

**Notice of Amendment to the Regulations Governing Doctoral Studies at the University of Bremen for the Faculties 7-12 from 11.07.2010<sup>1</sup>.**

**Art. 1**

The Regulations Governing Doctoral Studies at the University of Bremen for the Faculties 7-12 from 26.6.2000, last amended on 10.6.2003 (*Amtl. Mitteilungsblatt der Universität 2003*, No. 3, p. 133), have been amended as follows:

- 1.) The following words are to be added to Art. 1, paragraph 1: "and in accordance with Art. 12b in connection with Art. 2, paragraph 1, sentence 1, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)".
- 2.) Art. 2, paragraph 1, sentence 1, is to be amended as follows: "PhD Commissions are to be established for conferral of the doctoral awards Dr.phil. and Dr.rer.pol. respectively; the procedures leading to conferral of the doctoral award PhD fall under the competence of the PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol."
- 3.) The following Art. 12b is to be included after Art. 12a:

**Art. 12 b**

**Doctoral Awards Conferred by the  
Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)**

(1) "The University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen jointly confer the doctoral award "Doctor of Philosophy" ("PhD") on successful BIGSSS candidates, stating the subject area of the doctoral dissertation.

(2) The PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol. accepts students of the BIGSSS as doctoral candidates upon condition that applicants have been admitted to the BIGSSS as doctoral students in accordance with the Admission Regulations of the BIGSSS. Candidates must state the subject area of their proposed doctoral dissertation.

(3) In accordance with Art. 4, paragraph 4, doctoral students shall be supervised by a dissertation committee of the BIGSSS. The committee begins its work upon acceptance of the doctoral candidate on the part of the PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol. The dissertation committee shall comprise at least three and a maximum of five professors or experts in the resp. field who hold a doctoral degree. The composition of the committee must accord with the following:

- The majority of the members must be professors.
- The majority of the members are members of the BIGSSS.
- One of the professors is neither a member of the University of Bremen nor Jacobs University Bremen.

The PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol. rules on any changes made in the composition of the members.

(4) Dissertations are to be submitted in the English language. Exceptions may be made under exceptional and well-justified circumstances.

(5) Applications for admittance to the doctoral examination are to be submitted to the Dean and the first Vice Dean of BIGSSS. Applications must be accompanied by evidence of successful completion of studies in accordance with the study regulations of BIGSSS.

(6) Immediately upon having accepted a candidate for the doctoral examination, the PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol. shall seek to obtain three expert opinions, which shall be provided by members of

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the dissertation committee, one of whom shall be the external member. Once the expert opinions have been obtained, the PhD Commission Dr.rer.pol. shall decide on how to proceed. In the event that all three expert opinions recommend acceptance of the submitted dissertation the candidate is to be admitted to the colloquium in accordance with Art. 9. In the event that one of the expert opinions rejects acceptance of the dissertation, the Doctoral Examinations Board shall decide after having heard all of the experts as well as the candidate whether the examination proceedings are to be terminated or continued by means of obtaining an additional expert opinion from another professor who need not be a member of the dissertation committee. The examination procedure shall be deemed as ended when at least two of the experts consulted reject the dissertation.

(7) Pursuant to Art. 9, paragraph 1, the Examination Board shall comprise:

1. six members with voting power, additional professors or experts in the resp. field who must hold a doctoral degree;
2. one doctoral candidate of BIGSSS with consultative vote.

The members must include at least one professor from each of the two universities involved in the cooperation with BIGSSS. One of the members may not belong to either of these institutions.

(8) In the event that for unavoidable reasons any of the members may be hindered from attending the colloquium for a foreseeable period a substitute may be found. In the event of absence of another member of the Examination Board at short notice, the PhD Commission chairperson after having heard the candidate shall decide on a substitute. The provisions of paragraph 7, sentence 2 of the Regulations on Composition of the Examination Board shall apply.

(9) The examination (dissertation and colloquium) shall be evaluated with the assessments "pass" and "fail". The final assessment shall be reached by the majority of the members holding voting power. Particularly outstanding achievement may be assessed "with distinction". The assessment "with distinction" may only be awarded in the event of a unanimous decision on the part of all members of the Examinations Board and only when both dissertation as well as colloquium are evaluated as such.

(10) Upon successful completion of the examination procedure the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen shall jointly issue a document signed by the Presidents of the University of Bremen and Jacobs University Bremen certifying the award of the doctoral title "PhD" ("*with distinction*" if applicable) and stating the subject area of the dissertation.

(11) In all other respects the provisions contained in this notification shall apply."

## **Art. 2**

### **Coming into Force, Transitional Arrangements**

(1) These amendments shall come into force upon approval on the part of the President of the University of Bremen.

(2) For candidates admitted to the doctoral examination prior to the amendments contained in this notice coming into force, the Regulations Governing Doctoral Examinations from 26.6.2000 shall apply.

Approved on 11.07.2010