**How to Write a PSP Thesis: Guidelines on Format and Structure**

**THESIS FORMAT**

This text provides important recommendations on how to write your final dissertation. PSP students must write their thesis in English; nonetheless, the frontispiece (title page) may be written in Italian. All modifications should be agreed with your thesis supervisor. Please, bear in mind that the following structural and format rules are compulsory:

**Example of Thesis structure:**

* Title/Cover Page
* Dedication Page (optional)
* Abstract
* Table of Contents
* List of Abbreviations and / or Glossary of Terms
* List of Charts, Graphs, Illustrations
* Introduction
* Major Portion of the Paper (Body)
* Example of structure:

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Section 1.1

Section 1.2

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Chapter 2:

Section 2.1

Section 2.2

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Chapter 3:

Section 3.1

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* Conclusion
* References
* Figures w/ Figure Legends, Tables, Graphical Materia
* Appendices (if any)

**FORMAT AND STRUCTURE**

All required guidelines to write your Final Dissertation are described below. More precisely, further indications will be provided on how to format the Table of Contents, Introduction, Chapters and References.

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**INTRODUCTION**

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Four page margins: **top 3,5 cm; bottom 3 cm; inside 3,5 cm; outside 4 cm; gutter margin 0 cm; header 0 cm; footer 1,5 cm.**

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1. Multiple works by the same author:

Example: bla bla bla (Istat 2005; 2007a; 2007b; 2008).

2. Multiple authors/Multiple works:

Example: bla bla bla (Katz and Mair 1995; Bardi *et al.* 2007; Massari 2007).

3. In text-citation: each in-text **quotation should be preceded and followed by quotation marks**; you also need to **include the** **page number in the quotation:**

Example 1: Jane Doe explained the context as follows (2017, 52): “*bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla bla*”.

Example 2: “*Il carattere territoriale, interclassista e interetnico della scuola italiana ha finora preservato il nostro paese dalla creazione di scuole-ghetto*” (Dalla Zuanna *et al.* 2005, 54).

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**CHAPTER 1**

**Chapter title**

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**References**

The reference list should be put in alphabetical order according to the (first) author’s surname.

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