**Структура представления на утверждение темы / The recommended structure of the research proposal**

1. Предлагаемая тема диссертации / The proposed title of the thesis.

    На русском (если владеете) и английском.

2. Постановка исследовательской проблемы / Statement of research problem

   Please, do not write about the social/political problem you are going to study - describe the research problem, i.e. a puzzle you are going to solve / a contradiction between the existing knowledge and reality you are going to explain / a lack of knowledge you are going to fill. Be short and convincing!

3. Краткая характеристика степени разработанности проблемы / Short expose of the state of expertise in your field

    You needn't provide an extended literature review here; just the main structure of the research field, most important achievements and revealed theoretical and/or methodological  problems. Please, write about your research problem, not about your case! A lack of research describing your case is not necessarily a good argument for youe research. Don't forget to make references to the literature you mention!

4. Характеристика замысла исследования / The outline of the research design:

a) Основной исследовательский вопрос /  Research question;

b) Основные рабочие понятия (определения и, если требуется, операционализация) / Your key concepts (definitions and operationalizations, if needed)

c) Рабочие гипотезы (если исследование посвящено их эмпирической проверке)  / Hypothesis, if needed;

d) Обоснование границ исследования / Scope and limitations of research

   Describe and justify your choice of cases to be studied, chronology of your research; the selection of data (if it limits the scope of your research)

5. Ожидаемые результаты исследования / Expected outcomes.

  What kind of knowledge are you going to produce? How will you access the success of your research project?

6. Стратегия исследования  / Suggested research strategy

What should you do to answer your research question? What will be your cases (and why)? What methodological problems do you need to solve? What kind of theory will you need? What kind of data are you going to use? What will be the criteria of selection?

7. Поэтапный план исследования / Sequencing the main stages of research