PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

for the Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy
at the University of St.Gallen

dated 14 November 2016 (with amendments of 11 November 2019)

The Senate of the University of St.Gallen
has decreed the following programme regulations
pursuant to Art. 88 para. 1 (h) of the university statutes
dated 25 October 2010:

I. General provisions

Art. 1. These regulations govern special conditions for the Ph.D. in International Affairs and Political Economy (DIA) at the University of St.Gallen regarding
a) admission;
b) programme structure;
c) examinations and their evaluation.

II. Admission

Art. 2. Under Art. 15 of the Award Regulations [PromO 17], applicants may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme in International Affairs and Political Economy if they
a) hold a completed Master's degree from the University of St.Gallen (HSG);
b) hold a completed Master's degree or a Licentiate (university degree) in a subject related to social sciences.

Art. 3. In addition to the conditions laid down in Art. 16 of the PromO 17, the following conditions apply for admission:
a) proof of language proficiency in the programme language of English, skill level C1;
b) the submission of application documents in due form and before the deadline.
c) simultaneous matriculations at two universities in the same or a different subject area are only possible if the other university provides written confirmation that the other university waives the contribution payments under the Inter-Cantonal University Agreement dated 20 February 1997 [sGS 217.81].

1 sGS 217.15
Art. 4. "When the grade average is below 5.00, then the Supervisor shall provide a reasoned application to the Programme Committee.

Art. 5. "Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the Programme Committee’s evaluation of the submitted application documents (‘sur dossier’).

2 The Programme Committee may also carry out interviews with applicants.

3 Admission is communicated through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 6. "On admission to the Ph.D. programme, additional entry requirements covering a maximum of 18 ECTS credits may be imposed.

2 These additional entry requirements involve introductory courses and courses in the core discipline.

3 The additional entry requirements will depend on the student’s previous education and are defined jointly by the Supervisor and the Programme Committee and are communicated to the student through a decree issued by the Dean of Studies.

Art. 7. "The additional entry requirements are deemed to have been completed once all relevant courses have been passed with a minimum grade of 4.00.

2 One further attempt is permitted after failure to pass a course.

3 If the additional entry requirements are not passed at the second attempt, the student may not continue with the Ph.D. studies.

III. Programme structure

Art. 8. "The programme is conducted in English.

Art. 9. "The coursework phase includes a total of 24 ECTS credits.

2 The coursework phase is split into compulsory courses, compulsory elective courses and non-compulsory elective courses:

a) students must complete two compulsory courses, for 6 ECTS credits each;

b) 12 ECTS credits must be earned by taking compulsory elective courses and the non-compulsory elective courses, with at least 4 ECTS credits coming from the DIA compulsory electives.

Art. 10. "The Programme Committee defines the compulsory elective courses.

2 The Ph.D. students decide on their courses in consultation with their Supervisor.

Art. 11. "During the research phase two seminars – one essay seminar and one Ph.D. seminar - must be completed.

2 Each seminar earns 6 ECTS credits.

Art. 12. "The Course Scheme spells out in detail what must be done in order to successfully complete the Ph.D. programme.
IV. Examinations and their evaluation

Art. 13. 1The types of examinations for the courses are:
   a) Individual examinations:
      1. Written examination;
      2. Written paper;
      3. Oral examination (including presentation)
   b) Group evaluations:
      1. Written paper;
      2. Oral examination (including presentation)

2Active participation by the Ph.D. student in classes can influence grades up to a maximum of 20%.

Art. 14. 1The courses during the coursework phase and the seminars during the research phase are graded as "passed" or "not passed".2

V. Final provisions

Art. 15. 1These regulations will come into effect as of 1 August 2017.
   2They apply to students who start a Ph.D. study programme at the University of St. Gallen from the autumn semester 2017 onwards.
   3From 1 August 2020 these regulations will apply to all Ph.D. students.

Art. 16. 1For students who start their Ph.D. studies before 1 August 2017 and who have completed courses in the coursework phase at the end of the 2017 spring semester, the Course Regulations of 4 June 2007 shall apply until 31 July 2020.
   2The Course Scheme covers the transitional provisions.
   3The Senate Committee is authorised, as necessary in urgent cases, to issue transitional provisions to the benefit of the students as part of the Course Scheme.

Art. 17. 1The Course Regulations for the Doctorate in International Affairs and Political Economy from the University of St. Gallen dated 4 June 2007 will be suspended with effect from 1 August 2020.

On behalf of the Senate,

The President:
Prof. Dr Thomas Bieger

The General Counsel:
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2 Resolution of the Senate of 11 November 2019; in force as from 1 August 2020.