

Ninth meeting of the doctoral committee

Doctoral Center Social, Health and Economic Sciences

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Regulation

"Proof of own contribution in the case of co-authorships"

The doctoral committee decides:

For two out of three publications to be submitted for a cumulative doctorate, in the case of co-authorship, written proof must be provided that the doctoral student has made the greatest scientific contribution to the publication.

The proof is usually provided by the first authorship of the doctoral student.

For publications in which doctoral students *do not* hold the first authorship or in the case of shared first authorship, doctoral candidates must provide the following as proof of the largest scientific contribution to the publication

- obtain written confirmation from all authors on a PromZ form, usually with original signature, and
- justify why it is the largest scientific contribution but not the first authorship or why the first authorship is shared.

At the latest, the written confirmations are submitted together with the cumulative dissertation and remain in the doctoral file.

For the third publication to be submitted for the cumulative doctorate, no proof of own contribution is required.

If a co-author is demonstrably unable to provide the signature, e.g. due to a stay abroad, illness or death, the relevant certification can be provided by the first supervisor of the doctorate -with a brief justification.

Co-authors of the three publications may not be appointed as reviewers of the dissertation.

Reason for the decision:

Doctoral degree regulations §2, sentence 3: "Upon presentation of at least three outstanding scientific papers, of which the candidate has **made the major scientific contribution in at least two (usually as first author)**, and which have been published or accepted for publication in peer-reviewed, internationally recognized journals, the dissertation may be prepared as a cumulative dissertation upon proposal of the supervisor." (emphasis added)