Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Theology at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg
dated 10 December 2014

Pursuant to Section 18(7) in conjunction with Section 67(3), no. 8 and Section 77(2), no. 1 of the Higher Education Act of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt (HSG LSA) of 14 December 2010 (Gazette of Laws & Ordinances of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt GVBl. LSA p. 600), last amended by Section 8 G, in respect of the recognition of professional qualifications of 24 June 2014 (GVBl. LSA p. 300), the following Doctoral Regulations have been issued for the Faculty of Theology of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg for the attainment of the degree of "Doctor of Theology" (Doctor theologiae, Dr. theol.).

Section 1 Doctorates

(1) The doctorate attests to the ability to carry out independent academic study in the field of Protestant theology.

(2) The Faculty of Theology of the Martin Luther University (hereinafter referred to as "the Faculty") shall award the academic title of doctor theologiae (Dr. theol.) on the basis of these doctoral regulations upon successful completion of an ordinary doctoral procedure.

(3) The Faculty may confer an honorary academic title of Doctor of Theology (doctor theologiae honoris causa, Dr. theol. h.c.) in recognition of outstanding academic contributions and special services to academia.

Section 2 Doctoral Committee

(1) The Doctoral Committee of the Faculty is responsible for conducting doctoral examination procedures. The Doctoral Committee is the body responsible for disclosure, mediation and arbitration in all matters relating to the doctorate and for all persons involved in the doctorate. In particular, it performs the following duties:

1. Decision on whether the requirements for acceptance as a doctoral candidate have been met,

2. Decision on whether the requirements for admission to the doctoral procedure have been met,

3. Confirmation of academic supervisors,

4. Appointment of assessors,

5. Appointment of the Thesis Defence Committee and its Chair,

6. Decisions on complaints and appeals by doctoral candidates against decisions of the Thesis Defence Committee affecting them.

(2) The Chair of the Doctoral Committee is the Dean. The Thesis Defence Committee is also composed of at least four additional members. The members should generally be full-time professors of the faculty in question. The members are selected by the Faculty Council for the duration of the term of office of the Dean; they may be re-elected.
(3) The Doctoral Committee shall have a quorum if all members are invited and the majority of members are present. Decisions shall be taken with a simple majority. In the event that votes are tied, the Chair’s vote shall decide.

(4) The Doctoral Committee shall not meet publicly.

(5) The Doctoral Committee may delegate the performance of individual tasks to the Chair on a revocable basis.

(6) The Thesis Defence Committee may consult other advisory members, in particular the Rector, the Prorector for Research and Young Academics, the Representative for the Disabled, Foreign Nationals, Equal Opportunities and Doctoral Candidates.

**Section 3 Admission requirements for a doctoral programme**

(1) Admission to a doctoral programme requires a special aptitude for academic work, which is proven by a generally above-average university degree (or completion of the First Theological Examination of a member church of the EKD) with Protestant Theology/Protestant Religion as the major subject. Sentence 1 does not apply to Bachelor's degrees. The suitability and fulfilment of the necessary requirements are determined by the Thesis Defence Committee.

(2) Applicants with special qualifications who hold a degree from a university of applied sciences or a degree from a church university that is not a member of the Congress of Protestant Theology Faculties, or a university degree with Protestant theology/Protestant religion as a minor subject, may be admitted to a doctoral programme if the academic character of the course of study is guaranteed taking the main theological subjects into account. Sentence 1 does not apply to Bachelor's degrees. Relevant study and examination certificates must be submitted. The suitability and fulfilment of the necessary requirements are determined by the Thesis Defence Committee. It may apply conditions for the provision of further study and examination credits.

(3) A certificate of equivalence must be submitted for educational qualifications obtained abroad. The suitability and fulfilment of the necessary requirements are determined by the Thesis Defence Committee. It may apply conditions for the provision of further study and examination credits.

(4) Admission to doctoral programmes requires proof of knowledge of Classical Hebrew, Greek and Latin or an equivalent qualification in those languages, as well as an active command of German or English as an academic language. One of the three ancient languages can be replaced by another source language upon request, if this is justified by the topic of the thesis. The Doctoral Committee decides upon the request.

(5) Admission to the doctoral programme requires proof of membership of a church with a Protestant denomination or of a member church of the Ecumenical Council of Churches.

(6) The academic title of Doctor theologiae (Dr. theol.) may only be conferred once. An honorary doctorate is an exception to this.

(7) Fulfilment of the requirements for admission to a doctoral programme shall not give rise to any legal entitlement to acceptance as a doctoral candidate.
Section 4 Acceptance as a doctoral candidate

(1) An applicant who fulfils the requirements for admission to the doctoral programme in accordance with Section 3 or within a reasonable period of time and who intends to write a thesis must apply to the Faculty for acceptance as a doctoral candidate before being admitted to the doctoral programme.

(2) The application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate must be sent to the Dean in writing using the relevant form (Annex 1). The application is to be submitted promptly upon the commencement of the production of the thesis; however, it must be submitted at least one year in advance of the application for admission to the doctoral programme.

(3) The Doctoral Committee shall decide on the application, if necessary also by specifying conditions in accordance with Section 3(2) to (4). Reasons for refusal are to be set out in writing and accompanied by information about the candidate’s statutory rights. If subject-specific conditions have been set, acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall be conditional until the conditions have been met.

(4) By accepting someone as a doctoral candidate, the Faculty declares its willingness in principle to supervise the doctoral candidate with the writing of the thesis and to examine it upon completion provided the conditions specified in Para. 3 are met. Furthermore, acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall formally confirm that the doctoral candidate shall be admitted to the doctoral procedure following completion of his/her thesis, if he/she submits the documents required for admission to the doctoral procedure.

(5) A doctoral agreement (Annex 2) shall be concluded for the specific form of the supervisory relationship.

(6) The applicant shall receive confirmation from the Dean regarding acceptance as a doctoral candidate. This confirmation shall expire after five years, although it may be extended. If the period of five years is not extended or acceptance is not reapplied for, acceptance as a doctoral candidate shall expire.

Section 5 Application for admission to the procedure for conferring a doctorate

(1) Admission to the doctoral programme must be applied for in writing to the Dean as the chairman of the Doctoral Committee and with the consent of the supervising professor in accordance with Annex 3 (Doctoral application). The following must be enclosed with the doctoral application:

1. Four bound, paginated copies and a digitised format of the thesis,
2. Confirmation of acceptance as a doctoral candidate and, if applicable, proof of fulfilment of the conditions pursuant to Section 4 Para. 3,
3. Proof of completion of the admission requirements pursuant to Section 3 have been met, unless they have already been submitted upon acceptance as a doctoral candidate,
4. A tabular academic curriculum vitae,
5. An assurance that the thesis submitted has not been submitted to or is not available to any other institution as an examination paper,
6. Proposals for the appointment of the assessors.

(2) The doctoral application may be withdrawn as long as the process has not started yet. In this case, the doctoral application is deemed not to have been submitted. If the doctoral candidate withdraws later, the doctoral process is regarded as unsuccessful. A copy of the thesis submitted remains in the files.

(3) A doctoral candidate who has been unsuccessful in an earlier doctoral process may not submit a new application earlier than one year after the rejection of the first doctoral application. As a rule, a thesis that has already been rejected by another institution cannot be resubmitted in the same or modified form.

Section 6 Initiation of the procedure for conferring a doctorate

(1) The Doctoral Committee establishes whether the conditions for admission to the doctoral procedure have been fulfilled, and the application documents are complete. If this is the case, it initiates the doctoral matriculation procedure. The Chair of the Doctoral Committee notifies the candidate in writing, indicating the name of the assessor.

(2) The application for admission must be rejected if the conditions set out in Sections 3, 4(3) and 5 are not fulfilled. The candidate is notified of the rejection of his/her application in writing, stating the reason and providing information about his/her statutory rights.

Section 7 Thesis

(1) The thesis must demonstrate the candidate’s ability to conduct research independently and present it appropriately in the field of Protestant theology. Its academic content must justify its publication and contribute to the promotion of theology.

(2) A paper that has previously been submitted by the candidate in another academic state or church examination cannot be admitted as a thesis.

(3) As a general rule, the thesis should be written in German or English. Following a justified request, the Doctoral Committee may permit the use of a different language. If the thesis is not written in German, it must include an abstract in German.

(4) The thesis shall include a cover page in accordance with Annex 4, details about the author and his/her academic background, as well as a declaration on oath in accordance with Annex 3.

Section 8 Appointment of thesis assessors

(1) Once the doctoral procedure has been initiated, the Doctoral Committee shall arrange the assessment of the submitted thesis and appoint assessors for this purpose. Only qualified professors may be appointed as assessors. In individual cases, a specially qualified individual with a doctorate may also be authorised to be an assessor. The Doctoral Committee may deviate from the candidate’s proposal when appointing the assessors.
(2) The thesis shall be assessed by at least two assessors, one of whom must be a professor within the meaning of Section 33(1) No. 1 HSG LSA and belong to the faculty. Generally speaking, the supervisor of the paper is one of the assessors. In the case of a thesis on an interdisciplinary topic, an assessor is to be appointed from each of the predominantly relevant subject areas.

(3) If the supervising professor is no longer a member of the Faculty, he or she may also be asked for an assessment after leaving the Faculty if the thesis was started during his or her period of lecturing at the Faculty.

Section 9 Thesis assessment

(1) Each assessor shall submit a substantiated, independent written assessment of the thesis to the Doctoral Committee within two months, proposing the acceptance or rejection of the thesis. If the time limit for this is exceeded, the Doctoral Committee may appoint a new assessor. If an assessor deems amendments or additions to be necessary for the purpose of printing the thesis, he/she may propose appropriate conditions in his/her assessment.

(2) A recommendation for acceptance must be accompanied by an assessment in accordance with the following marking levels. "summa cum laude", "magna cum laude", "cum laude", "rite". If the thesis is rejected, it shall receive the grade "non sufficit".

(3) If rejection of the thesis is recommended in any of the assessments, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a further assessor. He or she should be selected from the subject area at which the criticism of the rejecting assessor is directed. If the grading by the additional assessor is also "non sufficit", the paper shall be deemed to be rejected; if the judgement is positive, the Doctoral Committee shall recommend that the thesis be accepted, and the grade awarded by the additional assessor shall be factored into the overall grade. If more than one assessment recommends that the thesis be rejected, no other assessors shall be appointed. The doctoral procedure shall be regarded as having been unsuccessful in that case.

(4) If the doctoral procedure is not completed in accordance with Para. 3, the Chair of the Doctoral Committee shall notify the full-time professors and all other Faculty professors that the thesis and assessments shall be available to view in the Dean’s Office for 14 days. During the exhibition period, the aforementioned persons shall be permitted to raise any objections to the grading of the thesis in writing. The Doctoral Committee decides upon these appeals and, if necessary, appoints one or more further assessors.

(5) Following the end of the display period or following receipt of the further assessments in accordance with Para. 4, the Doctoral Committee decides whether to accept or reject the thesis.

(6) If one or more assessments submitted in accordance with paragraph 1, sentence 3 propose conditions for publication of the thesis, the Doctoral Committee may decide whether to apply these.

(7) If a thesis is rejected, the doctoral procedure shall be regarded as unsuccessful. The Chair of the Doctoral Committee shall notify the candidate in writing of the decision to reject the thesis and provide information about his/her statutory rights. A copy of the rejected thesis shall remain on file together with all the assessments. The candidate shall be permitted to resubmit a thesis to the Faculty once, not earlier than one year after the previous one was rejected.
Section 10 Thesis Defence Committee

(1) Once the thesis has been accepted, the Doctoral Committee shall appoint a Thesis Defence Committee to conduct the defence.

(2) The Thesis Defence Committee comprises the professors from the Faculty in accordance with Section 58(1) HSG LSA, as well as the thesis assessors. It is chaired by a professor from the Doctoral Committee who may not also be an assessor.

(3) The Thesis Defence Committee has a quorum if the majority of its members is present. However, at least one of the assessors must always be in attendance.

Section 11 Defence of the thesis

(1) The defence of the thesis shall be conducted in public. The candidate shall receive a written invitation from the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee to attend the defence, 14 days in advance. This period may be shortened with the candidate’s agreement.

(2) The defence shall generally be conducted in German or English. According to Section 7(3), the Thesis Defence Committee may also accept another language, provided all members of the Thesis Defence Committee are proficient in that language.

(3) With the invitation to the defence, the Dean's Office of the Faculty shall make the doctoral candidate's reports on the thesis accessible to the candidate.

(4) The Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee shall open the defence with a brief presentation on the doctoral candidate and the topic of the thesis. In the defence, the doctoral candidate should present the results of the thesis and its significance for Protestant theology and its disciplines in a presentation lasting a maximum of 30 minutes on the basis of theses, and should also discuss the content of the assessments.

(5) The presentation shall be followed by a discussion, which generally lasts one hour. It should cover topics and methods relating to the thesis, as well as fundamental issues in the specialist field. The discussion shall be led by the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee, who may restrict the right of individuals present to speak.

(6) The proceedings of the defence shall be recorded in minutes. The Thesis Defence Committee shall instruct a member of the Faculty who is not also an assessor to draw up the minutes.

(7) Following the defence, the Thesis Defence Committee shall decide in a private meeting on the grades for the presentation and discussion parts of the defence in accordance with the marking levels stated in Section 9(2).

(8) The defence is passed if a minimum grade of "rite" is awarded for both the presentation and the discussion.

(9) If the defence has not been passed, the doctoral candidate may repeat the defence once upon written request to the Doctoral Committee. The repeat attempt cannot take place until six weeks have elapsed and must take place within no more than twelve months, starting from the day on
which the unsuccessful public defence took place.

(10) Should the repeat attempt of the public defence not take place within the period specified in Para. (9), the doctoral procedure shall be regarded as unsuccessful. The Doctoral Committee shall decide on substantiated exceptions and extensions of this period.

Section 12 Overall grade of the doctorate

(1) In the closed session pursuant to Section 11(7), the Thesis Defence Committee shall determine the grades for the thesis, for the presentation and for the discussion, and shall set the overall grade of the doctorate from them. The reasons for the overall grade are recorded.

(2) The following overall grades shall be given: "summa cum laude", "magna cum laude", "cum laude", "rite".

(3) The grade of "summa cum laude" is awarded in recognition of a thesis of outstanding academic merit and the excellent quality of its public defence. This special quality must be reflected in the assessments of the thesis and the record of the defence.

(4) Once the overall grade has been established, the Chair of the Thesis Defence Committee shall inform the candidate of the outcome of the procedure. The overall grade shall be disclosed in private.

(5) The candidate shall receive a provisional certificate from the Dean of the Faculty detailing the result of the doctoral procedure.

(6) In the event that the Doctoral Committee has established conditions for the printing of the work (Section 9(6)), the candidate shall be informed of these in writing.

(7) In conferral of the doctorate (Section 15), a certificate shall be issued in accordance with Annex 5.

Section 13 Withdrawal, absence, fraud

(1) If the doctoral candidate withdraws after the doctoral procedure has been opened, the procedure shall be deemed to have ended unsuccessfully in accordance with Section 5(2). Should the candidate be absent on the date of the defence without good reason, the defence shall be regarded as failed.

(2) The Chair of the Doctoral Committee must be notified in writing without delay of the reasons claimed for any absence, and they must be credible. In the event of illness, the candidate is required to submit a doctor’s certificate. The Chair of the Doctoral Committee shall set a new date for the defence in agreement with the members of the Thesis Defence Committee.

(3) Should a candidate have been admitted to the doctoral procedure by means of fraud, or if important conditions for admission have been mistakenly assumed, any doctoral work already carried out may also be declared invalid retrospectively and the doctorate denied by the Doctoral Committee. The candidate shall be given the opportunity to provide his/her viewpoint before a decision is made. The decision is to be sent to the doctoral candidate in writing and accompanied by
information about his/her statutory rights.

(4) Should facts become known that indicate that the candidate made use of unauthorised third-party assistance in producing the thesis, the doctoral procedure shall be postponed pending a decision of the Doctoral Committee until these allegations have been clarified. The candidate shall be given the opportunity to provide his/her viewpoint before a decision is made. The decision is to be sent to the doctoral candidate in writing and accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights. If it can be proven that the candidate received any such unauthorised assistance, the doctoral procedure shall be regarded as failed.

Section 14 Thesis publication

(1) At the end of the doctoral procedure, the doctoral candidate has to publish the thesis within one year of its successful defence. The Dean may extend the period of one year in justified exceptional cases. Publication may only take place once the assessors have confirmed in writing that the final version of the thesis is ready for printing.

(2) There are three options for publishing the thesis:

1. 15 bound copies must be submitted to the Thesis Office of the University and State Library. They must be marked on the title page as "Thesis to obtain the academic title of doctor theologiae (Dr. theol.) at the Faculty of Theology of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg" in accordance with Annex 4 and should also contain the declaration on oath in accordance with Annex 3, the names of the assessors, as well as the date of the defence. Furthermore, the author's personal details and academic background must be included in a short, informative résumé.

2. If the thesis is published by a publisher, 6 mandatory copies must be submitted to the Thesis Office.

3. In the case of publication in electronic form, according to the regulations for electronic university publications of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, a contract for the publication of the thesis on the Internet shall be concluded between the doctoral candidate and the University and State Library. The electronic version is to be accompanied by a bound copy.

Section 15 Conferral of a doctorate

(1) The Dean of the Faculty shall confer the doctorate by issuing the doctoral certificate (Section 12(7)) as soon as the conditions in Section 14 have been met.

(2) In the case that the thesis is published by a publisher, the Chair of the Doctoral Committee may approve early conferral of a doctorate, if it can be appropriately guaranteed e.g. by a binding declaration by a publisher or by submission of the page proofs, that the paper shall be published within a reasonable period.

(3) The date of the defence shall be regarded as the date on which the doctorate is conferred.

(4) The candidate shall have the right to use the title of doctor theologiae (Dr. theol.) upon receiving the doctoral certificate.
(5) The completed doctorate is recorded in the doctoral book of the faculty.

Section 16 Revocation of a doctorate

(1) The revocation of a doctorate or honorary doctorate (Section 19) shall be based on a vote by the Doctoral Committee, and this shall be actioned by the Faculty Council in accordance with the statutory provisions (Section 20 HSG LSA).

(2) Before the decision to revoke the doctorate is taken, the person concerned shall be informed of the procedure and given the opportunity to respond to the Doctoral Committee within four weeks.

Section 17 Inspection of files, right to appeal, legal remedies

(1) Within one year of completion of the doctoral procedure, the doctoral candidate or a person appointed by him or her in writing shall be granted access to his or her doctoral file within four weeks, on request.

(2) The doctoral candidate shall be entitled to appeal decisions made by the Thesis Defence Committee, the Doctoral Committee and/or the Faculty. The appeal must be set out in writing or recorded in the minutes and sent to the Dean within one month of the date on which the decision in question was made. The Dean shall be obliged to inform the Doctoral Committee of this immediately to enable a decision to be made with regard to the appeal. The doctoral candidate is to be informed of this decision in writing by the Dean.

(3) All decisions delivered to the doctoral candidate in writing by the Thesis Defence Committee, the Doctoral Committee and/or the Faculty in respect of rejection, postponement or cancellation, particularly where they relate to Section 4(3), Section 6(2), Section 9(7) and Section 13(3) and (4), as well as Section 17(2), must be accompanied by information about his/her statutory rights.

Section 18 Doctorates supervised bi-nationally (cotutelle de thèse)

(1) Doctoral examination procedures may be conducted with joint supervision by a foreign institution that is authorised to confer doctorates (hereinafter referred to as a Partner Institution) if a corresponding arrangement has been made with the Partner Institution. Such arrangements must be in writing and must be approved by the Faculty Council. The arrangement must include regulations on the details of the joint doctoral procedure. Doctoral programmes under joint supervision shall be governed by these doctoral regulations unless special provisions have been made. The thesis must fulfil the formal and substantive requirements of acceptance in Germany, and fulfil the requirements that apply in the foreign country. It is necessary to ensure that the formal requirements for the thesis are compatible with the doctoral regulations of the two institutions involved.

(2) The doctoral candidate shall be free to choose whether to submit the thesis in Germany or to the Partner Institution. The further procedure shall then be conducted on the basis of the regulations of the country of submission, but these must be adapted to the requirements of the cotutelle (bi-national supervision agreement).

(3) The doctoral candidate shall be supervised by an academic supervisor from each of the
participating institutions. The academic supervisor from the foreign Partner Institution shall be appointed as an assessor in the doctoral procedure of the Faculty of Theology at Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg.

(4) The thesis is to be submitted in the language of the country in which it is to be submitted and is to be accompanied by an abstract in the language of the Partner Institution, unless otherwise stipulated by the Faculty and Partner Institution involved. Subject to the agreement of the institutions and academic supervisors involved, the thesis may be submitted in the language of the Partner Institution, provided it is accompanied by an abstract in the other language.

(5) If the oral component of the doctoral work in the form of a defence or other equivalent form takes place at the foreign Partner Institution with the cooperation of the academic supervisor from Halle, this shall replace the oral component of the doctoral work at the participating Faculty of Theology at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg. Full particulars shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(6) If the oral component of the doctoral work takes place at the Faculty of Theology at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, professors from the foreign Partner Institution may be appointed as members of the Thesis Defence Committee. Full particulars shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(7) In the event that the institutions involved apply different assessment procedures, the assessment of the thesis and the defence and the establishment of the final grade shall take place separately in accordance with the different sets of rules. The doctoral examination shall be deemed to have been passed if it has been passed under both procedures.

(8) The doctoral certificate shall feature the seals of both participating institutions in so far as it is acceptable in both institutions. It shall contain the name of the academic degree which has been conferred and the corresponding academic title used in the foreign country. It shall also include a note to the effect that the doctoral degree stated thereon was supervised jointly. If two standalone certificates are issued, a reference or other means shall be used to show that they concern a unified certificate, and that the holder of the doctorate is entitled to use the German title of doctor in Germany and the corresponding title of doctor in the foreign country. Further details of the design of the certificates shall be provided for in the arrangement to be concluded with the Partner Institution.

(9) The holder of the doctorate shall have the right to use the title of doctor theologiae (Dr. theol.) upon receiving the doctoral certificate. Reference may be made in the agreement with the Partner Institution to its right with regard to reproduction of the thesis and the number of mandatory copies. It must be ensured that the requisite number of mandatory copies stipulated in the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Theology at the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg and an electronic version are submitted to Halle.

Section 19 Honorary doctorates

(1) The title of Honorary Doctor of Theology (doctor theologiae honoris causa, Dr. theol. h. c.) shall be conferred for outstanding academic contributions to a specialist field taught in the Faculty or for extraordinary services to academia. Staff members and their relatives are excluded from honorary doctorates from their own Faculty.
(2) All professors within the Faculty are entitled to put forward nominations.

(3) The procedure to confer an honorary doctorate is initiated by a written application addressed to the Dean.

(4) The conditions for the conferral are examined by an honorary doctorate committee set up by the Faculty, which sends a resolution proposal to the Faculty as well as the draft of an encomium.

(5) The Faculty shall decide on the conferral of an honorary doctorate on the basis of the honorary doctorate committee’s proposal. This proposal must be approved by two thirds of the professors on the Faculty Council.

(6) The Faculty shall forward the proposal to the Rector and the Senate of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg for their information.

(7) The honorary doctorate certificate shall be awarded at a ceremony held at the Faculty. The encomium shall be delivered by the Dean or a member of the faculty appointed by him or her. The honorary doctorate certificate is to be signed by the Rector and by the Dean.

Section 20 Entry into force and transitional provisions

(1) These Doctoral Regulations were adopted by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Theology on 8 July 2014. The Academic Senate adopted a position on this issue on 10 December 2014.

(2) These Doctoral Regulations shall enter into force on the day after their publication in the Official Gazette (Amtsblatt) of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg.

(3) At the same time, the Doctoral Regulations of the Faculty of Theology of the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg of 21 April 1994 (hereinafter referred to as PO 1994) shall cease to apply.

(4) PO 1994 shall remain in force for applicants who applied for admission to the doctoral procedure prior to these doctoral regulations coming into force. Applicants who have started work on their thesis before these doctoral regulations come into force but have not yet submitted an application for admission to the doctoral procedure may submit a request for PO 1994 to be applied.

(5) Acceptance as a doctoral candidate pursuant to Section 3(3) of PO 1994 shall only continue in the cases referred to in paragraph (4).

Halle (Saale), 10 December 2014

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Translation of legally binding German version of the doctoral regulations

Annex 1: (Sample) application for acceptance as a doctoral candidate in accordance with Section 4
Annex 2: (Sample) doctoral agreement in accordance with Section 4(5)
Annex 3: Application for acceptance in the procedure for conferring a doctorate in accordance with Section 5
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Annex 5: (Sample) doctorate certificate in accordance with Section 12(7)