**PROTOCOL FOR THE TOPIC PRESENTATION (DSLCS UD)**

1. The doctoral student is required to take the course entitled *Topic presentation* in the second semester. (It is optional to take the course entitled *Topic introduction* in the first semester as a preparation for this course.)
2. After consulting the subprogramme directors (SPD), the programme director (PD) makes a decision on the date and venue of the *Topic presentation* and notifies the secretary of the doctoral school (SDS), who announces it to the doctoral school, by the end of the semester at the latest. The *Topic presentation* is organised in the exam period, in justified cases it may take place in late August or early September.
3. Participation in the *Topic presentation* is compulsory for the supervisors and subprogramme directors concerned, the reviewers assigned from the programme as well as first and second year PhD students.
4. The topic presentation consists of the 20 to 30-minute long presentation of the **doctoral student** and the academic discussion following it. The presentation should introduce the main ideas of the proposed dissertation, the main hypotheses, the methodological hypotheses, the theoretical background and the bibliographical references to be used. The presentation is followed by an academic debate and an official evaluation.
5. This evaluation is done by a committee of three, whose chair is the subprogramme director (or the programme director in case of the supervisor’s involvement or hindrance). In the case of numerous topic presentations on the same day, there may be an overlap in the given roles, thus, the evaluation may be done by a united committee including the supervisors as well. The evaluation consists of a grade and an oral evaluation, which is given at the end of each debate or at the end of the doctoral event.