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Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation to Earn a Doctoral Degree in Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim of 4 December 2024

Based on section 38 subsection 4 sentence 1 of the act on the higher education institutions in the Land of Baden-Württemberg (*Landeshochschulgesetz*, LHG), the senate of the University of Mannheim passed the following Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation according to section 19 subsection 1 sentence 2 number 9 LHG on 4 December 2024. The President has approved these examination regulations on 13 December 2024.

Section 1 Type of Doctorate

- (1) The School of Social Sciences awards the degree of the Doctor of Social Sciences (Dr. rer. soc.) principally based on the successful completion of a doctoral program and a doctoral examination.
- (2) Fields of study are:
 1. Political Science
 2. Psychology
 3. Sociology
 4. Social Data Science and Research Methodology
- (3) In case a doctoral student aspires to obtain a doctoral degree in cooperation with a foreign higher education institution, either a framework agreement or an individual cooperation agreement needs to be signed with the respective institution. The presidents of both higher education institutions need to sign the agreement. The doctoral committee must approve the agreement. For doctoral students of the Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences (CDSS) the selection and examination committee must give its approval. The agreement must include the detailed regulations of the joint doctoral process. The agreement must consider established regulations and procedures governing the doctoral dissertation as well as the study regulations of the relevant doctoral programs of both higher education institutions.

Section 2 Purpose and Content of the Doctoral Program and the Doctoral Examination

- (1) The doctoral examination principally marks the completion of the doctoral program. The doctoral program provides students with the most recent knowledge regarding the scientific research and research methods of their field of study and serves to prove that the doctoral student is able to pursue independent research. During the doctoral program, the doctoral student proves their ability to

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define new research topics and work on them implementing appropriate research methods.

- (4) The doctoral examination comprises a written and an oral examination. The doctoral dissertation is the written examination. The oral examination is the oral defense.
- (5) The doctoral dissertation serves to prove the doctoral student's ability to independently pursue scientific research. In the dissertation, the doctoral student must convey their own, new scientific findings in the form of a monograph or an article-based dissertation. The latter type of dissertation may include manuscripts of the doctoral student that are destined for publication. However, this type of dissertation also requires a coherent general concept that supports the research topic.
- (6) The oral defense must prove the doctoral student's ability to engage in scholarly discourse. In the oral defense, the doctoral student presents the essential findings of their dissertation and defends them in a colloquium with the members of the examination committee. During the oral defense, the doctoral student must discuss the methods and findings of their work, their scientific significance as well as related issues of the field of study in a scientifically sound manner.

Section 3 Doctoral Committee

- (1) The doctoral committee makes decisions in the doctoral process, unless, according to the Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation, the dean or the examination committee is in charge.
- (2) It is composed of professors, junior professors as well as senior academic staff members (Privatdozent*innen) and auxiliary professors (außerplanmäßige Professor*innen) who both work more than fifty percent of their work time for the University of Mannheim or the School of Social Sciences. In case a member of the doctoral committee resigns from their position at the School of Social Sciences, they may remain in the positions listed in these Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation for up to three more years. Honorary professors, senior academic staff members and auxiliary professors who work part-time and less than fifty percent of their work time for the University of Mannheim, as well as the council of doctoral students at the School of Social Sciences, may advise in the decision-making processes. The dean or a representative designated by them chairs the doctoral committee.
- (3) The committee has a quorum if at least fifty percent of the members who are eligible to vote are present. Meetings of the doctoral committee are not open to the public.
- (4) Decisions require a simple majority of votes of the present members. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair decides the matter.

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- (5) The meetings of the doctoral committee are minuted. The minutes will include the exact wording of the decisions.
- (6) The discussions as well as the respective documents are subject to confidentiality.

Section 4 Requirements for Pursuing a Doctorate

- (1) As a rule, a doctoral student can only be accepted if they have completed the final examination of
 - a) a master's program or
 - b) a degree program according to section 38 subsection 3 sentence 1 number 2 and 3 of the act on the higher education institutions in the Land of Baden-Württemberg in the relevant field of study with a minimum grade of "good" ("gut"). In justified cases, the doctoral committee may waive the last requirement upon written application from the applicant.
- (2) Degrees obtained from official or officially recognized higher education institutions and public universities of cooperative education (Berufsakademien) of the Federal Republic of Germany or degrees obtained at foreign official or officially recognized higher education institutions will be recognized provided that the competences acquired are not significantly different from the requirements. All necessary information regarding the recognition of degrees needs to be provided by the applicant. The doctoral committee decides on the recognition.
- (3) Outstanding graduates of a bachelor's program or a state examination in the relevant field of study that do not fulfill the requirements stated under (1) may be admitted to the doctoral program of the CDSS. The same applies to qualified graduates of a university of applied sciences, a public university of cooperative education or of the Notarakademie Baden-Württemberg.

Section 5 Application for Admission as a Doctoral Student

- (1) The application for admission as a doctoral student must be submitted in writing to the dean of the school.
- (2) The application must include:
 - Students of the CDSS need to provide the official notification of admission to the doctoral program as well as the written agreement on the supervision of the dissertation concluded with the future supervisors.
 - All other applicants must
 - a) indicate the field of study,
 - b) the working title of the planned doctoral dissertation,
 - c) the names of the supervisors according to section 8 and the written agreement on the supervision of the dissertation,
 - d) provide the degree certificate of the degree required to undertake the doctoral program according to section 4. The original certificate needs to be

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submitted in German or in English or as a German or English translation from a qualified translator.

- e) provide an academic vita that contains information on completed and uncompleted exams and especially earlier, unsuccessful attempts to obtain a doctoral degree.

Section 6 Admission as a Doctoral Student, Revocation of Admission

- (1) If the requirements of sections 4 and 5 are met and there are no reasons to decline admission according to section 7, the doctoral committee accepts the applicant to the list of doctoral students of the school. The applicant receives a confirmation on the acceptance to the list. According to the act on the higher education institutions of the Land of Baden-Württemberg and the relevant statutes of the University of Mannheim, the confirmation obliges them to enroll and allows them to use all facilities of the university.

- (2) Admission as a doctoral student obliges the student to provide their supervisors with an extensive report on the progress of the doctoral dissertation after one year. The main supervisor must inform the dean of the timely receipt of the report and the progress of the dissertation. In case the doctoral student misses the deadline, an extension of three months is granted. In case the doctoral student misses the deadline again, the dean may grant a final extension upon reasoned application. Doctoral students of the CDSS fulfill this requirement as soon as their dissertation proposal has been accepted.

- (3) Admission as a doctoral student will be rescinded by the doctoral committee, if the last deadline according to section 6 subsection 2 has been missed, or after three years at the latest, provided that the student did not submit a report, confirmed by both advisors, on the progress of the doctoral dissertation and its projected completion.

If the supervisors do not consider the quality of the report to be sufficient, the doctoral student must submit a revised report within three months; subsection 2 sentences 3 and 4 apply accordingly. If the doctoral student does not submit a report that the supervisors consider to be of sufficient quality within the following three months, admission as a doctoral student may be revoked by the doctoral committee.

- (4) If the supervisors consider the progress of the doctoral process after the submission of the report up to the request to obtain a doctoral degree to be of insufficient quality, the supervisors need to request a second report on the progress of the doctoral dissertation since the first report. This report needs to be submitted within three months. In case the doctoral student misses the deadline, an extension of one month is granted. If the report is considered insufficient by the supervisors in a written vote, the doctoral committee may revoke the admission as a doctoral student. Before this decision is made, the dean will obtain

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a further report from a member of the doctoral committee. The doctoral student is given the opportunity to make an oral statement on the reports before the doctoral committee.

Section 7 Rejection as a Doctoral Student

- (1) The doctoral committee may deny the admission of an applicant, if the topic of the dissertation is not appropriate or originates from a field of study that is not sufficiently represented at the school.
- (2) Moreover, the application for admission can be denied on the grounds of reasons that would legally justify the revocation of the doctoral degree.

Section 8 Supervision of the Dissertation Project

- (1) A main supervisor and up to two further supervisors assume the supervision of the dissertation project. In justified cases, appointment of further supervisors may be waived. The supervisors receive the report on the status of the dissertation from the doctoral student and meet with them on a regular basis to discuss the progress of the dissertation and to give advice.
- (2) The supervisors must be professors, junior professors, honorary professors, senior academic staff members (Privatdozent*innen), auxiliary professors (außerplanmäßige Professor*innen), retired professors or post-doctoral researchers who have obtained the doctoral position of the person to be supervised with the program of the German Research Foundation (DFG), the EU or similar competitive third-party funding. In case the supervisors is from a different higher education institution, they need to hold a similar position. One of the supervisors needs to be from the School of Social Sciences of the University of Mannheim. The supervisors are officially appointed by the dean when the applicant is accepted to the list of doctoral students of the school. For students of the CDSS, the supervisors will be officially appointed by the dean in accordance with the selection and examination committee of the CDSS after the dissertation proposal has been accepted.
- (3) In case a supervisor is not able to supervise a dissertation project until its completion, the dean appoints a new supervisor based on suggestions from the doctoral student and, if applicable, in accordance with the selection and examination committee of the CDSS.

Section 9 Admission to the Doctoral Process

- (1) The doctoral student must submit a written request to obtain a doctoral degree to the dean. The request must include:
 - a) A printed version of the doctoral dissertation in German or English. Doctoral students of the CDSS must write their dissertation in English. Printed copies are required for the dean's office, doctoral students of the CDSS need to

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provide an additional copy for the CDSS, and one copy for each evaluator and each member of the examination committee; if the exact number of required printed copies cannot be determined by the dean's office in advance, six hard copies of the doctoral dissertation need to be submitted. Additionally, the doctoral student needs to submit an electronic copy of the doctoral dissertation and a written statement confirming that both versions are identical. The copies submitted become property of the university.

- b) A declaration on the type of dissertation (monograph or article-based dissertation).
- c) In case the doctoral student presents joint work in an article-based dissertation, the student must include a written declaration naming the contents of the dissertation they worked on independently. Moreover, the student must include a statement from their co-authors that confirms the declaration.
- d) Proof of successful completion of a doctoral program corresponding to the doctoral dissertation and equivalent to at least 30 ECTS credits. Successful completion of the doctoral program at the CDSS or equivalent coursework serves as proof. The dean decides if coursework can be recognized as equivalent based on guidelines adopted by the dean's office. The doctoral students must be informed of those guidelines in writing when admitted to the list of doctoral students. If the doctoral student did not complete a doctoral program, an admission examination according to section 10 must be taken.
- e) A signed declaration in lieu of oath with the following wording:
"Declaration in lieu of oath according to section 9 subsection 1(e) of the Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation to Earn a Doctoral Degree in Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim.
 1. I hereby confirm that the presented doctoral dissertation with the title is my own work.
 2. I did not seek unauthorized assistance of a third party, and I have employed no other sources or means except the ones listed. I clearly marked any quotations derived from the works of others.
 3. I did not yet present this doctoral dissertation or parts of it at any other higher education institution in Germany or abroad.
 4. I hereby confirm the accuracy of the declaration in lieu of an oath above.
 5. I am aware of the significance of this declaration in lieu of an oath and the legal ramifications in case of untrue or incomplete statements.
I declare in lieu of oath that the statements above are to the best of my knowledge true and complete."

This declaration must be submitted in German and enclosed with the request to obtain a doctoral degree.

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- f) A signed declaration of consent stating that the dissertation may only be stored, transmitted or processed electronically for the purposes of plagiarism check, review and display.
 - g) Proposal for the evaluators to be appointed and proposal for the members of the examination committee
- (2) The request to obtain a doctoral degree may be withdrawn, provided the oral defense has not yet been scheduled and the dissertation has not been rejected.
 - (3) The dean checks the request and decides on the admission.
 - (4) The request may be denied if the requirements according to subsection 1 are not fulfilled; it may also be denied based on facts that would justify the revocation of the doctoral degree under the laws of the Land of Baden-Württemberg.

Section 10 Admissions Examination

- (1) The admissions examination may be taken in the second year after the acceptance to the list of doctoral students at the earliest and must be completed successfully prior to admission to the doctoral process. In case the doctoral student fails the admissions examination, they may retake it one time, three months after the first results have been published at the earliest and no later than 12 months after the publication. If the doctoral student misses this deadline or fails the admission examination repeatedly, the doctoral process is terminated.
- (2) The duration of the admissions examination is 60 minutes. It serves to prove substantial knowledge in the field of study. It consists of the successful defense of scientific theses that are not related to the topic of the dissertation. The doctoral student introduces two theses and develops a scientific argument that will then be discussed. About 30 minutes must be allotted for each thesis. The examination process is to be recorded in minutes. The examination will be assessed "passed" or "failed". The examination will not be graded.
- (3) Upon registration for the admissions examination, the doctoral student must submit a brief written argument for each thesis. The arguments must allow for a classification of the theses within the broader scientific context, explain why the theses are worthy of discussion and determine the direction of the discussion. The date of the admissions examination is set no later than one month prior to the examination. It is determined by the dean in agreement with everyone involved.
- (4) The admissions examination is conducted by a committee comprising the supervisors of the dissertation proposal and chaired by the dean. It is considered passed if all members of the committee declare it to be passed in accordance with subsection 2 sentence 2.

Section 11 Appointment of Evaluators

- (1) For the evaluation of the doctoral dissertation, at least two evaluators are appointed by the dean.

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- (2) The supervisors must be professors, junior professors, honorary professors, senior academic staff members (Privatdozent*innen), auxiliary professors (außerplanmäßige Professor*innen), or retired professors or post-doctoral researchers who have obtained the doctoral position of the person to be supervised with the program of the German Research Foundation (DFG), the EU or similar competitive third-party funding. In case the evaluators belong to a different higher education institution, they need to hold a similar position. One evaluator must be a full-time professor or a junior professor of the School of Social Sciences.
- (3) An additional evaluation is required in case the main supervisor of the dissertation has been appointed as evaluator.
- (4) A co-author of a text that is part of an article-based dissertation cannot be appointed as evaluator.

Section 12 Examination Committee

- (1) The doctoral examination will be conducted by an examination committee of at least three members.
- (2) The members of the examination committee must be professors, junior professors, honorary professors, senior academic staff members, auxiliary professors, retired professors or post-doctoral researchers who have obtained the doctoral position of the person to be supervised with the program of the German Research Foundation (DFG), the EU or similar competitive third-party funding. In case the evaluators belong to a different higher education institution, they need to hold a similar position. As a rule, the supervisors as well as the evaluators of the dissertation must be members of the examination committee. One member must be a full-time professor or a junior professor of the School of Social Sciences.
- (3) After the doctoral student has been admitted to the doctoral process, the dean appoints the members of the examination committee, its chair and if needed a vice chair, upon proposal of the doctoral student.

Section 13 Evaluation and Acceptance of the Dissertation

- (1) The evaluators each must submit written evaluations within two months. The evaluations must comprise
 - a) a critical appraisal of the work,
 - b) a well-founded recommendation for the acceptance or the rejection of the dissertation.
 - c) in case acceptance is recommended, one of the following grades must be proposed:

excellent ("ausgezeichnet")	=	0
very good ("sehr gut")	=	1
good ("gut")	=	2

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acceptable ("genügend") = 3

The grade "very good" = 1 may be downgraded by 0.3 by adding a minus (e.g. 1-). The grades "good" = 2 and "acceptable" = 3 may be upgraded or downgraded by 0.3 by adding a plus or a minus (e.g. 2+ or 3-).

If the evaluator recommends not to accept the dissertation, the grade is:

not acceptable ("nicht genügend") = 4.

- (2) Once the evaluations are available, the dean gives all members of the doctoral committee the opportunity to read the dissertation and the evaluations within two weeks and to make a statement.
- (3) The dissertation is considered accepted, if all evaluators support its acceptance and none of the members of the doctoral committee object to the recommendation in writing during the designated period. In case of a disagreement regarding the acceptance, the examination committee decides based on a majority of votes. To that end, the examination committee may appoint another evaluator. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair of the examination committee decides the matter.
- (4) If the examination committee does not accept the dissertation, the doctoral student may present a new or an improved dissertation. If the dissertation is once again not accepted, the doctoral student has failed. The doctoral student must be informed of this in writing. All higher education institutions in Germany that have the right to confer doctoral degrees in the relevant field of study will be informed of the failure. They will no longer hold the status of a doctoral student. It is not possible to retake the examination.

Section 14 Assessment of the Doctoral Dissertation

- (1) The final assessment will be made following the acceptance of the dissertation. If the evaluators' grade proposals are not more than one grade apart, the arithmetic average of the proposals is the final grade. Only one decimal place will be taken into account. Section 16 subsection 1 sentence 5 applies accordingly.
- (2) If the evaluators' grade proposals are more than one grade apart, the examination committee will obtain another evaluation. In this case, the grade of the dissertation will be the arithmetic average of the grade proposals from all evaluations. Only one decimal place will be taken into account.
- (3) The grade "excellent" can only be given if all evaluations propose it.

Section 15 Conduct, Acceptance and Assessment of the Oral Defense

- (1) The oral defense is conducted by the chair of the examination committee. The members of the examination committee and the doctoral committee are authorized to ask questions and respond.
- (2) Following the acceptance of the dissertation, the dean sets the date for the oral defense. As a rule, this happens three weeks in advance of the date in question

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and in accordance with the members of the examination committee. The duration of the oral defense is at least 60 minutes and no longer than 90 minutes.

- (3) The period between handing in the dissertation and the oral defense must not be longer than four months.
- (4) The oral defense is a public event for all university members unless important reasons or a request from the doctoral student suggest otherwise. The examination committee will make this decision. The audience may not attend the consultation of the examiners or the announcement of the results.
- (5) The oral defense is usually held in German or English. Doctoral students from the CDSS have to defend their dissertation in English.
- (6) The oral defense comprises the student's presentation of their essential research findings followed by an academic colloquium. The duration of the presentation is to be 20 minutes.
- (7) The oral defense usually takes place on campus. Individual members of the examination committee may attend virtually if no member of the examination committee or the doctoral student object. Section 32a section 2 and section 32b LHG remain unaffected.
- (8) The oral defense is accepted if the majority of the examination committee approves of it. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chair of the examination committee decides the matter.
- (9) If the examination committee does not accept the oral defense, the doctoral student may present themselves once again three months and no later than 12 months after the first defense. If the oral defense is once again not accepted, the doctoral student has failed.
- (10) If the oral defense is accepted, the examination committee decides on a grade according to section 13 subsection 1(c). The grade for the oral defense will be the arithmetic average of the grade proposals from all members of the examination committee. Only one decimal place will be taken into account. Section 16 subsection 1 sentence 4 applies accordingly.
- (11) The oral defense and the grading process must be recorded in the minutes that must be signed by the members of the examination committee.
- (12) The chair of the examination committee must inform the doctoral student of their grade as soon as the grading process is completed.

Section 16 Final Grade

- (1) After the oral defense has been completed successfully, the chair of the examination committee determines the final grade. The grade is "excellent" (summa cum laude) if all evaluations propose this grade, and the oral defense has been evaluated with a grade higher than 1.2. In all other cases the final grade is the arithmetic average of the grades for the dissertation and the oral defense. The

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dissertation grade is weighted double whereas the oral defense is weighted regularly. Only one decimal place will be taken into account. The grade is

In case of an average up to 1.5:	very good (magna cum laude)
In case of an average from 1.6 to 2.5:	good (cum laude)
In case of an average from 2.6 to 3.5:	acceptable (rite).

(2) Upon request, the doctoral student receives a confirmation stating the final grade of the successfully completed doctorate. The confirmation needs to include a note stating that it does not yet entitle the doctoral student to officially hold a doctoral degree.

Section 17 Printing of the Doctoral Dissertation

- (1) The dissertation must be published in the version that has been approved by the evaluators.
- (2) Altogether, 35 printed copies of the dissertation must be given to the university library free of charge. The number of mandatory copies can be reduced to five, if
 - a) the dissertation is published by a publishing house
 - b) the dissertation is published in relevant scientific magazines or
 - c) the dissertation is published in electronic form, in a format that is approved by the university library and stored on a University of Mannheim server.
- (3) The mandatory copies must be delivered within one year after the doctoral student has been informed of their grade. A doctoral student who fails to deliver the copies in time forfeits all rights acquired with the examination. The dean may extend the deadline upon reasoned request.
- (4) The cover page of the dissertation must read
 - a) if the doctoral dissertation was written in German: „Inauguraldissertation zur Erlangung des akademischen Grades einer Doktorin oder eines Doktors der Sozialwissenschaften der Universität Mannheim“,
 - b) if the doctoral dissertation was written in English: “Inaugural dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Doctor of Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim”,
 - c) if the dissertation was written as part of the doctoral program of the CDSS: “Inaugural dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree Doctor of Social Sciences in the Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim”.The back of the cover page must read
 1. the name of the dean at the time of publication
 2. the names of the supervisors and evaluators and
 3. the date of the oral defense.If the dissertation is published by a publishing house, it must be indicated that the publication is based on a dissertation from the University of Mannheim.

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Section 18 Granting of Doctoral Degree

- (1) After the mandatory copies are submitted according to section 17 subsection 2, the doctorate degree is granted with the handover of the doctoral degree certificate, consisting of two separate documents, the diploma and the certificate.
- (2) The certificate is signed by the president and the dean. It indicates the field of study, the final grade according to section 16 subsection 1 as well as the conferred degree according to section 1 subsection 1, and bears the date of the delivery of the mandatory copies.
- (3) The certificate contains details on the field of study, the final grade, the doctoral program, the doctoral dissertation, and the oral defense, in particular:
 1. details on the type of proof of the successful completion of the doctoral program,
 2. the title and grade of the doctoral dissertation as well as the name of the evaluator and
 3. the date and grade of the oral defense as well as the names of the members of the examination committee.The certificate is signed by the dean and bears the date of the oral defense.

Section 19 Access to Documents

- (1) For one year after the completion of the doctorate, the doctoral student or doctor respectively has the right to access the documents of their dissertation and examination process, including the evaluations.
- (2) Access will be granted upon written application from the chair of the doctoral committee. Time and place will be determined by the chair. There will be supervision.

Section 20 Ombudspersons

In case of conflicts between the doctoral student and the supervisor, the parties may consult the respective ombudsperson. All details in regard to the appointment of ombudspersons are governed by the statutes of the University of Mannheim on the appointment of ombudspersons for early-stage researchers (Satzung der Universität Mannheim zur Bestellung von Ombudspersonen für den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs).

Section 21 Annulment and Revocation of Doctoral Degree

- (1) The doctoral degree must be annulled if it becomes evident after the degree has been granted that the doctoral student has cheated in the admission to the doctoral process or during one of the examinations.
- (2) If the doctoral student has already received the doctoral degree certificate, it must be reclaimed. A procedure to revoke the doctoral degree will be initiated in accordance with the applicable laws.

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Section 22 Renewal of the Doctoral Degree Certificate, Honorary Doctoral Degree

- (1) In order to honor its graduates, the school can renew doctoral degree certificates on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the awarding of the doctorate. In the laudation, the school honors the academic and public achievements of the graduate.
- (2) The School of Social Sciences of the University of Mannheim awards the honorary doctoral degree in Social Sciences (Dr. rer. soc. h.c.). The honorary doctoral degree in Social Sciences may be awarded to people for outstanding achievements in research fields of the School of Social Sciences. Suggestions, including in-depth reasoning, must be submitted to the dean. People holding a statutory office at the University of Mannheim or serving as an elected member of one of the statutory bodies of the University of Mannheim may submit a suggestion for an honorary doctoral degree to the dean. The honorary doctoral degree is awarded on the basis of unanimous decisions of the school council of the School of Social Sciences and the senate of the University of Mannheim. The dean awards the honorary doctoral degree. The honorary doctoral degree can be revoked on the grounds of reasons which, if known, would have prevented its conferment in the first place or on the grounds of reasons which have arisen after the conferment. Sentence 5 applies to the revocation of the honorary doctoral degree accordingly.

Section 23 Final Provisions

- (1) These Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation come into effect the day after its publication in the Bulletin of the President's Office (Bekanntmachung des Rektorats) of the University of Mannheim. At the same time, the Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation in Social Sciences at the University of Mannheim of 27 January 2013, last amended on 10 June 2016, cease to be effective.
- (2) In case the applicant was admitted to the list of doctoral students of the school or the CDSS before these Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation became effective, they may make a written request to continue the doctoral studies according to the former regulations. However, the doctoral committee needs to be formed according to section 3 of the Regulations and Procedures Governing the Doctoral Dissertation. The request must be made to the dean.