

**Doctoral degree regulations of Heidelberg University for the
Faculty of Law**

of 21 April 2016

Based on §§ 32 and 38 (4) of the Act on Higher Education of the Land of Baden Württemberg (*Landeshochschulgesetz* - LHG), last amended by Article 1 of the Act of 13 March 2018 (GBI. p. 85), the Senate of Heidelberg University adopted the following by-laws on 6 November 2018. The doctoral degree regulations of Heidelberg University for the Faculty of Law of 21 April 2016, last amended by the by-laws of 13 February 2017 (Rector's Gazette No. 11/2017 of 28 July 2017, p. 655) are amended as follows.

The Rector approved them on 13 November 2018.

Preamble

The Faculty of Law at Heidelberg University recognises its responsibility to apply high scientific standards when awarding doctorates in law and to ensure compliance with the rules of good academic practice. All official, status, function, and job titles that appear in the masculine form in these regulations apply equally to women and men and may also be used in the corresponding feminine form.

§ 1 Doctorate

The Faculty of Law of Heidelberg University awards the academic degree of Doctor of Laws based on results in the doctoral degree procedure (Dr. iur.) or honorary results in the doctoral degree procedure (Dr. iur. h.c.).

§ 2 Results in the doctoral degree procedure

The results in the doctoral degree procedure serve as proof of the ability to perform independent, detailed legal work. They comprise a legal doctoral thesis and an oral examination, the subjects of which are specified in § 17 (3) result.

§ 3 Doctoral committees

- (1) Decisions within the scope of the doctoral degree procedure shall be made by the doctoral committee, unless otherwise specified. It comprises the professors and associate professors who are members of the faculty council.
- (2) In the cases regulated in §§ 9 (2), 15 (3), 21 (2), 22, 23 and 24, the extended doctoral committee shall decide. It comprises all professors and associate professors of the faculty. Emeritus and retired professors are members in an advisory capacity.
- (3) The dean will chair the doctoral committees.

§ 4 General admission requirements

- (1) admission to the doctorate may be granted upon application to anyone who
 1. successfully completed a course of studies in law and passed the First State Examination in Law or the First or Second State Examination in Law with a grade of at least “fully satisfactory” in accordance with the Baden-Württemberg lawyers’ training and examination (JAPrO BW) of 8 October 2002 (GBl. p. 391), last amended by Article 2 of the Act of 17 December 2015 (GBl. p. 1210). A grade of “satisfactory” with at least 8.00 points must have been achieved in both the state and university examination parts in addition to the overall grade of “fully satisfactory” for admission based on the First Legal Examination. Applicants who have completed their course of studies at another faculty and are not admitted to the doctorate due to the examination grade required there are on an equal footing with applicants without a fully satisfactory examination;
 2. has acquired the “Latinum” qualification in Latin, and
 3. has studied law for at least two semesters at Heidelberg University.
- (2) Exemption from the requirements under para. 1, nos. 1 to 3 may be granted upon application. Exemption from the requirement of an examination passed with full marks can only be granted if at least the grade “satisfactory” has been achieved and, in accordance with the degree programme, the seminar certificates submitted, the work plan and the judgement of a professor or associate professor belonging to the faculty, it can be assumed that the applicant is suitable for the planned scientific work. A grade of “satisfactory” must have been achieved in both the state and university examination parts in addition to the overall grade of “satisfactory” for admission based on the First Legal Examination. Exemption from acquiring the “Latinum” qualification in Latin requires proof of other foreign language skills which, like the Latinum, provide access to the basics of jurisprudence, in particular in legal history, legal philosophy, legal sociology, or comparative law.

§ 5 Applicants with a domestic Master’s degree

- (1) Anyone who holds a Master’s degree in law from a German university may be admitted to the doctorate if the degree is equivalent to a first law examination completed with a “fully satisfactory” grade in terms of standard period of study (total duration of Bachelor’s and Master’s degree programmes), the range of subjects taken, the type and scope of examinations and, in particular, its suitability as preparation for detailed legal work, and if the applicant meets the requirements of § 4 (1) nos. 2 and 3. § 4 (2) shall apply accordingly.
- (2) Equivalence in accordance with para. 1 is lacking in particular,
 - if the degree programme does not cover civil, criminal, and public law or does not cover any of the basic subjects of legal history, philosophy of law, sociology of law, legal methodology, comparative law, or general political science or
 - if the degree programme does not provide for at least three extensive written supervised papers, or

- if no scientific work equivalent to a seminar paper with a scientific presentation has been completed during the course of studies.

§ 6 Particularly qualified graduates of Bachelor's degree programmes and state examination programmes in law

Graduates of a Bachelor's degree programme in law or without a degree examination in law equivalent to the Diplom (German university degree), Magister, Master's or First Legal Examination, which opens up admission to the doctorate under the conditions of §§ 4, 5, 6a, or 7, may qualify for a doctorate in a preparatory course if the ability to do scientific work is proven by significant, clearly above-average study and examination achievements from the previous course. The doctoral committee decides on this requirement and, if applicable, on the work to be completed in the preparatory programme and the time available (usually one year) from case to case. The achievements may include attending courses with a degree examination or writing a scientific paper or a combination of both. The scientific work corresponds in its requirements to the student research project in the first law examination. The doctoral committee appoints two persons from among the professors and associate professors to review the thesis and as examiners for a final colloquium lasting thirty minutes. The candidate must prove that they have knowledge of law that corresponds in breadth and depth to the standard of the usual degree examination in the colloquium. The thesis and colloquium are assessed as "passed" or "failed"; the thesis and colloquium can be repeated once each if they are not passed.

§ 6a Applicants with a domestic diploma and graduates of universities of cooperative education and the Württemberg Academy of Notaries Public (old cases)

- (1) Students who have completed a course of studies in law at a university of applied sciences with a Diplom (German university degree) may be admitted to the doctorate if their special qualification in law has been proven in an aptitude assessment procedure (para. 3). § 4 (1) no. 2 and (2) apply accordingly.
- (2) Approval in accordance with para. 1 sentence 1 requires that
 1. at least two thirds of the course of studies comprise legal subjects and cover civil, criminal, and public law in accordance with the curriculum and examination rules and regulations of the university of applied sciences,
 2. the applicant
 - a) is among the top 10 per cent of candidates in accordance with the overall grade achieved in the degree examination at the university of applied sciences,
 - b) has participated in a law seminar of the faculty during the aptitude assessment procedure and has submitted a written presentation that was assessed at least with "good" and
 - c) has passed the written examination in accordance with paragraph 3.
- (3) The written examination within the meaning of (2) no. 2 lit. c) shall take place annually in the third week of September. It is open to anyone who meets the requirements set out in paragraph 2 nos. 1 and 2 lit. a) and b) and has registered

by 31 July of the same year. One supervised paper each must be written in civil law, criminal law, and public law. The supervised papers must be written in one session. In terms of difficulty, they correspond to the examination papers for the First State Examination in Law. The processing time shall be five hours per supervised paper. The tasks shall be set by the dean and reviewed by two examiners appointed by them from among the professors and associate professors; § 14 (2) and § 15 JAPrO BW shall apply accordingly to the grading; the dean or a professor appointed by them shall take the place of the State Judicial Examination Office and its President. The examination is passed if the average grade of the three papers is at least "satisfactory" (7.0) and none of the papers has been assessed with an overall grade below "sufficient" (4.0) points. Any students who fail the written examination may repeat it once and only once in total.

- (4) The dean shall decide on admission to the written examination in accordance with para. 3.
- (5) Paragraphs 1 to 4 shall apply accordingly to graduates of the universities of cooperative education and the Württemberg Academy of Notaries.

§ 7 Applicants with a foreign university degree

- (1) Anyone who has studied outside the area of application of the German Judges Act (*Deutsches Richtergesetz*) may be admitted to the doctorate in deviation from § 4 if they
 1. prove that they have completed a university degree in law, the recognition of which is decided by the doctoral committee; the degree must be equivalent to the First Law Examination or the First State Law Examination with the grade "fully satisfactory" as defined by the JAPrO BW;
 2. have studied law for four semesters at a university in the Federal Republic of Germany, including at least two semesters in Heidelberg;
 3. prove sufficient German language proficiency by passing a language test recognised by the faculty; this includes
 - the German Language Test for University Admission (DSH) taken at a German university with a grade of at least 2.5 (previous grading system) or DSH level 3 (new performance level system),
 - the *Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom* of the Goethe-Institut with an overall grade of at least 2.5,
 - the Goethe-Institut's Grand German Language Diploma,
 - the Zentrale Oberstufenprüfung of the Goethe-Institut with an overall grade of at least 2.5,
 - Goethe-Zertifikat C2: Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom,
 - the Deutsches Sprachdiplom of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs - Level II with an overall grade of at least 2.5,

- the Test of German as a Foreign Language (TestDaF) with a grade of at least 5 (TestDaF level, TDN) in all parts of the examination,
 - the final written examination in the subject of German in the final secondary school graduation certificate with a grade of at least 2.5, if this is provided for in bilateral agreements with other countries, and
 - the final written examination in the subject of German in the examination to determine the aptitude of foreign applicants for admission to a course of studies at universities in the Federal Republic of Germany ("*Feststellungsprüfung*") with a grade of at least 2.5;
4. has independently prepared a presentation in German as part of a law seminar and defended it in a discussion; these achievements must have been assessed as at least "satisfactory";
 5. has completed two written examinations within a quarter. One written examination must deal with a topic from German or Roman legal history, modern constitutional history, philosophy of law, legal methodology, sociology of law, comparative law, or general political science. In the other written examination, theoretical questions of applicable law from one of the compulsory subjects of the JAPrO BW, but not from the subject area of the doctoral thesis, are to be dealt with. The applicant may propose a specialisation for each written examination. The written examinations are assessed by two examiners appointed by the dean.

The application for a doctoral procedure must be rejected if both written examinations have not been passed. Failed written examinations must only be repeated once, at the earliest after three months.

- (2) § 4 (2) shall apply mutatis mutandis. The written examinations in accordance with para. 1 no. 5 can be replaced by corresponding written examinations within the scope of a Master's degree programme at the Faculty of Law in Heidelberg.

§ 8 Application for admission to the doctorate

- (1) The applicant submits a written application to the dean.
- (2) The application must be accompanied by:
 1. a curriculum vitae,
 2. a list of study semesters and study locations,
 3. the school-leaving certificate or another diploma that documents university entrance qualification,
 4. the diploma of the First State Examination in Law or the First or Second State Examination in Law, the certificates in accordance with § 5, § 6, § 6a, or § 7,
 5. proof of the granting of a dispensation in the event of non-fulfilment of the admission requirements specified in § 4 (1), § 5 (1) sentence 1 and (2), § 6a (1) and (2), § 7 (1),

6. a declaration by the applicant stating whether and with what level of success they have already taken a doctoral examination in law,
7. a declaration of the specialisation from which the doctoral thesis topic should originate, or the doctoral thesis,
8. the doctoral agreement (§ 11 (2)).

§ 9 Decision on admission to the doctorate

- (1) The doctoral committee shall decide on the application for admission to the doctorate. The applicant must be informed of the decision in writing. A negative decision must be justified in writing.
- (2) The extended doctoral committee may refuse admission to the doctorate if there are facts that would justify the withdrawal of the doctoral degree.
- (3) The applicant is accepted as a doctoral candidate by the faculty upon admission to the doctorate.

§ 10 Collaborative doctorate

A professor at a university of applied sciences may be involved in the doctoral degree procedure as a supervisor and/or examiner (§ 14 and § 17) if they have a doctorate and provided additional detailed scientific results.

§ 10a Appointment of further supervisors and examiners

- (1) Upon application, habilitation candidates, or heads of junior research groups admitted to the faculty may be authorised by resolution of the doctoral committee to provide initial supervision and initial assessment in doctoral degree procedures, provided that
 - they hold a position that is funded by an external programme for the qualification of young professors and
 - funding is awarded based on a selection procedure that is preceded by a public advertisement and involves a review that is not performed solely by members of the university and also requires the personal qualifications of the applicant.

The doctoral committee may obtain further evaluations and official reports in preparation for its decision.

- (2) The authorisation shall not be granted if at least two years of scientific activity have not elapsed since the applicant's doctorate.
- (3) The authorisation shall expire at the end of the funding period. However, it remains in place for doctoral degree procedures started during the funding

period until their completion. The date of admission of the doctoral candidate by the doctoral committee is decisive.

§ 11 Supervision of the doctoral thesis; doctoral agreement

- (1) The supervisor is responsible for the scientific supervision of the doctoral project. In justified cases, a second supervisor may be appointed at the applicant's request.
- (2) The applicant and the supervisor shall enter into a written doctoral agreement with at least the content of § 38 (5) sentence 3 LHG.
- (3) If the supervisor dies and the doctoral candidate is unable to find a successor, the dean shall strive to find a suitable and willing person to supervise on request.
- (4) In any cases of dispute, the university's ombudsperson for doctoral candidates may be involved in arbitration.
- (5) The candidate must register in an online doctoral file maintained by the University immediately after the doctoral agreement is entered into and keep this registration up to date until the end of the doctoral degree procedure.

§ 12 Submission of the doctoral thesis

The following are to be submitted to the dean's office:

1. the original of the doctoral thesis,
2. an electronic version of the doctoral thesis,
3. an affidavit in accordance with the annex to § 12 of these doctoral degree regulations,
4. a signed copy of the instruction provided by the university on the significance and criminal consequences of the affidavit,
5. a declaration of consent to the review of the doctoral thesis using electronic data processing programmes to ensure compliance with general scientific standards.

§ 13 Doctoral thesis

- (1) The doctoral thesis must be an independent legal thesis in German, ready for publication. The doctoral thesis may be written in another main European language with the approval of the doctoral committee if
 - the subject of the work justifies this,
 - three persons from the group of professors and associate professors of the subject to which the thesis relates declare that they are willing and able to review a thesis in this language, and

- one professor in the subject concerned, who has a written and oral command of the language as their native language, has declared their willingness to review the thesis from a linguistic point of view and is appointed as an evaluator by the doctoral committee after submission of the thesis.

The doctoral thesis in a foreign language must contain a detailed and informative summary in German.

- (2) A clearly definable and separately assessable contribution to a joint thesis may also be submitted as a doctoral thesis if it fulfils the requirements for a doctoral thesis as such.
- (3) The doctoral thesis may already have been published in full or in part.
- (4) After submission, the doctoral candidate may withdraw the doctoral thesis by submitting a declaration to the doctoral committee until receipt of the first evaluation. In this case, the doctoral degree procedure will end. § 16 shall apply accordingly.

§ 14 Review of the doctoral thesis

- (1) The doctoral thesis shall be reviewed by two persons appointed by the dean from among the professors and associate professors and, if applicable, from among those authorised in accordance with § 10a (rapporteurs).
- (2) The rapporteurs shall propose the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis to the faculty in written evaluations, including reasons. The review must take place within two semesters.

- (3) The doctoral thesis is assessed as follows:

“summa cum laude” (5 points) for excellent results,
“magna cum laude” (4 points) for very good results,
“cum laude” (3 points) for good results,
“satis bene” (2 points) for satisfactory results,
“rite” (1 point) for sufficient results,
“non rite” (0 points) for unsatisfactory results;
Intermediate grades are not awarded.

Rejection of the doctoral thesis must be proposed in the case of a “non rite” assessment.

- (4) Conditions for the final version of the doctoral thesis may be stipulated in the evaluations.

§ 15 Making available and acceptance of the doctoral thesis

- (1) If both rapporteurs are in favour of accepting the doctoral thesis, it must be made available for inspection in the dean’s office for at least two weeks together with the evaluations. The members of the extended doctoral committee must be informed of this, stating the title of the doctoral thesis and the names and grades of the rapporteurs.

- (2) The doctoral thesis is accepted if no member of the extended doctoral committee objects in writing within the period of making available.
- (3) If the rapporteurs do not agree on the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis (§ 14 (2)) or if a member of the extended doctoral committee objects (para. 2), the extended doctoral committee shall decide.

§ 16 Rejection and repetition of the doctoral thesis

- (1) The doctoral thesis is rejected if all rapporteurs assess the doctoral thesis as “non rite” or the extended doctoral committee makes a corresponding decision in accordance with § 15 (3). The doctoral candidate must be informed of the decision in writing.
- (2) If the doctoral thesis has been rejected, the doctoral candidate may submit a new or improved doctoral thesis. No further repetitions will be possible.

§ 17 Oral examination

- (1) The dean shall set the date for the oral examination and appoint the two members of the examinations board from among the professors and associate professors and, if applicable, from among the persons authorised in accordance with § 10a, once the doctoral thesis has been accepted.
- (2) The oral examination is open to the faculty, subject to room capacity. The examination may be held in private at the request of the doctoral candidate for cause.
- (3) The oral examination shall serve to prove that the doctoral candidate has scientifically penetrated the subject matter of the doctoral thesis and the respective field of law and is capable of presenting and defending the theses presented in the doctoral thesis. The examination interview may also cover the basic questions of law.
- (4) The doctoral candidate shall present the main theses of the doctoral thesis in a presentation lasting 15 minutes and then defends them to the examinations board. All professors and associate professors of the faculty may participate in the oral examination, the debate, and the consultation on the examination result. The chair may permit questions from faculty members with a doctorate.
- (6) § 15 (3) sentence 1 shall apply accordingly to the oral examination. It is to be assessed by each examiner. The oral examination is passed if the sum of both individual assessments is at least 2 points.
- (7) Consultation and announcement of the examination result are not public.
- (8) Students who do not pass the oral examination may be admitted to retake the examination upon their request, no earlier than six months and at the latest 18 months after the oral examination. There shall be no further repetition.

§ 18 Result of the doctorate

- (1) The examinations board shall determine the overall grade.

- (2) Minutes of the oral examination and the overall result must be recorded.
- (3) The overall result is calculated from
 - a) the overall grade of the doctoral thesis (the unrounded arithmetic mean of the grades of both evaluations) and
 - b) the overall grade of the oral examination (the unrounded arithmetic mean of the individual grades of the oral examination).

The written examination result shall make up 70% of the overall grade, the oral examination result 30%.

The overall result shall be determined based on the arithmetic mean as follows:

4.5 to 5 points = "summa cum laude"
3.5 to less than 4.5 = "magna cum laude"
2.5 to less than 3.5 = "cum laude"
1.5 to less than 2.5 = "satis bene"
1 to less than 1.5 = "rite".

- (4) If the assessment of the other results in the doctoral degree procedure differs significantly from the assessment of the doctoral thesis, the overall grade must only differ from the assessment of the doctoral thesis by one grade.
- (5) The decision of the examinations board must be justified to the doctoral candidate.
- (6) If an individual result in the doctoral degree procedure (§ 2) has been repeated unsuccessfully, the examination as a whole has not been passed. It is not possible to repeat the examination.
- (7) After rejection of the doctoral thesis (§ 16 (1)) or after the decision of the examinations board on the overall result of the doctorate (para. 1), the person examined must be granted access to the evaluations upon request within one year.

§ 19 Publication of the doctoral thesis

- (1) The dean's permission to print must be obtained before publication of the doctoral thesis. It must be issued if the reviewed version of the doctoral thesis is to be published; otherwise the dean decides in agreement with the respective rapporteur.
- (2) The doctoral candidate shall ensure that the doctoral thesis declared ready for printing is published. The title page, the inside of the cover and the last page of the doctoral thesis must comply with a faculty information sheet; the dean may grant exemption from this requirement if the doctoral thesis is published as a monograph.
- (3) The publication must ensure sufficient dissemination of the doctoral thesis. The doctoral committee shall decide what publication series, publishers, scientific journals, or collective works are suitable for publication. Heidelberg University shall publish a summary of the main results of the doctoral thesis in electronic

form and ensures that this publication is permanently freely available. The doctoral thesis may be published as follows:

- a) by way of reproduction (print); the dean's office receives 55 deposit copies;
 - b) as a monograph in a recognised scientific publishing house with permission of the dean, provided the publisher guarantees an edition of 150 copies. The dean's office shall receive 9 deposit copies. The submission of a publishing contract is provisionally equivalent to the delivery of the deposit copies if the faculty is granted a direct right to receive 9 deposit copies free of charge in the contract;
 - c) with the authorisation of the dean and the first rapporteur in whole or in substantial parts in a specialist journal or collective work in printed form. It must be made clear that the work is a doctoral thesis in law from Heidelberg. The dean's office shall receive 9 deposit copies of the published thesis as well as a file of the published version in a format specified by the faculty;
 - d) as an electronic publication with free access ("open access") on a document server accessible via the electronic catalogue of Heidelberg University Library, which ensures sufficient and sustainable dissemination. The use of a document server external to the university is only permitted if the University Library has previously confirmed that these requirements are met. The dean's office receives 9 printed deposit copies and a file of the doctoral thesis in a format specified by the faculty.
- (4) The deposit copies must be submitted to the faculty in electronic form within one year of passing the oral examination, including in the case of § 13 (3), together with the summary. The doctoral candidate must enclose a declaration that the University is authorised to publish the summary in electronic form and that no third-party rights conflict with this. In special cases, the deadline may be extended if the doctoral candidate submits a justified application in good time. The dean shall decide on the extension. If the deposit copies or the summary are not submitted on time, all rights acquired through the examination expire. Conferral of the doctoral degree after submission of a publishing contract in accordance with (3) sentence 4 lit. b may be revoked in accordance with the State Administrative Procedure Act if the dean's office does not receive 9 deposit copies within one year of passing the oral examination. The decision shall be made by the extended doctoral committee. Sentences 3 and 4 shall apply accordingly.

§ 20 Conferral of the academic degree "Doctor of Law" ("Dr. iur.")

- (1) If the doctoral candidate has submitted the required deposit copies on time, the doctoral degree shall be conferred on them by issuing or delivering the doctoral diploma. The diploma shall contain the title of the doctoral thesis and the overall grade and states the date of the oral examination as the date of the doctorate. It shall be written in Latin and signed by the dean.
- (2) The right to use the doctoral degree is only acquired upon receipt of the doctoral diploma.

§ 21 Conferral of the academic degree of “Doctor of Laws, honorary” (“Dr. iur. h.c.”)

- (1) For outstanding scientific achievements in the field of law and its border areas, the faculty may, with the approval of the Senate, confer the degree of Doctor of Law (Dr. iur. h.c.) on an honorary basis.
- (2) This conferral shall require an application by at least two faculty members. The extended doctoral committee decides on the application by a three-quarters majority. It shall appoint two rapporteurs from among its members to prepare its decision.
- (3) The degree of Dr. iur. h. c. shall be conferred by awarding a diploma which emphasises the achievements of the honorary doctorate holder.

§ 22 Withdrawal and cancellation of admission; invalidity of results in the doctoral degree procedure

- (1) If it transpires before the doctoral diploma is awarded that the doctoral candidate has misled about an admission requirement or that essential admission requirements have been erroneously assumed to have been met, admission to the doctorate may be withdrawn. This shall apply accordingly if any facts become known that would justify the withdrawal of the doctoral degree. The provisions of the State Administrative Procedure Act (*Landesverwaltungsverfahrensgesetz*) remain unaffected.
- (2) If it becomes apparent before the doctoral diploma is awarded that the doctoral candidate has cheated in a doctoral performance, individual or all results in the doctoral degree procedure may be declared invalid; in serious cases, admission to the doctorate may be revoked.
- (3) The extended doctoral committee shall make the decisions in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2. The person concerned must be heard before a resolution is passed. The decision must be substantiated and sent to the person concerned with information on legal remedies.

§ 23 Withdrawal of the doctorate

- (1) Withdrawal of the doctorate shall be subject to the provisions of state law. The extended doctoral committee is responsible if there are no provisions on responsibility.
- (2) The person concerned must be heard before the resolution is passed. The decision must be substantiated and sent to the person concerned with information on legal remedies.
- (3) § 19 (4) shall not be affected by this unaffected.

§ 24 Exemptions

The extended doctoral committee may decide on exceptions to the above provisions in individual cases by a two-thirds majority of its voting members, provided that this does not conflict with the Act on Higher Education of the Land of Baden Württemberg. This shall apply in particular to interdisciplinary or cross-border supervised doctoral projects.

§ 25 Entering into effect

The above amendments shall enter into effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Rector's Bulletin.

Heidelberg, 13 November 2018

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Rector

Annex to § 12 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations of the Faculty of Law of Heidelberg University

The affidavit generally must be submitted in writing. The possibility of recording the affidavit in writing remains unaffected. The written declaration has the following wording:

“Affidavit

in accordance with § 12 nos. 3 and 4 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations of the Faculty of Law of Heidelberg University

1. The doctoral thesis submitted on the topic of

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independently.

2. I have only used the sources and aids indicated and have not made use of any unauthorised help from third parties. In particular, I have labelled content taken literally or accordingly from other works as such.

3. I have not yet submitted the thesis or parts of it to another university in Germany or abroad as part of an examination or qualification.

Title of the work:

University and year:

Type of examination or qualification achievement:

4. I confirm that the above declarations are correct.

5. I am aware of the significance of the affidavit and the consequences under criminal law of an incorrect or incomplete affidavit.

I declare on oath that I have stated the absolute truth to the best of my knowledge and have not concealed anything.

Place and date

Signature