



**Affidavit**

Appendix 2 to § 10 of the doctoral degree regulations  
of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015)

1. The submitted doctoral dissertation on the topic of:

is my own independent work.

2. I did not seek unauthorized assistance from a third party and I have employed no sources or means other than those listed. I have clearly marked any direct and indirect quotations taken from the work of others.
3. I have not, as yet, submitted this dissertation, neither in full nor in part,<sup>1</sup> to a university in Germany or abroad as part of an examination procedure.

Title of the dissertation: \_\_\_\_\_

University and year: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of examination or qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I hereby confirm the accuracy of the above statement.

5. I am aware of the significance of this affidavit and of the legal ramifications in case of untrue or incomplete statements.

I affirm in lieu of oath that the above statements are to the best of my knowledge true and complete.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the doctoral candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Please cross as appropriate. In the case of a positive answer, please indicate: title of the paper as submitted to another institution, name of the higher education institution, year of submission and the type of examination procedure or qualification.



**Affidavit/Information on the affidavit**

(according to § 3 paragraph 10 of the doctoral regulations of Heidelberg University for the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015)

In order to obtain reasonable assurance that candidates perform their academic work without unauthorised assistance of third parties, universities in Baden-Württemberg require an affidavit which confirms that academic work has been produced independently.

Given the particular legal significance of affidavits, which can have serious legal ramifications, the law imposes penal sanctions for false affidavits. Intentionally false statements are punishable by imprisonment for up to 3 years or by a fine.

Negligent affirmations (i.e. you should have been aware that the affirmation was inaccurate) are punishable by imprisonment for up to one year or by a fine.

The corresponding penal provisions are set forth under § 156 (false affirmations in lieu of an oath) and § 161 (negligent false oath, negligent false affirmation in lieu of an oath) of the German Criminal Code (Strafgesetzbuch, StGB).

**§ 156 German Criminal Code: False Affirmations in Lieu of an Oath**

Any individual who, before a public authority competent to administer affirmations in lieu of an oath, falsely makes such an affirmation or falsely testifies while referring to such an affirmation, shall be punished by imprisonment for a period of up to three years or by a fine.

**§ 161 German Criminal Code: Negligent False Oath, Negligent False Affirmation in Lieu of an Oath:**

Para. 1: If any individual commits one of the acts indicated in § 154 to 156 out of negligence, then imprisonment for a period of no more than one year or a fine shall be imposed.

Para. 2: The perpetrator shall be exempt from punishment if he or she rectifies the false statement in due time. The provisions of § 158 para. 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_