**Application Form for Thesis Supervision**

If you are interested in writing your thesis at the Chair of International Relations, please send us this form along with an up-to-date transcript of records to **lsio.sekretariat@uni-potsdam.de**. After the submission deadline for the documents has passed, we will contact you to arrange an appointment for a consultation. Please refer to the "Topic Selection" document for information on the Chair’s research areas and thematic focuses.

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|  | **Supervisors already contacted (please include notes on acceptance or rejection)** |  |
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|  | **Title of the Thesis** |  |
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|  | **Research Question and Relevance** |  |
|  | *Why is your topic worth investigating? Why is it interesting and important?* |  |
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|  | **Research Question** |  |
|  | *What is your research question? Why?* |  |
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|  | **Theoretical Approach** |  |
|  | *Which theories will you use? Why? What theoretical connections and references does your question raise?* |  |
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|  | **Case Selection and Empirical Data** |  |
|  | *Which cases/data have you chosen for the empirical analysis? Why?*  |  |
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|  | **Preliminary Hypotheses** |  |
|  | *What preliminary hypothesis/hypotheses do you want to investigate?*  |  |
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|  | **Expected Results?** |  |
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|  | **Relevant Literature (theoretical and empirical)** |  |
|  | *At least 10 references, including monographs and journal articles, also in English!*  |  |
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|  | **State of Research** |  |
|  | *How does your research question fit within the literature mentioned above? What gap in the literature can your work fill?* |  |
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|  | **Analytical Method** |  |
|  | *How will you approach your research question? How will you analyze your data and why?* |  |
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|  | **Structure of the Thesis** |  |
|  | *How do you intend to structure your thesis?* |  |
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|  | **Work and Timeline** |  |
|  | *How do you plan on tackling the different stages? What needs to be done by the submission date?* |  |
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|  | **Submission date** |  |  |
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