

## Master Thesis Supervision Lenker (as of July 2024)

### 1) Pre-Conditions

If you wish to be supervised by me for an MA thesis you will have to fulfill the following conditions:

- a) You should have **attended at least one class** with me and should have handed in a **written piece of work** - preferably a seminar paper - for these classes.
- b) If condition a) is not fulfilled I should at least know you well personally.
- c) If condition a) is not fulfilled please submit an up-to-date transcript of records.
- d) I would appreciate a transcript of records in any case (even if you fulfill conditions a) and b)) because this makes it easier for us to find an appropriate topic and methodology for your thesis.
- e) **Please contact** me at least **four weeks prior** to the registration period.

### 2) Project Plan

Once I have generally accepted you for supervision (see 1)), hand in a project plan (at least three weeks prior to the registration period).

#### INSTRUCTIONS PROJECT PLAN (DEADLINE: THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO REGISTRATION PERIOD) Develop your own project

Introduce this project in an exposé **of not more than 8 pages** (Times New Roman; 12 pt; 1,5 space). This exposé should contain

- the preliminary title of the topic
- a short introduction to the topic
- 2-4 specific research questions
- information on your methodology (data/texts studied; qualitative or quantitative approach etc.) and a
- bibliography (at least 10 titles – books and articles) have to be listed (using the search engines: OPAC, MLA etc.).

**Your project plan has to include (at least) five concrete examples (with analysis).**

### 3) Research Colloquium (instructors Hackert, Schmid, Lenker)

You have to **present your research** at the *Research Colloquium* (Thursday, 12-14).

You have to **attend** the *Research Colloquium* (Thursdays, 12-14) in the semester you submit your thesis.

If you are not able register for the Colloquium yourself on LSF, please send me an email and I will register you manually.

**Slots for presentation are usually distributed in the first week of term** (make sure to attend this session of the Research Colloquium).

This presentation should be timed in the **middle of your research** (not **later than four weeks before submission** of the thesis).

I need to see the slides of this presentation **at least one week before the presentation**.

#### 4) Supervision

In addition to the preparation of your talk in the Research Colloquium,

- we should **meet at least once (not more than twice, though) every month** to discuss your results and questions.

These meeting are generally scheduled on **Zoom (best: Tuesdays)**

Please ask for a Zoom slot at least four days in advance by email.

For these meetings, please send some written information on the state of your thesis **at least three days before the meeting itself**.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any questions.