Doctoral Regulations (Statute)
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Pursuant to § 52 (1) in conjunction with § 54 (3) of the Schleswig-Holstein Higher Education Act (HSG) of 28 February 2007 (GVOBl. Schl.-H. p.184), last amended on 22 August 2013 (GVOBl. Schl.-H., p. 365), the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law of the University of Kiel adopted the following regulations by resolution of 16 April 2014:

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Part one:
Doctoral degree and admission requirements

§ 1
Doctor of Law
The Faculty of Law awards the academic degree of Doctor of Law (Dr. iur.) on the basis of a doctoral thesis examining a topic of law (dissertation) and an additional examination in accordance with §§ 19 et seq. below (oral defence).

§ 2
Honorary Doctor of Law
In accordance with § 54 (5) of the Schleswig-Holstein Higher Education Act (HSG) and the constitution of Kiel University, the Faculty of Law may award the academic degree of Honorary Doctor of Law (Dr. iur. h.c.) for outstanding academic performance or for other accomplishments of merit in relation to law.

§ 3
Competent authorities
In the absence of alternative provisions below, the Faculty Council is competent for decisions pertaining to these Doctoral Regulations. The Faculty Council may assign its decisions generally or in individual cases to a Doctoral Committee.

§ 4
Admission requirements in general
(1) The admission as a doctoral candidate is, in general, subject to the requirement that, following regular studies of law at a German university, the applicant has successfully passed
   a) the first state examination in law or the first examination within the meaning of § 5 (1) of the German Judiciary Act (Richtergesetz), or
   b) the second state examination in law
with a grade of at least 'fully satisfactory' ('vollbefriedigend').
(2) Applicants having passed one of the two examinations with the grade 'satisfactory' ('befriedigend') may be admitted as doctoral candidates with the approval of the Faculty Council.
(3) The applicant must have made an oral seminar presentation at the Faculty of Law of the University of Kiel, thereby attaining a grade of not less than 'fully satisfactory' ('vollbefriedigend').

§ 5
Admission requirements for applicants without a (state) examination in law
(1) In special cases, applicants from other fields than law may be admitted, provided all other requirements are met. Graduates of a German university (Universität) may be admitted as doctoral candidates if they have passed their final examination with sufficient success to allow admission to a doctoral degree in
their respective field, achieving a grade of at least 'good' ('gut'). Graduates of Master’s degree programmes at a German university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) may be admitted as doctoral candidates if they have successfully passed their final examination with a grade of 'very good' ('sehr gut').

(2) Admission in the case of (1) above requires that the selected topic for the doctoral thesis relate to the degree programme and concern an area of work recognised by the Faculty of Law as one of particular interest. The Faculty Council shall decide whether to grant admission and may make such decision conditional upon the fulfilment of certain requirements, particularly the successful participation in specific lectures or courses.

(3) § 4 (3) applies accordingly.

§ 6
Admission requirements for candidates with degrees awarded by a foreign university

(1) Applicants who have duly studied law at a foreign university may be admitted as doctoral candidates. Such applicants must be able to furnish proof of holding either

1. a degree obtained from a foreign university and a Master's degree (LL.M.) obtained from a Faculty of Law of a German university with a grade of at least 'fully satisfactory' (vollbefriedigend) or
2. a degree of equivalent scope obtained from a foreign university with a considerably above-average grade.

In exceptional, justified cases, the Faculty Council may waive the requirements of number 2.

(2) § 4 (3) applies accordingly.

§ 7
Additional admission requirements

(1) Applicants who have been sentenced to at least one year in prison for a deliberate act cannot be admitted; § 51 of the German Federal Central Criminal Register Act (Bundeszentralregistergesetz) applies accordingly.

(2) Admission of applicants currently facing the possibility of criminal proceedings due to a deliberate act may be deferred until conclusion of the proceedings in question. The Faculty Council shall decide all cases of deferral.

Part two:
Admission as a doctoral candidate

§ 8
Substantive admission requirements

(1) The doctoral procedure commences upon admission as a doctoral candidate by the Faculty of Law.

(2) Only applicants meeting the requirements of §§ 4 to 7 above may be admitted.
(3) The right of a professor or private lecturer, primarily employed at the Faculty, to act as supervisor of a candidate meeting the admission requirements remains without prejudice. The Faculty shall not be bound by any such relations. The supervision relationship will cease upon expiry of a period of three years if the dissertation is not submitted, but may be extended.

(4) In the case of § 5 (2) and with the approval of the Faculty Council, an additional professor of the respective university of applied sciences can act as supervisor.

§ 9

Formal admission requirements

(1) The admission is subject to a written application from the candidate to the Dean requesting admission by the Faculty as a doctoral candidate. The application must be submitted no later than the application for admission to the doctoral examination (§ 11).

(2) The application is to be submitted together with:

1. the intended topic of the dissertation;
2. as a general rule, a written supervision agreement between a professor primarily employed by the Faculty (§ 41) or a professor appointed in accordance with § 14 (3) and the applicant, containing the following information:
   a. declaration by the professor to actively supervise the candidate in completing the dissertation
   b. declaration by the applicant to regularly inform the supervisor regarding the status and progress of the dissertation
   c. declaration by the applicant acknowledging and agreeing to abide by the current version of the 'Rules of Good Scientific Practice – standard of scientific work pursuant to the recommendations of the German Research Foundation (DFG)' (University Senate resolution of 28 May 2002) applicable at the University of Kiel
   d. declaration by the applicant confirming he/she has not made use of an agency for doctoral degrees;
3. evidence of a university entrance qualification required for the study of law;
4. evidence of a degree qualification as per § 4 (1) above, academic achievement as per § 5 or degree qualifications as stated in § 6 together with the commensurate grades;
5. curriculum vitae written in German, specifically including details of the applicant's education and degree programme;
6. declaration by the applicant stating whether he/she has any prior judicial or disciplinary sentences against him/her and whether he/she is the subject of any current criminal proceedings or investigations, together with an assurance to promptly provide notification of any criminal investigation proceedings during the doctoral procedure;
7. declaration by the applicant stating whether and with what level of success he/she has previously submitted a dissertation within the scope of another doctoral procedure;
8. declaration by the applicant confirming knowledge of the Doctoral Regulations.
(3) Applicants unable to provide a declaration as per (2) 2a above must enclose a work schedule with their application for acceptance stating the objective, content and method of the intended dissertation, including the method of research. In this case, a supervisor will be nominated by the Faculty Council in agreement with the respective professor/private lecturer. Prior to the final decision on admission, the Faculty Council may require the applicant to supplement or change the work schedule. The work schedule can be replaced by the dissertation.

(4) Applicants stated under § 4 (2), § 5 and § 6 must include in their application for admission the advisory opinion of a professor/private lecturer of the Faculty of Law, within which the suitability of the doctoral thesis topic and the academic qualification of the applicant is duly assessed in consideration of the oral seminar presentation (§ 4 (3)).

§ 10
Decision on admission

(1) Where the requirements of §§ 4 to 7 and § 9 (1) and (2) are met, admission of the applicant will be pronounced by the Dean's Office by means of written confirmation. The same applies where the Faculty Council has made an assenting decision in cases of § 9 (3) and (4). Admission does not establish an entitlement to admission to the doctoral examination.

(2) Where the admission requirements are not met or where circumstances justify revocation of the doctoral degree in accordance with the pertinent statutory provisions (§ 40), the Dean's Office will furnish the applicant with commensurate written notification stating the reasons for the decision.

(3) The admission declaration may by revoked after two years if the applicant fails to submit a statement confirming the timely progression of work on the dissertation.

(4) Where supervision is terminated following successful admission for reasons not occasioned by the doctoral candidate, at the request of the doctoral candidate the Dean will ensure that further supervision is provided within the scope of the Faculty's possibilities.

§ 11
Change of university

For candidates admitted by university professors of a previous university who are subsequently appointed to the Faculty, the acceptance requirements of the other university shall apply. Apart from that, these Doctoral Degree Regulations apply.

Part three:
Doctoral examination

§ 12
Admission to the doctoral examination

(1) Admission to the doctoral examination is subject to the admission as a doctoral candidate and corresponding written application to the Dean.

(2) The application is to be submitted together with:
1. the dissertation in duplicate as well as an electronic version of the dissertation in a standard file format;
2. declaration by the candidate that he/she has personally and independently produced the dissertation in accordance with the rules of good scientific practice (§ 9 (2) 2c), has not used any supporting materials other than those stated in the dissertation (§ 13 (2)), and has adequately identified all segments drawn verbatim or almost verbatim from other sources;
3. declaration confirming that the candidate has not presented the submitted dissertation in the same or a similar form within the scope of another doctoral procedure.

(3) The Dean's Office shall decide on admission to the doctoral examination by means of written notification. In the event of doubt as to whether the candidate has previously presented the submitted dissertation within another doctoral procedure, the Faculty Council shall determine whether the dissertation concerns the same work.

(4) The application for admission to the doctoral examination can be withdrawn as long as the opinions on acceptance, rejection or return of the dissertation have not been presented (§ 15).

§ 13
Dissertation

(1) The dissertation must examine a legal issue and be of a significant academic standard to demonstrate the candidate's ability to independently produce an academic study. The dissertation is to be submitted ready for publication and must be written in German. As an exception, the Dean's Office may permit the dissertation to be written in English.

(2) The dissertation has to provide details of all supporting materials used and state when the work was completed.

(3) A previously published paper may be submitted as a dissertation with the approval of the Faculty Council.

§ 14
Appointment of assessors

(1) If the doctoral candidate is admitted to the doctoral examination, the Dean's Office will appoint two assessors in due consideration of the dissertation topic. The primary assessor should be the professor/private lecturer who has supervised the candidate (§ 9 (2) 2. and (3)). One assessor must be a member of the Faculty of Law of the University of Kiel and a full-time teaching professional.

(2) A former professor/private lecturer may be appointed as the primary assessor provided he/she supervised the doctoral candidate during his/her period of employment at the Faculty.

(3) As an exception, a professor/private lecturer of another faculty or university may be appointed as assessor with the approval of the Faculty Council.

(4) The first assessor report should be presented within four months, and the second report within two months.

(5) In the event of the death of an assessor or where an assessor is unable to furnish a report within an appropriate period due to illness, acceptance of an alternative
post or for other reasons, the Dean's Office will nominate another professor/private lecturer to act as assessor. Para. 3 applies accordingly.

§ 15
Principles of assessment

(1) Assessors will provide their assessment in reports recommending acceptance or rejection of the dissertation or its return for revision. Each assessor may attach conditions to his/her report recommending acceptance of the dissertation, thereby requiring the doctoral candidate to make revisions to ensure a version of the paper that satisfies the requirements of § 13 (1).

(2) The first report should include:
   1. a brief outline of the status of research to date;
   2. details of scientific advancement achieved through the study;
   3. appraisal of the study.

(3) The second report should include details of scientific advancement achieved and an assessment of the study.

(4) A dissertation recommended for acceptance should be graded as follows:
   - summa cum laude - outstanding
   - magna cum laude - very good
   - cum laude - good
   - satis bene - satisfactory
   - rite - sufficient.

(5) If the dissertation is returned for revision, the doctoral candidate must re-submit the thesis for re-assessment within a period of one year. In exceptional, justified cases the Dean's Office may extend this period.

§ 16
Procedure in the event of conflicting reports

In the event of disagreement between the assessors regarding acceptance of the thesis or where the reports deviate from one another by more than a full grade, the Dean's Office will seek to bring about convergence of the assessor's opinions. Should the reports nonetheless deviate from one another by more than a full grade or in the event of further disagreement regarding acceptance, the Faculty Council will decide on acceptance of the thesis or the grade on the basis of a third report appointed by the Dean's Office.

§ 17
Display of the dissertation

(1) The dissertation recommended for acceptance by the assessors, or in the case of § 16 by the Faculty Council, will be displayed in the Dean's Office together with the reports for review by professors and private lecturers of the Faculty of Law for a period of three weeks. The respective professors and private lecturers are to be promptly notified of the display and the assessors' grading in electronic form.

(2) Any person stated in (1) may object to acceptance and the assessors' grading within the period of display by submitting a commensurately substantiated report.
to the Dean's Office. § 16 applies mutatis mutandis for the subsequent course of action.

§ 18
Acceptance or rejection of the dissertation

(1) Where no objection to acceptance of the dissertation is asserted within the period of display, the Dean's Office will admit the candidate for further examination. Where acceptance is subject to conditions (§ 15 (1) sentence 2), the primary assessor has to ensure that the requisite additions and revisions are implemented prior to granting permission to print.

(2) Where no assessor has recommended the acceptance of the dissertation, the doctoral examination is deemed not passed. The Dean's Office will communicate the result to the doctoral candidate by way of substantiated written decision.

(3) Should the doctoral candidate fail to re-submit the revised dissertation within the period provided for under § 15 (5), the dissertation will be deemed rejected.

(4) The applicant can apply for admission to a second doctoral degree procedure with a different dissertation topic. Renewed admission is not possible in the event that this dissertation is also rejected.

§ 19
Oral defence

(1) The oral defence (Rigorosum) comprises an oral disputation in German about the accepted dissertation taking into account the European legal dimensions, principles of law and methods of its application.

(2) Upon justified request by the candidate, in the case of § 13 (1) sentence 3 the Dean can allow the oral defence to be held in English. Where German is not the doctoral candidate's native language, applications in the case of sentence 2 have to include accompanying evidence that the doctoral candidate has achieved a level of German knowledge equivalent to B2 in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for languages.

§ 20
Examination Board

(1) The Dean's Office will appoint an Examination Board for the oral defence. The board shall have three members who meet the requirements of § 14, including the primary assessor.

(2) The Examination Board is chaired by the Dean or the Dean's appointed representative.

§ 21
Examination date, failure to appear

(1) The Dean sets the date for the oral defence in agreement with the Examination Board.

(2) The doctoral candidate is to be invited to attend on the date established as per (1) above with a period of notice of at least two weeks. This period can be reduced
with the agreement of the doctoral candidate. The composition of the Examination Board is to be communicated to the doctoral candidate in the invitation.

(3) Should the doctoral candidate, despite correct invitation, fail to attend the oral defence without sufficient cause, the Examination Board will declare the examination not passed. Where the doctoral candidate subsequently provides sufficient cause, the Examination Board will revoke this decision. A new date will then be set by the Dean's Office.

§ 22
Oral defence procedure
(1) The oral defence is held in the presence of all members of the Examination Board. As a rule, the oral defence takes 40 minutes for each candidate, including presentation of the dissertation, which may not exceed 15 minutes.
(2) The oral defence is open to the Faculty.
(3) Minutes are to be taken documenting the course of the examination.

§ 23
Assessment of performance
(1) Performance in the oral defence will be graded in accordance with § 15 (4).
(2) Inadequate performance in the oral defence will result in failure of the doctoral examination. The Dean's Office will communicate the result to the doctoral candidate by way of substantiated written decision.
(3) Where the oral defence is sufficient, the Examination Board will award the overall grade. Accordingly, the grades awarded by the two assessors are combined, added to the oral defence grade and the total divided by three. In the case of decision by the Faculty Council (§ 16), its respective grade will be multiplied by two. The result is rounded up or down. The sequence of numbers one to five is used as a scale.

§ 24
Repeating the oral defence
(1) A failed oral defence can be repeated once within two years; however, not generally before the expiration of a period of six months.
(2) The dissertation grade remains unchanged. In agreement with the assessors, the Dean's Office may, however, request that the dissertation be revised in accordance with the latest scientific knowledge.
Part four: 
Awarding of the doctoral degree

§ 25
Printing and publication of the dissertation, delivery of deposit copies

(1) Following successful examination, taking into account any conditions required by the assessors (§ 15 (1) sentence 2) the doctoral candidate shall arrange for duplicate copies of the dissertation to be printed. The primary assessor will declare the dissertation ready for print in the form submitted to the assessor. To foster research and teaching, the Dean's Office may communicate to public and private third parties the name of the doctoral candidate, title of the dissertation and name of the primary assessor.

(2) 80 deposit copies are to be delivered to the Faculty within a period of one year. The number of deposit copies shall reduce to eight where a commercial publisher undertakes distribution via the book trade with an ISBN (International Standard Book Number). The same applies in the case of generally accessible electronic publication by the University Library of the University of Kiel within one year; the files to be submitted to the University Library must be structured in accordance with its instructions.

(3) In the event of publication in a publication series or journal recognised by the Faculty and edited in accordance with academic criteria, or as an independent script published by a scientific publisher recognised in the same manner, eight deposit copies are to be delivered within a period of two years. In agreement with the examiners, the Dean's Office may approve a partial print encompassing the primary sections of the dissertation.

(4) Failure to comply with these deadlines will result in the forfeiture of all rights obtained through the doctoral degree procedure. In special cases, the Dean's Office can extend the period in question or grant reinstatement upon justified application by the doctoral candidate.

§ 26
Denial of the doctoral degree

(1) Should one of the cases stated in § 40 (Revocation of the academic doctorate) occur prior to issuance of the doctoral certificate, the provisions of § 40 will apply accordingly.

(2) Where indications of a case stated in (1) above are apparent, the Dean may suspend the doctoral procedure to enable clarification of the situation.

§ 27
Handing-over of the doctoral diploma

(1) If the doctoral candidate has fulfilled all commensurate requirements, the Dean's Office will award the doctoral degree by handing-over the doctoral diploma. Upon issuance, the doctoral candidate will be entitled to assume the academic title of Doctor of Law.

(2) In cases as per § 25 (3), the Dean may issue the doctoral diploma prior to delivery of the deposit copies if the author possesses a publishing contract and publication
of the dissertation within an appropriate period is ensured (§ 25 (3) and (4)). The right to revoke the doctoral degree is reserved in the case of failure to deliver the deposit copies within the appropriate period.

(3) The overall grade and primary assessor are to be stated on the doctoral diploma. Upon request, the doctoral candidate will receive a certificate from the Dean on the assessment of his/her dissertation.

(4) A copy of the doctoral diploma together with a copy of the thesis forming the subject of assessment by the assessor will be held on file by the Faculty.

§ 28
Termination of the doctoral candidate relationship
The legal relationship between the doctoral candidate and the Faculty of Law ends upon issuance of the doctoral diploma or communication pursuant to § 18 (2), § 23 (3); § 18 (4) and § 24 remain without prejudice.

Part five:
Doctoral degrees under joint supervision with a foreign higher education institution (bi-national doctoral degree)

§ 29
Basic principles
(1) Doctoral procedures can also be carried out under joint supervision with a foreign higher education institution specialising in the field in law (partner institution).

(2) For the purpose of implementing a bi-national doctoral degree, the Faculty of Law will conclude an agreement with the partner institution in accordance with § 31.

(3) In the absence of separate alternative provisions contained within this §, the provisions of parts one to four and part six apply.

(4) An entitlement to implementation of a bi-national doctoral degree procedure does not exist.

§ 30
Admission requirements, foreign academic degrees
(1) The general conditions of §§ 4 to 7 and the provisions regarding the admission as a doctoral candidate as per §§ 8 to 10 apply.

(2) § 6 (1) applies with regard to the recognition of foreign academic degrees.

§ 31
Agreement with the partner institution
(1) The agreement is subject to the approval of the Faculty Council. Accordingly, the candidate must have been accepted by the Faculty of Law as a doctoral candidate or must have established a personal supervision relationship with a professor or private lecturer primarily employed at the Faculty.

(2) The agreement designates the candidate, the Faculty of Law of the University of Kiel and the partner institution as the supervision higher education institutions
and the commensurate supervisors. Moreover, the agreement regulates the
details of joint supervision, including the
1. intended dissertation topic and time-frame,
2. dissertation language and abstract,
3. language of the oral defence,
4. place and detailed process of the oral defence as well as the manner in
which Examination Board members are appointed,
5. financing of the travel costs of Examination Board members and
6. details of the procedure for issuance of the doctoral diploma as per § 39.

(3) Where the national language of the partner institution is not German, the
agreement is to be drawn up in both German and English or French. The wording
in the two national languages applies respectively.

(4) The agreement is to be signed by the candidate and, on behalf of the University
of Kiel, by the supervisor, Dean and President. On behalf of the partner institution,
the agreement is to be signed by the supervisor and the organs acting as the
legal representatives of the specialist law department and higher education
institution or its responsible body. A copy is to be provided to each signatory.

(5) The agreement may be subsequently amended prior to conclusion of the doctoral
procedure subject to the requirements of (2) to (4) above.

§ 32

Admission to the doctoral examination, dissertation

(1) The candidate is admitted to the doctoral examination in accordance with the
provisions of § 12.

(2) The dissertation must fulfil the requirements of § 13.

(3) Where the national language of the foreign partner institution is not German, the
dissertation may be submitted in English or French.

(4) The Faculty Council can permit the dissertation in a national language of the
foreign faculty that differs from (3) above provided that the dissertation is
assessed by an additional assessor who is an ordinary member of a German law
faculty and who has command of both the German language and that of the
national language in question.

(5) In cases of (3) and (4) above, the dissertation must also include a summary in
German.

(6) The provision under § 13 (1) sentence 3 is without application.

§ 33

Separate assessment of the dissertation

The dissertation is assessed by the Faculty of Law in accordance with the provisions
of §§ 14 to 16. Additional assessment by the partner institution in accordance with its
applicable regulations remains without prejudice.
§ 34
Display and acceptance of the dissertation

(1) Display and acceptance of the dissertation by the Faculty of Law is effected in accordance with the provisions of §§ 17 and 18. The partner institution decides on acceptance in accordance with the regulations applicable at that institution.

(2) Following acceptance of the dissertation by both the Faculty of Law and the partner institution, a joint oral defence is held.

§ 35
Oral defence, Examination Board

(1) An Examination Board will be appointed, which as far as possible equally comprises members of the Faculty of Law and members nominated by the partner institution. A chairperson who may not be a supervisor or examiner will be appointed by the Examination Board from amongst its members.

(2) The Examination Board shall comprise a total of at least four and no more than six members.

(3) Selection of members to be appointed by the Faculty of Law is determined in accordance with § 20 (1) above.

(4) The examination date will be set jointly by the Dean's Office and the partner institution in agreement with the Examination Board. The oral defence is held in the presence of all members of the Examination Board. In the event of unexpected absence of a foreign member, the examination can nevertheless be accepted through unanimous decision of the Examination Board with the approval of the candidate.

§ 36
Place and content of the oral defence

(1) The oral defence will be held in the rooms of the Faculty of Law or the partner institution. The financing of travel expenses for foreign members of the Examination Board is to be secured prior to signature of the agreement. Additional charging to the Faculty of Law is precluded.

(2) The content of the oral defence is determined through practical coordination of the provisions of § 19 with the regulations on oral doctoral examinations of the partner institution. Minutes are to be taken documenting the course of the examination.

(3) The oral defence must include a disputation within the meaning of § 19 above and be held, at least partially, in the German language.

(4) The chairperson can open the oral defence to the public by way of exception to § 22 (2) provided this complies with the partner institution regulations or is provided for in the agreement.

§ 37
Separate assessment of the oral defence, separate final grade

(1) The members of the Examination Board appointed by the Faculty of Law will assess the oral defence performance and award an overall grade in accordance with § 23. Members of the Examination Board appointed by the partner institution each hold an advisory vote.
(2) Assessment of the oral defence and overall performance of the doctoral degree within the scope of the partner institution procedure is determined by the regulations applicable to it.

(3) The candidate will pass the bi-national doctoral procedure where performance is deemed sufficient by the members appointed by the Faculty of Law and by the members appointed by the partner institution on the basis of each facility's own procedure.

§ 38

Printing and publication of the dissertation, deposit copies

(1) The provisions of § 25 apply with the proviso that the number of deposit copies to be delivered can be reduced by the Dean's Office upon application by the doctoral candidate and in consideration of the deposit copies to be delivered to the partner institution.

(2) Where a reduction in the number of deposit copies already applies pursuant to § 25 (2) sentence 2, no further reduction will be considered.

§ 39

Handing over of the doctoral diploma

(1) Provided the doctoral candidate fulfils all the requirements of the Faculty of Law and the partner institution, the candidate will be handed over an integrative doctoral diploma marked with the seals of the Faculty of Law and the partner institution. The diploma will state both the overall grade attained in accordance with the regulations of the Faculty of Law and that attained in accordance with the regulations of the partner institution.

(2) Where the handing-over of an integrative doctoral diploma is not possible due to conflicting regulations of the partner institution, a note is to be included in German on both diplomas to the effect that an integrative doctoral degree has been awarded and that each diploma will be valid in Germany solely in combination with the other respective diploma. On the partner institution diploma, this note can also be entered on the reverse side.

(3) Upon handing-over of the doctoral diploma or the commensurate diplomas as per (2) above, the doctoral candidate will be entitled to assume the respective academic title using both the German designation (Doctor of Law) and the commensurate designation of the partner institution country. Simultaneous use of both titles of the doctoral degree is not permitted.

Part six:

Final provisions

§ 40

Revocation of a doctoral degree

(1) The Faculty Council has to revoke the award of the doctoral degree if, after issuing the diploma, it proves to be the case that essential requirements for admission were accepted by the Faculty in error owing to wilful deceit on the part of the doctoral candidate.
In serious cases, the Faculty Council has to revoke the award of the doctoral degree if, after issuing the diploma, it proves to be the case that the degree has been obtained under gross violations of the rules of good scientific practice.

The Faculty Council may also revoke the doctoral degree if the doctoral candidate has been sentenced to at least one year in prison for a deliberate act, save for where this situation was already known at the time of issuing the diploma.

In serious cases, the Faculty Council may revoke the award of the doctoral degree if the doctoral candidate has been sentenced to at least one year in prison for a deliberate act, save for where this situation was already known at the time of issuing the diploma.

Decisions in accordance with (1) to (4) above will be taken by the Faculty Council by a two-thirds majority vote. Decisions also require a majority of the doctoral members of the Faculty Council.

The doctoral graduate is to be heard by the Council before it makes its decision.

Where revocation is final, the doctoral graduate is obliged to return the doctoral degree and the diploma awarded to him/her in accordance with § 27 (3).

§ 41
Faculty professors
The following persons have the same rights and duties in the doctoral procedure as full-time professors employed by the Faculty:
1. retired or emeritus professors who were employed by the Faculty,
2. honorary professors employed by the Faculty,
3. extracurricular professors employed by the Faculty,

§ 42
Entry into force, expiration and transitional provisions
(1) These regulations enter into force on the day after the date of publication. Simultaneously, the Doctoral Regulations (Statute) of the Faculty of law of the University of Kiel of 19 June 1996 (NBl. MBWFK Schl.-H., p. 322), last amended by statute of 23 April 2014 (NBl. HS. MBW Schl.-H., p. 48), shall cease to be in force.

(2) In the case of doctoral candidates with a supervision relationship established prior to the entry into effect of the revised version of the Doctoral Regulations, the acceptance and admission regulations contained within the Doctoral Regulations no longer in force in accordance with (1) above shall continue to apply. At the request of the doctoral candidate, the revised version may be applied as a whole with retrospective effect. The examination procedure is in accordance with §§ 12 et seq. in all cases.

(3) In the case of doctoral candidates who have already submitted to the Dean's Office the application for admission to the doctoral examination procedure as per § 12 of the Doctoral Regulations of 19 July 1996, the Doctoral Regulations no longer in force in accordance with (1) above shall continue to apply.

(4) The provisions regarding bi-national doctoral degrees also apply for all doctoral procedures where admission to the examination has not yet been requested as per § 12.
Approval in accordance with § 54 (3) 1 of the Higher Education Act (HSG) was granted by the University Board of Kiel University in its letter dated 21 March 2017.
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