Структура представления на утверждение темы диссертации / The recommended structure of the rationale for selecting a given research topic the PhD thesis

Обоснование темы диссертации служит основанием для обсуждения и последующего утверждения темы аспиранта Академическим советом школы. Научный руководитель осуществляет аспиранту помощь в выборе темы и работе над ее обоснованием. Обоснование, одобренное Академическим советом, вносится в личный кабинет аспиранта и становится частью индивидуального учебного плана. Текст составляется на языке, на котором предполагается писать текст диссертации (русском или английском). Объем — 15-20 тыс. знаков (без учета списка цитируемой литературы). / The research topic should be proposed by the doctoral student in coordination with their academic supervisor. The rationale for selecting a given research topic for the PhD thesis is to be submitted to the Academic Council of the Doctoral School of Political Science for discussion and subsequent approval. The final version of the rationale is kept in the doctoral student's file as an integral part of the individual curriculum. The text should be written in Russian or English, depending on the language of the future thesis. The required length is 3000-4500 words (excluding references).

- 1. Титульный лист / Title page.
- а) Название университета: Национальный исследовательский университет «Высшая школа экономики» / HSE University.
- б) Название аспирантской школы: Аспирантская школа по политическим наукам / Doctoral School of Political Science.
- в) Название документа: Обоснование темы диссертации на соискание ученой степени кандидата политических наук / The proposal of topic for PhD thesis.
- г) Аспирант (ФИО) / Family name, last name.

- д) Научный руководитель (ученая степень, ученое звание (если есть) ФИО) / Academic supervisor, with her/his academic degrees.
- e) Предлагаемая тема диссертации на русском и английском / The proposed topic in Russian and English.
- ж) Утверждено Академическим советом Аспирантской школы по политическим наукам дата, протокол \mathbb{N}_2 / Approved by the Academic Council of Doctoral School of Political Science date, protocol No.
- 3) Место (Москва / Санкт-Петербург), год / City (Moscow or St. Petersburg), year.
- 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*: for example, a puzzle you intend to solve / a contradiction between existing knowledge and reality that you aim to explain / a gap in knowledge that you seek to fill. Be concise and convincing!

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

You do not need to provide an extended literature review here; just outline the main structure of the research field, its most important achievements, and the theoretical and/or methodological problems that have been identified. Please write about your research problem, not about your case! A lack of research on your case is not necessarily a strong argument for your study. Do not forget to include references to the literature you mention!

- 4. Характеристика замысла исследования / The outline of the research design:
- а) 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.
- 5. Стратегия исследования / Suggested research strategy.

What should you do to answer your research question? What will your cases be (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 for selection? Depending on whether these issues are already decided, please describe and specify: the theories on which your hypotheses are based and your theoretical framework relies; your methodological approach; the principles for selecting cases and defining chronological boundaries; the data you intend to use; the methods of data collection and data analysis.

6. Ограничения и ожидаемые результаты исследования / Scope and limitations of research and its expected outcomes.

Taking into account your planned research design, what kind of knowledge are you going to produce? How will you assess the success of your research project? What are the expected limitations of your findings? Please describe and justify your choice of cases to be studied, the chronology of your research, and the selection of data (if it limits the scope of your study).

- 7. Поэтапный план исследования / Sequencing the main stages of research.
- 8. План публикации результатов исследования / The planned publications.