is not upheld, the negative decision must be substantiated and opportunities for legal remedy must be specified.

(6) The appeal may not lead to a worsening of the examination grade.

Section 20 Honorary doctorate

(1) In recognition of outstanding personal scholarly achievements characterized by research that has contributed significantly to the development of a field of studies of the School, the School may, in the fields for which it is responsible, as a rare distinction, award the degree of honorary doctor (Dr phil. h. c.) in its appropriate form.

(2) The nomination for an honorary doctorate shall be submitted by at least three members of the School's group of professors. The nomination must set out the scholarly achievements and include the curriculum vitae and a list of the publications of the person to be honoured.

(3) It will be discussed by an Honours Committee which is appointed by the Faculty Council of the School. The Committee will be chaired by the Dean. At least three other members of the Committee must be professors, as defined in Section 6 (2) Sentence 2. The Committee will draw up a written report on the personality and the scholarly achievements of the nominee. For this purpose, at least two external scientific opinions must be obtained.

(4) In the Faculty Council meeting preceding the one at which the resolution will be tabled, the Dean will announce that a decision on a nomination for an honorary doctorate will be required. At this time, the Dean will point out that the application, the expert opinions and the report of the Honours Committee are available in the Dean's office for confidential inspection by the members of the Faculty Council and the School's professors, as defined in Section 6 (2) Sentence 2.

(5) The Faculty Council will deal with the nomination in two readings. All the School's professors, as defined in Section 6 (2) Sentence 2, will be invited as consultants to the first of these two readings. Following the second reading, the Faculty Council will decide on the nomination in a secret ballot.

A qualified majority of 80% of the Faculty Council members is required for a decision to approve the application for the award of the honorary doctorate.

(6) After the nomination has been accepted, the Dean of the School will award the honorary doctorate by issuing a certificate as in Annex 7. The Dean will send invitations to a celebratory ceremony and select the speaker of the laudatory speech.

(7) The honorary doctorate is to be communicated to the German universities as well as to the Lower Saxony Ministry of Science and Culture (MWK).

(8) Applicants must be informed of a negative decision.

(9) The award of the title Dr phil. h. c. can be withdrawn. Section 17 applies accordingly.

Section 21 Effective date

These examination regulations will take effect after approval by the Presidential Board on the date of their publication in the official notices of the University of Oldenburg. At the same time, the previously valid Doctoral Degree Regulations of the former School II (Communication/Aesthetics) of 15/12/1986, last amended by the announcement of 9/11/1989 (Lower Saxony Ministerial Gazette, No. 39, 1989, p. 1217), will expire.

Section 22 Transitional provisions

Doctoral students who submit the application for the initiation of the doctoral degree procedure pursuant to Section 9 within three years after the entry into force of these Regulations, or had already submitted it before their entry into force, may request that the previous Doctoral Degree Regulations of former School II (Communication/Aesthetics), as amended on 9/11/1989 (Lower Saxony Ministerial Gazette, No. 39, 1989, p. 1217), be followed.

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Annex 1 Supervision agreement Re: Section 5 (1)

The doctoral candidate and the following supervisors/members of the Supervisory Committee hereby enter into a supervision agreement for the doctoral project. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure the scholarly guidance and support required for the success of the doctoral project.

Ms/Mr _____
(doctoral candidate)

and

Ms/Mr _____
(first supervisor)

as well as

Ms/Mr _____
(second supervisor)

as well as

Ms/Mr _____
(third supervisor)

1. School:

Field of studies of the doctorate:

If applicable, name of doctoral programme or Graduate School:

2. Intended topic of the thesis (working title):

Start of the doctoral project (month/year):

3. At the beginning, the doctoral student will draw up a timeline for the project, which is to be regularly updated and discussed with the supervisor. The doctoral student will report regularly, but at least once a year, to the first supervisor on the preparation, development and implementation of the doctoral project (progress report) and present preliminary work or parts of the thesis in the following colloquia or in comparable places.

4. This supervision is conducted especially by way of frequent personal meetings and regular participation in doctoral programme events and/or doctoral colloquia of the department or school. The first supervisor will monitor the quality of the doctoral thesis and support the independent scientific development of the doctoral candidate in word and deed. To the extent required, they will comment orally or

in writing on the contributions delivered during the agreed meetings.

5. The doctoral student must notify of changes in the topic of the thesis and changes of address.

6. All scientific activity is based on the principles of good scientific practice as formulated in the guidelines of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the corresponding regulations of the University of Oldenburg. The first supervisor of the doctoral student is available to answer any questions about this. The doctoral candidate will comply with these regulations.

7. If the supervisory relationship is dissolved for reasons beyond the responsibility of the doctoral candidate, the School will strive to provide a substantively appropriate alternative.

_____ doctoral candidate
(Place, date)

_____ first supervisor
(Place, date)

_____ second supervisor
(Place, date)

_____ third supervisor
(Place, date)

Seen by:

(Place, date)

(Chair of the Doctorate Committee of the School)

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Annex 2

Re: Section 13 (2)

Model for the title page of the thesis

Front:

.....
(Title of the thesis)

Thesis approved by the School of the
University of Oldenburg in partial fulfilment of the require-
ments for the degree of *)

.....
(name of degree) (Abbreviation)

by Ms/Mr *)
(First name and last name)

born on in

Overleaf:

Assessor *)

Co-assessor(s) *)

Date of thesis defence:

.....
*) Complete as appropriate

Annex 3

Re: Section 14 (2)

The School of
of the University of Oldenburg
hereby confers on:

Ms/Mr *)

.....
born on: in

the degree

Doctor of (Dr. phil.),

after she/he* has successfully and duly completed a doc-
toral degree procedure with a thesis that was assigned the
grade

....1 on the following topic:
.....

as well as a thesis defence assigned the grade²⁾ in which
he/she* proved his/her* scholarly ability,
seine*) wissenschaftliche Befähigung erwiesen
and for the doctorate as a whole was assigned the grade ...
³⁾.

Oldenburg

.....
The Dean*) The Chair *)
of the School of the Doctorate Committee
of the School

.....
*) Complete as appropriate

¹⁾Grades: Ausgezeichnet = (summa cum laude, high distinc-
tion), sehr gut (magna cum laude, with distinction), good
(cum laude, credit), genügend (rite)

²⁾ see footnote 1)

³⁾ see footnote 1)

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Annex 4

Re: Section 14 (2) Sentence 2

The School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies
of the
University of Oldenburg (Germany)

hereby confers on

Mr/Ms*

Date of birth in

having presented his/her* doctoral thesis entitled*

.....

and having passed the oral examination

the Degree of*

Doctor of ... (Dr. ...)

Doctoral thesis grade¹⁾*:.....

Oral examination grade¹⁾*:.....

Overall grade¹⁾*:.....

Oldenburg,* __ /__ / __ (day / month / year)

Dean of the School of Linguistics and Cultural Studies

Chair of the Doctoral Committee for Cultural Studies

(Faculty Seal)

(* complete as appropriate)

1) Grades: *summa cum laude* (high distinction),
magna cum laude (distinction),
cum laude (credit), *rite* (pass)

Annex 5

Re: Section 14 (2)

The School of
of the University of Oldenburg
and

.....
jointly confer on

Ms/Mr *)

.....

born on in

the degree

Doctor of (Dr. phil.)

In a doctoral degree procedure duly and jointly supervised
by both partner institutions, she/he* has proved his/her*
scholarly ability by writing a thesis entitled

.....
..... which was awarded the grade 1),

as well as performing a successful doctoral defence as-
signed the grade²⁾. The overall grade achieved by the
candidate was ...³⁾.

Seal of the University
of Oldenburg

Seal of the
foreign university

Oldenburg, dated

The Dean *)
of the School

The Chair *)
of the Doctorate
Committee
of the School.....
of the University of Ol-
denburg

(Place, date)

The Dean
The President
of the School/of the University*)
.....

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Ms/Mr** may use the title of doctor either in the German or in the foreign form. The names of the two universities that supervised the doctoral degree procedure can be added in brackets. This doctoral degree requires no further State authorization for use in the Federal Republic of Germany. This certificate is only valid in combination with the doctoral certificate of the (foreign) Ministry of Education No. ... of...

*) Complete as appropriate

1) Grades: Ausgezeichnet = (summa cum laude, high distinction), sehr gut (magna cum laude, with distinction), good (cum laude, credit), genügend (rite)

2) see footnote 1)

3) see footnote 1)

Annex 6

Re: Section 14 (2)

Diplôme de doctorat du 3^{ème} cycle obtenu dans le cadre d'une cotutelle de thèse entre une université française et une université allemande

L'université ou l'école supérieure
(nom de l'établissement français)

.....

et

La Faculté
de l'université Carl von Ossietzky Oldenburg

délivrent conjointement

à
né(e) le à

le titre de docteur (indication de la discipline)

Elle/il a fait la preuve de sa compétence scientifique en obtenant la pour sa thèse

.....

préparée en cotutelle, conformément à la réglementation, par convention entre les deux établissements, ainsi que pour la soutenance/l'épreuve orale du

(date)

dans la/les discipline(s)
(mention de la/des discipline(s))

.....

et obtenu la note totale (note appréciation).

Fait à le

Le président de (nom de L'université française) ou Le Directeur de	Le doyen de la faculté (nom de la faculté) de l'université Carl von Ossietzky Oldenburg,
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Signature, sceau de
l'établissement français

Signature, sceau de
l'université Carl von
Ossietzky Oldenburg

Le/la titulaire de ce diplôme est autorisé(e) à porter le titre de docteur sans autre disposition réglementaire en République fédérale d'Allemagne, soit sous sa forme allemande, soit sous sa forme française, les noms des deux établissements partenaires dans la mise en oeuvre de la cotutelle de thèse pouvant figurer entre parenthèses. Toutefois ce diplôme

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n'est valide qu'en liaison avec le diplôme de doctorat de 3^{ième} cycle délivré par l'Etat français.

Anlage 7

Re: Section 20 (6)

The School of
of the University of Oldenburg

hereby confers on:

Ms/Mr*)

.....
born on* in

in recognition of outstanding personal scholarly achievements, characterized by research work that has made a fundamental contribution to the development of the subject area
of the School*

the degree

Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Dr phil. h. c.)
(Dr. phil. h.c.)

Oldenburg, dated

Dean of the School *)

*) Complete as appropriate

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