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**Directive of the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs concerning the writing of theses by publication at TU Wien**

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On the basis of § 19 para. 2 subpara. 1 of the Universities Act 2002 – UG (Federal Law Gazette I No. 120 as applicable) in connection with § 1 of the provisions of the Chapter Study Law of the TU Wien Statute and § 82 UG, the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs provides as follows:

**Preamble**

This directive complements the regulations concerning the writing of a thesis within the doctoral programme according to § 23 of the provisions of the Chapter Study Law of the TU Wien Statute (in the version of the Senate decision dated 27 June 2011).

**§1**

**Approval of a thesis by publication**

A doctoral thesis shall generally be written as a monograph. Upon agreement between the doctoral student and the supervisor (or upon agreement between all supervisors if there is a co-supervisor) and upon approval by the competent Dean of Studies, the doctoral thesis can also be written as thesis by publication.

**§ 2**

**Composition of a thesis by publication**

(1) A thesis by publication generally comprises at least three research essays which were accepted or published in internationally renowned scientific/academic journals or books proofread by scientists/scholars and subject to peer review.

(2) In the case of co-authorship, the contribution of the doctoral student shall be specified precisely in the introductory chapter of the doctoral thesis (§ 3 para. 1 subpara. 1 below). One individual publication with several authors can only be part of more than one thesis by publication of TU Wien upon approval of the Dean of Studies.

(3) The thesis by publication must comprise an introductory chapter. The connection between the publications and the assignment to the respective area of expertise shall be described in this chapter.

**§3**  
**Structure of a thesis by publication**

- (1) The thesis by publication consists of
1. the introductory chapter and
  2. the research essays.
- (2) The introductory chapter must comprise
1. the problem statement,
  2. the goals,
  3. the methodology,
  4. a brief summary of the research essays, and
  5. the scientific/scholarly contribution of the doctoral thesis.

The plausibility of the results must be clearly specified in the description of the scientific methodology.

**§ 4**  
**Assessment and submission of a thesis by publication**

- (1) The thesis by publication is assessed according to § 23 of the provisions of the Chapter Study Law of the TU Wien Statute and the respective applicable curriculum for the doctoral programme in the Natural Sciences/Social and Economic Sciences/Engineering Sciences at TU Wien.
- (2) The submission and submission requirement for theses by publication is based on the provisions of the directive concerning the electronic submission requirement for theses (University Gazette 14-2013 as applicable). The electronic version of a thesis by publication must contain the introductory chapter (§ 3 para. 1 subpara. 1 above) and, deviating from the printed copy, only the literature citations of the scientific essays (§ 3 para. 1 subpara. 2 above).

**§ 5**  
**Entry into force**

- (1) This directive enters into force on 01 October 2013 after its publication in the University Gazette of TU Wien.
- (2) § 1 in the version of the University Gazette 2014, 15th issue, No. 165, enters into force on 01 October 2014.

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