



Information Sheet: Research Concept and Research Report for Master-Colloquia I and II

This sheet provides information about preparing and following up the written works necessary for master's-level anthropological research (the research concept and research report).

Research Concept

The research concept must be submitted in the context of "Master-Colloquium I" at least one month before the start of the fieldwork / museum research / extended literature research. It identifies or sharpens the research topic. Furthermore, its aim is to clarify the status of research preparations and to point out progress and gaps. Problems, open questions, previous findings and hypotheses should be addressed clearly. The research concept should contain the following parts:

1. Research topic and research questions
2. Literature review
 - a. background (regional, thematic)
 - b. state of research in relevant fields
 - c. theoretical embedding
3. Planned procedure and methods of the research (possibly including a timetable)
4. Open questions

The research concept should be between 3,000 and 4,000 words, excluding the title page, table of contents and bibliography.



Research Report

The research report should be written soon after the research has been completed. It serves as preparation for the final thesis (master's thesis).

Central experiences, results of the research, and any adjustments to the research question and the theoretical embedding should be presented. Problems and open questions should be addressed in as much detail and clarity as findings and theses. The research report should contain the following parts:

1. Research topic and research questions / regional and thematic background
2. Presentation of the research process
3. Methodological reflexions: research methods, samples, successes, problems
4. Possible adaptations of the research question and the theoretical embedding (new topics or focal points)
5. Key research findings (e.g. results that support or refute the original theses, new perspectives and insights gained)
6. Disposition (concept and structure of the thesis); see details in the ISEK – Social and Cultural Anthropology "[Guidelines for Academic Works and Dispositions](#)".
7. Open questions

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Important: Bring the "[Attestation for Research Modules Master](#)" to the discussion of the research report.