

# **Exposé for the application for acceptance of a dissertation**

## **1. cover sheet**

- Name of the doctoral candidate
- planned title of the dissertation
- supervising person(s)
- place, date

## **2. problem statement**

- introduction to the topic
- presentation of the problem and explanation of the relevance

## **3. objective**

Explanation of the aim of the work and what is to be achieved at the end.

## **4. theoretical foundations**

- Outline of the current state of research and clarification of basic definitions/concepts.
- Deficits in knowledge as a basis for the dissertation / Knowledge gaps in the state of the art of scientific debates (e.g. literature, empirical insights).

All supported by key literature references.

## **5. concept of the dissertation**

- a) cumulative/non-cumulative?
- b) If cumulative, what publications are planned and how are they probably interrelated?
- c) External or at the Faculty of Geography?
- d) Based on a research project (name, sponsoring institution), or free topic?

Presentation of the hypothesis and the planned methodology.

## **6. time schedule**

Specifies the different steps of the work until the deadline, if possible, with milestones that relate to the temporal availability of the PhD candidate.

## **7. bibliography**

Overview of the sources used and thematically relevant literature in the form of a bibliography.