

Opinion on the requirement pursuant to the first sentence of § 6(1) of the Subject-Specific Doctoral Degree Regulation of the Faculty of Humanities and Cultural Studies at the University of Passau of 23 March 2023 (FPromO)

“As a rule, the doctoral thesis must be completed as an unpublished monograph [...].”

Please note: This requirement does not altogether rule out any previous publication of individual aspects, datasets, and partial results of the research project in a different context.

At least one central point of inquiry of the doctoral thesis, along with the resulting comprehensive gain in knowledge, must not have been previously published anywhere.

What remains important is that the author's own, previously published work must also be cited and referenced accordingly.

According to the second sentence of § 9(1) no. 7 of the General Doctoral Degree Regulation of 3 August 2018 in the version of 1 December 2020 (APromO), the application for admission must be submitted along with a list of all the doctoral candidate's publications relating to the doctoral thesis (see form “Disclosure of prior publications”).

In addition to the list, a written declaration issued by the doctoral candidate and his or her supervisor must be enclosed stating that at least one central point of inquiry in the doctoral thesis, along with the resulting comprehensive gain in knowledge, have not been published anywhere before.

For articles that have been co-authored, the doctoral candidate's own contribution must be identified in accordance with the fourth sentence of § 6(1) FPromO in a statement of authorship pursuant to the second sentence of § 9(1) no. 6 APromO.

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