



**FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION OF A THESIS/DISSERTATION**

The thesis/dissertation forms the only basis on which a candidate is assessed as having achieved the doctorate/masters or not. A mark is not allocated to a thesis, but is given in the case of a dissertation. An indication must be given whether the candidate can be awarded the doctoral/masters degree. A form is included where the recommendation of the examiner (**EBW19/09**) is consolidated.

Examiners are requested to provide a **narrative report** on the candidate's thesis/dissertation that covers, though is not limited to, the following issues:

**1 The topic/field of study**

- The rationale and motivation for the study
- The scoping and scaling of the study (delimitation)
- The relationship between the problem statement, and the aim and research objectives

**2 The literature review**

- The relevance/significance of the literature and associated theories/models/typologies reviewed
- The presentation and integration of the literature
- The integration between the literature and the empirical results generated by the candidate

**3 The research design and methodology**

- The appropriateness of the research design and research methods
- The execution of the study according to the research design and methods articulated
- The adequacy of the fieldwork, data generated and the results obtained
- The appropriateness of the data processing and data analysis techniques
- The significance of the results achieved

**4 Technical presentation**

- Layout and referencing (in the text and sources captured in the bibliography)
- Tables and graphs
- Language use and terminology
- Sequencing

**5 The contribution of the study to the field of knowledge**

- The choice of the topic
- The results achieved and the outcomes of the study
- The extent to which the study succeeds in making an original contribution to the field of knowledge

**The examination process and its outcome remain confidential until all the examination reports have been received by the Faculty Administration.**