**Assessment of PhD candidate**

**– for Supervisor(s) -**

Faculty of Social Sciences, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

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| **Title of the Dissertation:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
| **Department:** | Click here to enter text. | | |
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*In this form the assigned supervisor (and co-supervisor(s)) elaborate on why the PhD candidate fulfils the final attainment levels expected for a PhD degree and is ready to defend the thesis. This completed assessment form will be submitted to the Thesis Committee and the acting deputy Rector Magnificus. Based on this assessment form and the candidate’s dissertation the members of the Thesis Committee will assess whether the candidate fulfils the final attainment levels and should be allowed to defend the thesis.*

**In order to obtain a PhD degree from the VU Faculty of Social Sciences the following final attainment levels are expected from the PhD candidate.**

With respect to content, theory building and application, the PhD candidate:

* Has advanced knowledge and understanding of (recent) theoretical developments in the area of expertise of his/her dissertation;
* Has made a significant, original, and coherent contribution to scientific knowledge within his/her major discipline that can pass peer review.
* Has broad knowledge and understanding of the general field of social sciences and possesses the ability to relate and position the work in his/her dissertation work vis á vis this broader field.

*Please evaluate the PhD candidate and the dissertation with reference to the above mentioned criteria in the box below (please add space when needed).*

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With respect to research design and methodology, the PhD candidate:

* Has demonstrated the ability to choose and apply appropriate methods and analytical instruments (e.g., research design, data collection, measurement, analysis techniques) to answer particular research questions.
* Has demonstrated advanced knowledge and understanding of the specific research design(s) and methods used in his/her dissertation research, the ability to relate these to alternative research methods within the social sciences, and analyze their applicability, strengths and weaknesses in specific circumstances.

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With respect to academic skills, the PhD candidate:

* Has demonstrated advanced writing skills to independently write scientific texts and articles that can pass (inter)national peer reviewed evaluation.
* Has demonstrated the skills to orally present scientific research at (inter)national seminars and conferences.
* Has demonstrated the skills to function as a full member of the scientific community (e.g., ability to collaborate in research teams; discuss, evaluate and design scientific research; deal with and conduct peer review of scientific articles)
* Has demonstrated the skills to contribute to the valorization of scientific knowledge by communicating about his/her area of expertise to a broader (academic) community and/or by explaining its value for society in general and/or by teaching undergraduate students.
* Is knowledgeable of the prevailing standards of scientific integrity, research ethics, and proper scientific behavior, is aware of prevailing codes of conduct to prevent integrity violations, and follows these norms for proper scientific behavior in his/her own research practice.

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**Evaluation of the candidate’s independent contribution to the dissertation.**

*Please indicate concretely which parts of the research were conducted in collaboration, and which parts of the dissertation were co-authored, and evaluate the candidate’s own and independent contribution (please add space when needed).*

*It is highly recommended that the contributions of the candidate and potential collaborators to each chapter (i.e., to writing, design, analyses, etc) are also indicated in the dissertation.*

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**Potential consideration for granting a cum laude degree.**

The undersigned consider(s) this dissertation to rank in the top 5% of the research in the relevant scientific field:

**Yes No**

*If yes, please explain your reasons (please add space when needed).*

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**Please send the completed form to the office of the Dean of the Faculty:** [bestuurssecretariaat.fsw@vu.nl](mailto:bestuurssecretariaat.fsw@vu.nl)