

Formal minimum criteria for a cumulative habilitation in human geography

Recommendation

A cumulative habilitation is composed of a framing text as well as a set of articles in internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals. The framing text must contain a description of the overall habilitation project and a discussion of the advances made to the academic field.

The following minimum criteria are recommended:

- The cumulative habilitation should include at least six articles of publishable quality.
- At least one of those articles needs to be single-authored. Other articles can be co-authored with the habilitation candidate as first author of at least two of them.
- In case of a co-authorship, the specific contributions of the habilitation candidate to each article must be clearly stated in a “co-author declaration” (see attachment), which needs to be signed by all co-authors.
- All articles should be written in English language and should be submitted to internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals. At least three papers have to be accepted for publication. The set of accepted articles should include at least one single authored paper and two co-authored papers with the habilitation candidate as first author. At least three other papers need to be submitted to internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals and should be at least “under review”.
- Journals considered as internationally recognized peer-reviewed journals are journals listed in the SCI, SSCI or Scopus.
- All considered publications must contribute to the overall habilitation topic.

- All publications have to be presented together with a framing text; published or submitted articles have to be attached in original format.
- The complete habilitation (framing text and attached articles) will be examined.

The framing text should comprise at least 35,000 words (70 pages) and should include the following aspects:

- introduction to the topic and background information
- aims, hypotheses and research questions of the dissertation
- discussion of the theoretical and conceptual framework
- description of the research design (epistemological and ontological perspectives, methodology and methods)
- synthesis of the main results
- all publications must be correctly cited including own publications
- summary and overall conclusions
- outline of future perspectives in the respective research field