

Eurasian Studies and Beyond - Implementing the Structured Ph.D. Programme. A Joint Initiative by Nazarbayev University, Astana, and Humboldt University, Berlin

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This proposal aims at designing and implementing the structure of an exemplary interdisciplinary doctoral programme at Nazarbayev University (NU) awarding the Ph.D. degree in a discipline and Eurasian Studies, with the cooperation of partners from Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (HU). The Ph.D. Programme in Eurasian Studies will be the first English-medium Ph.D. programme in the humanities and social sciences in Central Asia. The curriculum is designed to provide the NU doctoral students with a broad knowledge of the field of Eurasian Studies, a firm basis in theories and methods of a discipline, and an enhanced understanding of interdisciplinary work; the HU doctoral students can also benefit from this curriculum during their period abroad for study and research. Collaboration of students and Principal Supervisors in mixed international theses committees, and stays abroad for study, research and consultation are core elements of the programme which should not only result in globally competitive dissertations, but through a process of mutual learning should also yield a special familiarity with one another's epistemologies and ways in which to do scholarly work. Through this, cooperating in this project will be beneficial for all individuals involved. The overarching goal of the project, however, is to secure structure and sustainability. For the programme itself, this implies continuous monitoring of its practicalities, adaptations, and further improvement. In a longer perspective, NU is planning to make the Ph.D. Programme in Eurasian Studies which would form a part of the new Graduate School being established at Nazarbayev University a model for the implementation of structured doctoral programmes in the humanities and social sciences university-wide.

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