Rules for Summarized PhD Proposal

Your application for a PhD position per (date to be announced in 2010) should contain a Summarized PhD Proposal of maximum 1,100 words (Font Size 12) in which you describe your research plans.

- **This Summarized PhD Proposal will give the members of the selection committee an overview of your plans.**
- **For extra insights in you capacities they may study additional information you send.**
- **You are free to add a more elaborated version of the PhD research you propose. This elaborated version can not replace the Summarized Thesis Proposal.**
- ***Applications without Summarized PhD Proposal will not be handled by the selection committee.***

In not more than 1,100 words you will offer the following information in the Summarized PhD Proposal.

1. Name applicant
2. Title of the project
3. Brief description of your project.
4. Description of the field of study and the existing body of knowledge with reference to that. The central object of the proposed research .
5. The core question. Which central question would you like to answer with the research? How do you unfold the central question into sub-questions, so that the joint answers will generate the answer to the central question?
6. The innovative character of the proposed project. What is the significance of your thesis? Does it contain an original contribution to the field of existing knowledge? Is it of specific empirical, social or theoretical relevance?
7. Considerations regarding theory and prior empirical research. Sketch of the *dominant theoretical approaches* and debates. Sketch of the *dominant empirical findings*. How does your research fit in with the present state of research and theoretical discussions in your field? Which scholars in your field do you find especially relevant to your work?
8. Proposition, hypotheses and concepts. What is the central proposition? Which are the working hypotheses? What are the main theoretical concepts you intend to use
9. The data. Describe the empirical data, i.e. the sources, to be used for answering each of the research questions. How do you intend to gather your data? Do you have whatever permission might be required? Have the necessary informants agreed to cooperate? Do you have access to the archives you need?

Additional information to be given (in appendix to the Summarized PhD Proposal).

Organisational context

a. Is your project related to the work of teachers, PhD candidates or programme objectives of the Amsterdam School?
b. Which staff members would you like to have as members of your supervision

committee during your first year in the PhD programme?

Who will write letters of recommendation?

Your publications that are relevant to the project.

A short and provisional bibliography

Courses you have taken, previous employment and other experience relevant to an assessment of your ability to successfully complete the proposed project? Mention references, if any.

Provide concise and clear answers, based on the ideas and information you have now. If and when new data become available, you may have other ideas and of course your plans may change accordingly preliminary course of study. If your application is accepted, your proposed research statement need not be binding, but your final choice of research topic will have to be approved by your supervisor and the other members of your PhD committee.

- **You are kindly but urgently requested not to use staples, ring binder, glue or other such (semi-) permanent ways of fixing when submitting your information.**

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