

Doctoral School of Educational Sciences

Guidelines for theses by publication in the context of an Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program at the Faculty of Environmental, Regional and Educational Sciences

The Doctoral School of Educational Sciences formulated the following guidelines on §7 (2):

"Mediums of publication that are considered equivalent comprise international journals (in exceptional cases following the consent of the Doctoral School of Educational Sciences) that have a double-blind review process. At least one of the papers has to be published in English."

Abstract of the bulletin dated April 27, 2016 on the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program at the Faculty of Environmental, Regional and Educational Sciences concerning theses by publication

§ 7 (2) *The dissertation can be submitted in the form of a monograph or a thesis by publication. In the case of a monograph, completed parts of the dissertation should be presented during the course of the doctoral program to a relevant, preferably international community, for example by means of lectures and/or poster contributions at conferences including the publication of corresponding abstracts or papers in conference proceedings. Academic papers published or submitted in this manner are to be considered as part of the dissertation. In the case of a thesis by publication, the doctoral school has to approve the individual supervision agreement. In any case, the thesis by publication has to consist of at least two publications, one of them as lead author that has already been accepted for publication (in press) and one at least as co-author, which has to have passed the first review successfully (accepted with revisions). The papers have to be published in ISI journals or other mediums of publication considered equivalent by the respective doctoral school. These have to be announced by the respective doctoral school as a guideline. In the event of an amendment to this guideline, students have the possibility to change to the current version. If a program is not assigned to a doctoral school, the curricula commission undertakes this task. The thesis by publication has basically the same objectives as a monograph, that is to say the proof of the ability to master research questions independently. Hence, a thesis by publication comprises a series of topic-related academic publications that demonstrate the independent original work of the doctoral student. In addition, an introductory chapter must be included that describes the problem, the (finding) objectives of the paper, the scientific relevance of the topic, the current state of knowledge as well as the methodical approaches. Subsequent to the publication, a summary of the key findings must be written, as well as a conclusion.*