

Information about the Selection of a Master's Thesis Topic or Dissertation Topic at our Chair

In General

Especially topics which match the courses offered at the Master's program East Asian Economy and Society will get accepted.

The subject areas you can choose from are:

- (1) Socialistic transformation in East Asia
- (2) Institutional characteristics of East Asia (also including economic, political and other societal phenomena)
- (3) Governance in East Asia (in the sense of network governance, including e.g. regionalization, as well as regionalism)

When you hand in a topic, you must also submit the subject area. Please note that a Master's thesis which only refers to one East Asian country will not be accepted and will be referred to the department of Japanese studies, Korean studies or the Sinology. An exception is possible when the topic cannot be transferred to another department, or the emphasis lays on the methodical component. Otherwise: As minimum requirement we expect from you a comparative research topic; in the ideal case you choose a transnational research topic.

Master's Thesis

In the Master's thesis you are expected to utilize the qualification you gained at your Bachelor study program or any other study previous entering the Master's program East Asian Economy and Society. Qualifications are language skills, national and regional knowledge as well as research methods. You should be optimally prepared for your Master's thesis, after finishing the seminars of module M2 and M3 and after attending the research and Master's colloquium.

Dissertation

If you want to write your dissertation in the study program East Asian Economy and Society, you are expected to be capable of using at least one socio-scientific subject and to have profound knowledge of at least one East Asian language. The definition of East Asia in this case is flexible and contains China, Japan and Korea, but also Mongolia and the ASEAN-countries. Your language ability must be advanced enough to guarantee that you are able to conduct your research in the particular language on your own. In case that you don't possess a language skill at the required level, it will be a mandatory component of the dissertation agreement. Please consider this when you decide for dissertation.