

## **First Ordinance on the Amendment of the Doctoral Regulations Governing the Conferral of the Title “Dr. rer. pol.” at the School of Business and Economics**

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### **Preamble**

On the basis of Section 14.1.2 of Freie Universität Berlin’s supplemental rules and regulations (*Teilgrundordnung [Erprobungsmodell]*) of October 27, 1998, published in *FU-Mitteilungen* No. 24/1998 (the official bulletin of Freie Universität Berlin), and in conjunction with Section 70.5 of the Berlin Higher Education Act (*Berliner Hochschulgesetz – BerLHG*) of July 26, 2011 (GVBl. p. 378), last amended on June 30, 2017 (GVBl. p. 338), the Department Council (*Fachbereichsrat*) of the School of Business and Economics issued the following First Ordinance on the Amendment of the Doctoral Regulations Governing the Conferral of the Title “Dr. rer. pol.” at the School of Business and Economics at Universität Berlin of February 13, 2013 (*FU-Mitteilungen* No. 14/2013) on October 18, 2017: \*

### **Article I**

1. Section 2.3 shall be replaced with the following:

“(3) In individual cases, the doctoral committee may authorize the transfer of certain decisions or powers to the chairperson of the committee. This authorization may be revoked at any time.”

2. Section 2.3 (old) shall become Section 2.4 (new).

3. Section 13 shall receive a new paragraph (13.4) containing the following text:

“(3) All those involved in the doctoral candidacy must attend the oral defense (*Disputation*) in person. In certain circumstances (where such circumstances are serious, unforeseen, and justified) this may not be possible. In these cases, the doctoral committee may determine by request and at its discretion that the oral defense may take place electronically via video conference or video phone call. The doctoral committee must obtain the consent of all those involved before making such a decision. If the doctoral candidate is not present in person, a monitoring officer appointed by the doctoral committee must ensure that the oral defense takes place in compliance with the regulations. A remote oral defense via video phone link may be held entirely at the doctoral committee’s discretion. No right to a remote format exists.”

4. Section 13.4 (old) shall become Section 3.4 (new); subsequent paragraphs shall be renamed accordingly.

### **Article II**

These regulations enter into force on the day following their publication in *Mitteilungen* (the official bulletin of Freie Universität Berlin).

The Executive Board of Freie Universität approved these regulations on November 6, 2017.