

WELCOME!

The doctoral candidates at the Faculty of Law at the University of Cologne make a considerable contribution to the further development of law with their research work. These achievements are based on close cooperation between the faculty's full-time researchers and the doctoral students.

The success of the University of Cologne in the Excellence Initiative has also confirmed the high research power of the Faculty of Law and was an incentive for further improvements. As the first law faculty in Germany, we have therefore established a Graduate School in which all doctoral candidates of the faculty are involved. As the central contact point for all doctoral candidates at the faculty, the Graduate School supports the academic supervision activities at the institutes. With a wide range of events and a variety of funding and advisory services, we not only create an organizational framework for the doctoral phase, but also give all doctoral candidates the opportunity to write their dissertation in a working and research environment that is geared to their needs.

The core of the events is the introductory week (Propaedeutic), which is mainly about giving an insight into scientific work and the problem areas in the preparation of a dissertation. In addition, support is provided for the doctoral candidates' own initiatives aimed at exchanging information with other doctoral candidates and establishing contacts (doctoral networks). Finally, we also have various options for individual doctoral support. For example, we can provide financial support for research stays abroad that serve the preparation of the dissertation or offer support to doctoral candidates with children.

We see our doctorate as more than just an academic qualification acquired under great pressure. Ideally, this phase is an educational experience that makes the time spent on it an unforgettable one. The Graduate School supports doctoral candidates in this process by helping them to avoid frequent mistakes, by making it easier to get started and by arranging contact with other doctoral candidates who are confronted with similar questions, problems and experiences. In this way we want to counteract the typical loneliness of doctoral candidates, which so often leads to the failure of the project. Science is fun. Test us! Fill the Graduate School with life! You are cordially invited.



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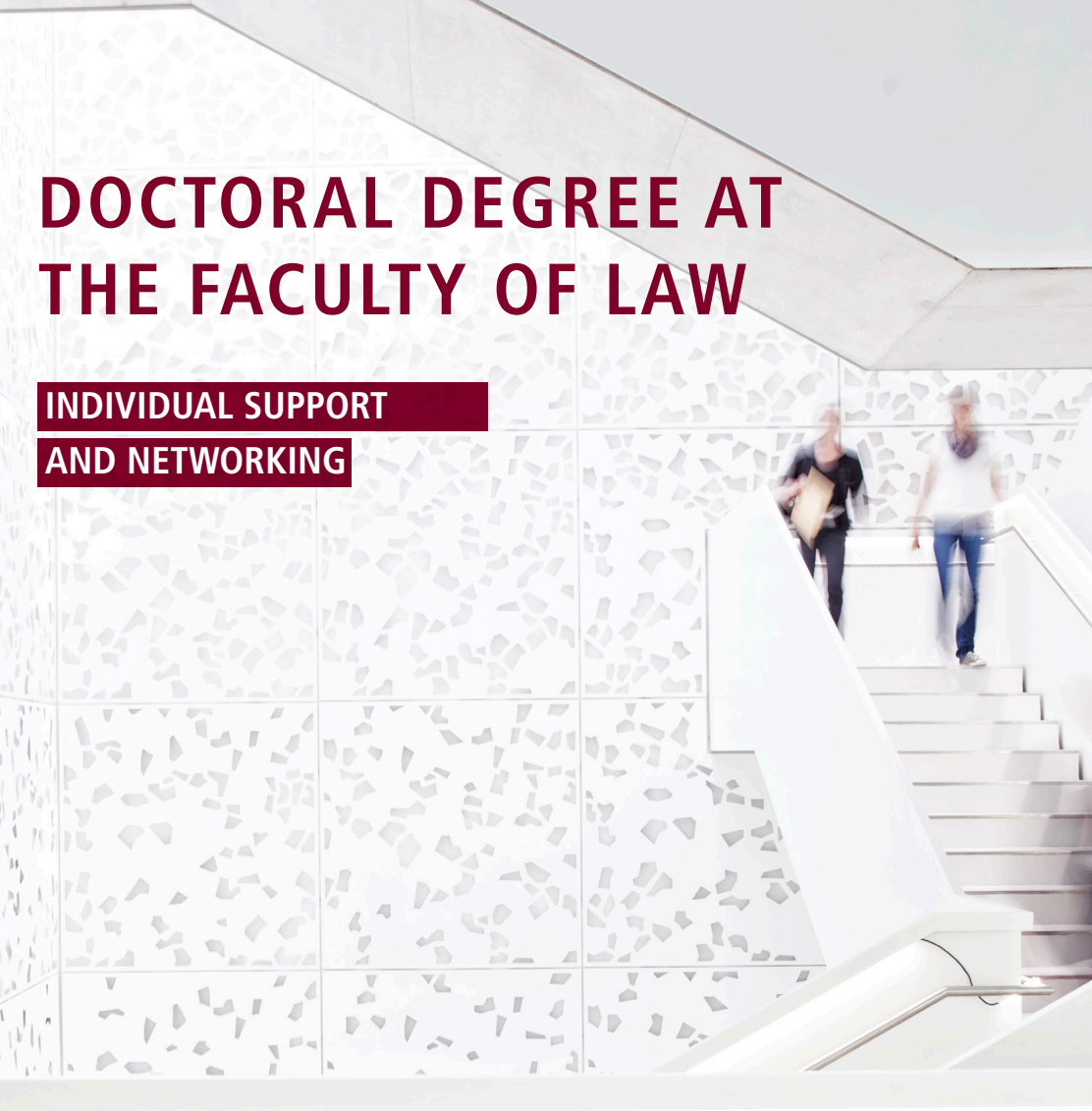
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DOCTORAL DEGREE AT THE FACULTY OF LAW

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT AND NETWORKING



- An introductory week (propaedeutic) for doctoral candidates to prepare them optimally for writing their dissertation.
- Invitation of speakers for guest lectures
- Promotion and support of the academic networking of doctoral candidates in the doctoral networks
- Grants for participation in conferences related to the doctoral project
- Grants for external research stays with thematic relevance to the doctoral project
- Support offers for doctoral candidates with children
- Advice on questions relating to the doctoral process (e.g. publication of the dissertation) and assistance in organisational matters
- Contact point for problems during the doctoral phase, mediation in cases of conflict
- Organization and execution of the graduation ceremony

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Events

Introductory week

In the introductory week of the Graduate School, the main aim is to give the doctoral candidates of the Faculty of Law a compact and informative overview of various aspects and facets associated with the doctoral phase. There are contributions on relevant topics such as the legal framework for doctoral studies, the development of scientific questions or psychological obstacles and their overcoming. In a panel discussion, former doctoral candidates will report on their experiences with writing their dissertation from a very personal perspective. The program will be rounded off by an exciting guest lecture. Last but not least, the three-day introductory week offers doctoral candidates the opportunity to exchange ideas and network with each other right at the beginning of the doctoral phase in addition to a varied programme.

Workshops

The Graduate School offers workshops specially tailored to the doctoral candidates. For example, writing and working techniques, formalities of a legal dissertation or preparation for a disputation are part of the repertoire of workshop topics. The workshops give the opportunity to address specific questions and to apply the theoretical knowledge acquired in practical exercises. Through the interactive work in a small group and a short period of time they are very efficient and effective at the same time.

Network seminars

The Graduate School supports the chairs and institutes of the Faculty of Law in organizing and financing joint network seminars. A characteristic feature of these events is that, in addition to the professional exchange on a specific legal topic, they also serve as a platform for the doctoral candidates to get to know each other and to establish contacts among themselves. The network seminars usually take the form of block events and can be held both inside and outside the university, for example in a conference centre.

Graduation ceremony

The Graduate School organizes the traditional ceremony to honour the Doctores iuris of the previous year. In addition to honoring all successful graduates, the doctoral awards are presented at the graduation ceremony, with which particularly outstanding dissertations of the respective year are honored.

Doctoral networks

An essential task of the Graduate School is to promote the subject-related networking of doctoral candidates. This is done primarily by the subject-specific working groups, the doctoral networks.

The doctoral networks function according to the principle of self-administration and self-direction, so that it is only the doctoral candidates who shape the content of their working group through active commitment. Thus, the networks are places where the professional exchange takes place at the same level and all aspects relevant to the doctorate can be discussed.

The networks give doctoral candidates the opportunity to report on their own research topic and to present the results found for discussion, but also to rehearse lectures for specialist events, to prepare for the disputation and to receive suggestions for further work on the dissertation.

The Graduate School supports the formation and development of doctoral networks in financial and organizational terms and is available to answer all questions. Funding is available for all projects that correspond to the content of the doctoral network and serve the purpose of professional discourse, such as colloquia, guest lectures, panel discussions and workshops.

Private International Law

Business Law, Insolvency and Company Law

Media, IT, Intellectual Property and Competition Law

EU and International Law

Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure

Criminology

International Investment Law

Individual support options

The Graduate School supports the doctoral candidates of the faculty individually and can provide financial support in various areas.

Participation in professional events

Specialist events, such as conferences and meetings, entail various costs. In addition to travel and accommodation costs, participation fees are often incurred. The Graduate School can grant a corresponding subsidy in this regard if the subject event has a thematic reference to the respective concrete doctoral project.

Travel expenses for research stays abroad

Travel costs are always incurred in connection with research stays abroad, which can sometimes be considerable. This applies all the more if the research stay takes place abroad. The Graduate School can therefore provide financial support in the form of a travel allowance for research stays abroad that are thematically related to a specific doctoral project.

Support for doctoral candidates with children

In order to ensure a good balance between science and family, the Graduate School offers support to doctoral candidates with children who, in addition to writing their doctoral thesis, also do a large part of the supervision and educational work. For example, a student assistant from the Graduate School is available for various auxiliary work and, if necessary, doctoral mothers and fathers can take advantage of individual counselling.

More information on individual support options can be found on our website www.gs.jura-graduierenschule.de
You can also contact us for an appointment.

