

Public and Social Policy – Doctoral Programme
Final State Examination thematic areas

Note: In the 2015/2016 academic year, students can choose between this version and the 2006 version. From the 2016/2017 academic year on, only this version will be valid.

The candidate shall make a random selection of one of the thematic areas below. In the course of the discussion, the examination committee may verify his/her competences in the other areas as well.

1. Discuss how your dissertation is framed in the discourse of social sciences (with special regard to public and social policy).
2. Discuss your approach to defining the dissertation's cognitive problem.
3. Justify your choice of the dissertation's theoretical foundation. Outline its pros and cons. Discuss alternative options.
4. Justify your choice of methods applied in the dissertation. Outline their pros and cons. Discuss alternative options.
5. Discuss the possibilities, ways and risks of practical implementation of your results.

The candidate is expected to reflect critically on both the available literature and his/her research experience.

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