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Master Thesis with Prof. Dr. Martin Dusinberre

1. Requirements

In order to settle a topic for your Master Thesis, you should previously have attended a seminar with Prof. Dusinberre and successfully completed the seminar paper. Exceptions can be made upon consultation.

The Master Thesis with Prof. Dusinberre can be written in the following research areas:

- History of the Asia-Pacific region
- History of modern East Asia
- Migration history
- Imperial and colonial history
- Archival practices and historical methodologies
- Indigenous history in the Pacific world
- Maritime history
- Transcultural, entangled, and connected histories

2. Procedure

The topic of your thesis has to be agreed on by Prof. Dusinberre during an Office Hour. Please make a timely booking on our webpage:

http://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/fachbereiche/neuzeit/lehrstuehle/dusinberre/sprechstunde.html

Please send a short draft of your research plan (5–7 pages, incl. a working title, a wellformulated research interest, a precise description of your approach/research question, information on possible sources, and a short list of references) at least 48 hours before your first meeting with Prof. Dusinberre to <u>martin.dusinberre@hist.uzh.ch</u>. Please provide each document with the following details: Name, address, student ID no. (*Matrikelnummer*), email address and phone number, major and minor subject.

After the draft of your research plan has been accepted, you have to book the Master Thesis module (*Masterarbeit*) before the end of the normal booking period. After the booking period, you will receive a link to a database from Student Services of the Faculty of Arts (Studiendekanat). Please enter your name, provisional title, and Prof. Dusinberre as your supervisor into this database.

It is expected that you will actively participate in the *Master- und Doktoratskolloquium* for a minimum of two semesters (incl. a presentation of your research project, sources, first



findings, and writing samples). This colloquium must be booked once as *Kolloquium Forschungsdesign* and once as *Masterkolloquium*. You will also be expected to attend the Joint ETHZ-UZH Research Colloquium in Global and Extra-European History.

During the writing process, you are free to book Office Hours with Prof. Dusinberre. You will also be offered support by one of the Chair's academic assistants. Please note that Prof. Dusinberre and his assistants do not offer supervisions in the final two weeks of your thesis-writing (that is: the last two weeks of May, for submissions on 1 June; or the last two weeks of November, for submissions on 1 December).

To make the most of the resources available at the Chair for Global History, you will normally be invited to write your Master Thesis in English. This should be 60–90 pages, double-spaced. Please follow the English-language Style Guide (see 5) for all questions on referencing, footnoting, bibliographic formatting etc. If, after consultation with Prof. Dusinberre, you decide to write your thesis in German, then please refer to the "Kompass Geschichtsstudium" where yo can find general guidelines for academic writing in German (see 5).

3. Submission

Before you submit, you must confirm the final title of the thesis with Prof. Dusinberre. We will also ask for written permission to publish the title of your thesis on the Chair website. Please submit the Master Thesis as follows:

- In digital form: Please send one e-version (with a scan of the signed Selbständigkeitserklärung on the last page) as a single PDF to martin.dusinberre@hist.uzh.ch and CC sekdusinberre@hist.uzh.ch.
- In printed form: The thesis also needs to be handed in as one paper copy with soft or plastic binding including the declaration of authorship (Selbständigkeitserklärung). Please print on both sides of the paper. The printed version should be submitted to the secretary's office (KO2-G-264) or to the Department of History general secretary's office (KO2-G-268).

After the deadline, the Student Services of the Faculty of Arts asks students to enter the definitive title and upload a PDF of the MA-thesis on the same website on which they have already indicated Prof. Dusinberre as their supervisor and the provisional title of the thesis.

4. Deadlines

If you wish to graduate in the Spring Semester, the Master Thesis must be submitted by 1st June. If you wish to graduate in the Autumn Semester, the deadline is 1st December.



5. Downloads and further information The English-language Style Guide is available for download on Prof. Dusinberre's website:

http://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/fachbereiche/neuzeit/lehrstuehle/dusinberre/lehre/pruefungen.html

"Kompass Geschichtsstudium" on general guidelines for academic writing in German at the Department of History: <u>https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/geschichte-studieren-in-zuerich/studienrelevante-dokumente/kompass.html</u>

Content guidelines and forms such as declarations of authorship, can be found here: <u>https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/geschichte-studieren-in-zuerich/studienrelevante-dokumente.html</u>

For more information on the Master Thesis and graduation procedures please visit the websites of the Department of History and of the Faculty of Arts: https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/studienstufen/master.html https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/studienstufen/master/aufbau/abschluss.html https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/studienstufen/master/aufbau/abschluss.html https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/studienstufen/master/aufbau/abschluss.html