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**Amendment to the Regulations of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) for the Award of the Doctoral Degree in Engineering (Dr.-Ing.) or Philosophy (Dr. phil.) at the KIT Department of Architecture**

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**Amendment to the Regulations of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) for  
the Award of the Doctoral Degree in Engineering (Dr.-Ing.)  
or Philosophy (Dr. phil.) at the KIT Department of Architecture**

dated February 06, 2025

Pursuant to Article 10, par. 2, No. 5 and Article 20, par. 2, cl. 1 of the Act on Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT Act – KITG) of July 14, 2009 (Bulletin, pp. 317), last amended by Article 2 of the Act Amending the Act of Baden-Württemberg on University Hospitals and Other Acts (Gesetz zur Änderung des Universitätsklinikgesetzes und anderer Gesetze) of November 15, 2022 (Bulletin, p. 585), and Article 15, par. 6, cls. 1 and 2 in conjunction with Article 38, par. 4, cl. 1 of the Act of Baden-Württemberg on Universities and Colleges (Landeshochschulgesetz – LHG) of January 1, 2005 (Bulletin, pp. 1), last amended by Article 8 of the Act on Adoption of a Climate Protection and Climate Change Adaptation Act and on Inclusion of Climate Protection Matters in Other Legal Regulations (Gesetz zum Erlass eines Klimaschutz- und Klimawandelanpassungsgesetzes und zur Verankerung des Klimabelangs in weiteren Rechtsvorschriften) of February 7, 2023 (Bulletin, p. 26), the KIT Senate on December 16, 2024 adopted the following statutes.

The President expressed his approval according to Article 20, par. 2, cl. 1 KITG in conjunction with Article 38, par. 4, cl. 1 LHG on February 06, 2025.

**Article 1 – Amendment to the Doctoral Regulations**

**The Regulations of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) for the Award of the Doctoral Degree in Engineering (Dr.-Ing.) or Philosophy (Dr. phil.) at the KIT Department of Architecture of January 09, 2017 (Official Announcement No. 8 of KIT dated January 12, 2017) are amended as follows:**

**1. Article 1, par. 1 is amended as follows:**

The following clause 2 is added in par. 1:

“The KIT Department can award the academic degree of a Doktor / Doktorin der Philosophie (Dr. phil., Doctor of Philosophy) in the area of architecture, if the doctoral thesis focuses on the humanities.”

**2. Article 3 is amended as follows:**

- a) In par. 1, the words of “executive scientists according to Art. 14, par. 3 KITG” after “LHG” are deleted.
- b) In par. 4, the words “and of executive scientists according to Art. 14, par. 3 KITG” after the word “LHG” are deleted.

**3. Article 12 is amended as follows:**

- a) In par. 1, the clause “; the thesis shall contribute to an advancement of scientific knowledge” is added after “results”.
- b) Par. 3 is deleted and replaced as follows:  
“The doctoral thesis may be written in the form of a monography (monographic doctoral thesis) or it may be based on prior publications (cumulative doctoral thesis).

Publications compiled in a cumulative doctoral thesis must be related coherently to a scientific question and must have been published in reviewed, international expert journals or accepted for publication. The doctoral candidate must have independently developed a major part of at least three of these publications. If the doctoral candidate is co-author of publications, independent development of a major part shall be assured in No. 6 of Annex 5 of the present Regulations.

Prior publications must be put into context for a critical reflection on the research topic and on the most important findings of the publications submitted against the background of the scientific literature. It must be clearly visible which parts of the doctoral thesis have already been published or submitted for publication. A mere stringing together of prior publications or work submitted for publication shall not be sufficient.”

**4. Article 15 is amended as follows:**

- a) A new paragraph 4 is inserted:

“(4) If the doctoral degree of Doktor / Doktorin der Philosophie (Dr. phil., Doctor of Philosophy) is targeted in the area of architecture, one of the two reviewers must have a doctoral degree in philosophy (Dr. phil.).”

b) The former paragraph 4 becomes paragraph 5.

c) The former paragraph 5 becomes paragraph 6.

d) The former paragraph 6 becomes paragraph 7.

**5. Article 17, par. 6 is amended as follows:**

“(6) The oral examination shall be open to the department public in accordance with the seats available. Public in this sense refers to the members of the KIT Department who have completed a master’s or diploma program and are not already permitted to take part due to par. 2.

The doctoral candidate and the Chairperson of the Doctoral Examination Committee may agree on admitting persons to the oral examination who are no members of or affiliated with KIT.

The public may be excluded for an important reason ex officio or on request of the doctoral candidate.”

**Article 2 – Entry into Force**

The present amendment shall enter into force on the day after its publication in the Official Announcements of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).

Karlsruhe, February 6, 2025

Signed

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(President of KIT)