

Annex 1

Guidelines for compilation theses at the Department of Economic History and International Relations, Stockholm University

These guidelines apply to Ph.D. students admitted after 1 January 2021.

A compilation Ph.D. or Licentiate thesis should embrace a number of scientific essays, together with a summarising chapter clarifying the collected scientific contribution of the essays. As with monograph theses a comprehensive judgment is made of the scientific quality of the compilation thesis.

It is recommended that a Ph.D. student who has the intention to write a compilation thesis aims in this direction from the beginning of the dissertation process, or at least from an early stage. The structure of the dissertation should be reflected in the individual study plan.

The compilation thesis should include at least three scientific articles, where co-authorship with one person counts as half a whole article, and co-authorship with two persons counts as a third of a whole article, etc. The essays should either be publishable, published, or accepted for publishing. At least one of the articles included in the thesis, which can be co-authored, must be published or accepted by a peer-reviewed journal or scientific anthology. In the case of a Licentiate thesis, the thesis should include at least two scientific articles, none of which has to be published but one of which must be submitted to a peer-review journal.

At least one of the essays in the Ph.D. or Licentiate thesis should be written by the dissertation author alone. In co-written essays there must be documentation of the division of work between the authors.

The introductory text of the thesis (in Swedish “kappan”) should be written by the Ph.D. candidate alone and is not included in the number of articles in the thesis. This chapter should link the essays together and clarify the collected scientific contribution of the separate essays, as well as accounting for the separate essays’ common themes. By ‘the collected scientific contribution’ is meant a discussion on the aim of the thesis, its theoretical frame, choice of method, and empirical material. An account of the theoretical or empirical results or conclusions, as well as a summary of the results or conclusions, should be included in the introductory chapter. Although individual essays can deal with different aspects, the chapter should formulate the overarching theoretical and methodological approach, and conclusions that bind the essays together.

The “kappa” should have the character of a survey article where the separate essays are placed in a context. The size of the Ph.D. “kappa” should be around between 10,000-15,000 words, and the size of a Licentiate “kappa” should be around 5,000 words.

The separate essays should deal with a common group of themes but still be separate and independent from each other in terms of content.