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Based on Art. 9 para. 3 sentence 1 of the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) in the version of February 26, 2007 (Nds. GVBl. p. 69), last amended by Art. 14 of the Act of December 13, 2024 (Nds. GVBl. 2024 No. 118), and Art. 8 para. 3 Doctoral Degree Regulations of the School of Culture and Society of June 14, 2023 (Leuphana Gazette No. 70/23 of July 20, 2023), the School Council of the School of Culture and Society of Leuphana University of Lüneburg adopted the guidelines for cumulative dissertations on February 12, 2025. The Presidential Board of Leuphana University of Lüneburg approved the guideline in accordance with Art. 44 para. 1 sentence 3 NHG on May 28, 2025.

SECTION I

This guideline specifies the requirements for a cumulative dissertation to obtain the Dr. phil. at the School of Culture and Society and supplements the regulations of the doctoral degree regulations of the School of Culture and Society.

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Art. 1 Components of a cumulative dissertation

¹A cumulative doctorate consists of qualified specialist articles and a framework paper. ²It must be designed in such a way that all requirements of § 8 para. 2 sentence 1 of the doctoral degree regulations are met in full. ³The framework paper serves to embed the specialist articles or manuscripts along the lines of the research question. ⁴The length of the framework paper is at least 40 pages. ⁵The number of articles or manuscripts submitted must not be less than four.

Art. 2 Authorship

¹If submitted articles or manuscripts are written in co-authorship with other authors, the doctoral candidate's own contribution must be recognizable and explained and confirmed by the co-authors. ²At least two of the submitted articles or manuscripts must be written in sole authorship. ³A maximum of one of the three appointed reviewers may also be the co-author of a maximum of one of the articles or manuscripts relevant to the doctorate, whereby the article in question must have been published. ⁴At the request of the doctoral candidate, the doctoral committee may, subject to the approval of the first reviewer, allow deviations from sentences 2 and 3 in particularly justified exceptional cases.

Art. 3 Publication status

¹The publication status of the submitted articles serves as (one) indicator of the quality of the scientific work, but does not replace the independent review process of the review committee. ²Publications without quality assurance procedures (e.g. *double blind peer review*) can only be accepted in justified exceptional cases following a prior

decision by the doctoral committee, if the excellence of the publication venue can be proven otherwise.³At least two specialist articles or manuscripts must have been published or demonstrably accepted for publication.

SECTION II

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