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## Master's Thesis Exposé Guidelines

As part of the registration of a master's thesis topic in the "Global Demography" master programme, the submission of an exposé is required. The exposé serves as a blueprint for the master's thesis, providing a structured plan that outlines the key components for the development and execution of the planned research. It should demonstrate a clear understanding of the research questions and objectives and include a letter of intent specifying the research questions, methodology and anticipated outcomes.

## **Recommended structure of the exposé**

- 1. Abstract (max 150 words)
- 2. Problem definition and research interest
- 3. Current state of research
- 4. Research question
- 5. Methodological approach
- 6. Preliminary work plan and time schedule
- 7. Bibliography

## **Formal Aspects:**

- Length: max. 5 pages (incl. bibliography)
- Cover Page:
  - First and last name, e-mail address, number of semesters, study programme
  - o Date of submission of the exposé
  - Working Title: Tentative title and subtitle of the thesis, supervisor
- Formatting Guidelines:
  - Font: Times New Roman, Helvetica, Arial, or LaTeX fonts are acceptable
  - o Font Size: 11
  - Line Spacing: 1.5 lines
  - Left justified