**DOCTORAL THESIS ASSESSMENT FORM  
FACULTY OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES  
UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**

The opponent and a member of the grading committee must complete this form at the grading committee meeting following the public examination.

Doctoral theses are graded on the scale *fail* – *pass* – *pass with distinction*. As a rule, doctoral theses are approved with the grade *pass*. In exceptional cases, when a doctoral thesis as a whole is of exceptional merit and significant for the discipline in the light of **all** the assessment criteria, the grade *pass with distinction* will be given. In such cases, the grade must be separately justified (see section at the end of this form). The grade *pass with distinction* can be given only to approximately 10% of all doctoral theses.

The grade *fail* must be given only if the thesis does not fulfill the Faculty’s criteria for a doctoral thesis and/or the relevant ethical standards.

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| **Name of the doctoral candidate** |  |
| **Opponent and internal examiner(s) on the grading committee** |  |

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| **SUMMARY TABLE** | Fail | Pass | Pass with distinction |
| Choice of topic and research problem |  |  |  |
| Conceptual clarity and theoretical knowledge |  |  |  |
| Use of methods |  |  |  |
| Material |  |  |  |
| Presentation of the results |  |  |  |
| Conclusions |  |  |  |
| The thesis as a whole and use of language |  |  |  |

**GRADE PROPOSAL**

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| Fail |  |
| Pass |  |
| Pass with distinction |  |

Detailed justification for the grade *pass with distinction*

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| Date |  |
| Opponent’s signature |  |
| Grading committee member’s signature |  |

The form must be returned to the Faculty’s education planning officer responsible for doctoral education by email ([edu-research@helsinki.fi](mailto:edu-research@helsinki.fi)) or by post to the following address: Salla Keski-Saari, PO Box 53 (Fabianinkatu 32), 00014 University of Helsinki.