Curriculum
for the doctoral degree in Economics

Due to Section 24 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations for the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of 10 September 2015, the Doctoral Degree Committee and the Faculty Convention decided the following on 26 May 2021:

1. **Achievements**: 55 ECTS credit points must be obtained in the doctoral degree programme.

2. **Lectures**: Examinations covering 36 ECTS credit points (ECTS) are to be completed in the following lectures from the doctoral degree programme, in accordance with Section 25 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations:

   2.1 Graduate Macroeconomics 12 ECTS
   2.2 Graduate Microeconomics 12 ECTS
   2.3 Graduate Econometrics and Statistics 6 ECTS
   2.4 A specialisation course from the range on offer in the doctoral degree programme 6 ECTS

3. **Research seminars**: Additional examinations covering 19 ECTS credit points and proof of participation in accordance with Section 26 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations are to be completed from presentations or regular participation in research seminars:

   3.1 Own presentation and participation in the research seminar from the doctoral degree programme ("Brown Bag-Seminar") 3 ECTS
   3.2 Own presentation and participation in the student's relevant research area seminar 3 ECTS
   3.3 One additional own presentation and participation in the relevant research area seminar 3 ECTS
   3.4 Regular participation in the Erich Schneider research seminar from the Department of Economics 10 ECTS

4. **Schedule**: Proof of academic achievements from the lectures in Number 2 should be obtained in the first year of the doctoral degree. The proof for the presentation in Number 3.1 should be obtained during the course of the second year.

5. **Erich Schneider research seminar**: A certificate of participation is issued for the participation in twenty seminars (they do not all have to be in one semester).

6. **Other lectures/courses**: Students can participate in additional courses from the doctoral degree programme and obtain further proof of academic achievements.

7. **Supervision**: The student and the supervisor conclude a written agreement on supervision for creating a dissertation at the start of the doctoral degree programme (Section 4 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations). In cases of exception,
it is possible to initially conclude a provisional agreement on supervision for creating a dissertation. In this case, the head of the doctoral degree programme will check one year after the start of the doctoral degree whether the doctoral project is being continued and whether supervision in secured. He/she will report these findings to the Chair of the Doctoral Degree Committee. If the results of the check are positive, the student will conclude a new, regular supervision agreement with a supervisor. If the results of the check are negative, acceptance can be revoked in accordance with Section 5 (6) of the Doctoral Degree Regulations.

8. **Writing reports**: The student must submit a work schedule to the supervisor for the planned dissertation after the end of the first year of starting the doctoral degree, at the latest. This work schedule must specify the content and methodological basics, as well as a detailed time schedule. Two years after starting the doctoral degree, the student must report to the supervisor on his/her working progress (Section 6 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations).

9. **Recognition of academic achievements**: Students must obtain proof of achievement certificates in accordance with Numbers 2 and 3. The following exceptions are possible:

   9.1 Proof of achievement certificates from lectures from other universities in Germany or abroad or from the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW) can be recognised as proof for lectures in accordance with Number 2 after consultation with the supervisor and the head of the doctoral degree programme, if the relevant lectures are specifically aimed at doctoral students and if they have not already been used as examinations in other degree programmes.

   9.2 Proof of achievement in accordance with Number 3.3 can, after consultation with the supervisor, be replaced with evidence of presenting a research article at a scientific conference if the presentation includes a topic that is relevant to the doctoral degree.

   9.3 Participation in the Erich Schneider research seminar, in accordance with Number 3.4, can be replaced by proof of participation in equivalent research seminars, after consultation with the supervisor. The Statistical-Econometrics seminar in particular, for example, is equivalent when the presentation is given by an external guest speaker. The head of the doctoral degree programme will determine the equivalence of other research seminars in consultation with the supervisor.

10. **Resitting and irrevocably failing examinations**: The regulations for resitting and irrevocable failure of examinations in the Examination Procedure Regulations of Kiel University apply for proof of academic achievements in Number 2.

11. **Entry into force**: This curriculum enters into force as of 1 October 2021. Previously obtained proof of academic achievements during the doctoral degree remain valid.