


THE COURSE OF PUBLIC DEFENCE AND TRADITIONS OF KARONKKA PARTY

Towards Doctoral Degree

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Please Note! Covid-19 Pandemic influences the course of doctoral defence + karonkka.

Check the updated instructions from Patio website:

<https://patio.oulu.fi/en/university/topic-al-themes/coronavirus>



Finnish Law: Doctoral Dissertation has to undergo public examination

3 main goals for public defense:

Verify publicly that thesis is your own production which meets academic standards

Offer the opportunity to through inspection of the content

Celebrate the published research results in a visible manner



3 (4) KEY PERSONS

OPPONENT(S) 1-2
Docent-level (at least one)

**Knowledge on your
research area**

CUSTOS

Supervising the defence
Professor or the principal
supervisor

YOU

Doctoral Candidate



WHAT TO WEAR? THE DEFENCE

Alternative 1.

Men: tails with black vest and white bow tie.

Women: Black ankle-length dress/jacket suit or black knee-length dress/skirt or jacket suit





Alternative 2.

MEN: A black suit and dark necktie

WOMEN: A black knee-length dress/skirt or black jacket suit

Opponents with degrees awarded abroad can wear their own doctoral outfit (cape, hat)

Audience: every-day clothing or smart outfit

Guests invited by the doctoral candidate: black tie, or other festive outfit





THE COURSE OF PUBLIC DEFENCE

- STEP BY STEP

Custos may offer cognac just before the defence



Thesis defence starts at XX.15

ENTERING THE LECTURE HALL:

1. Doctoral candidate
2. Custos
3. Opponent(s)

(Audience stands up)





CUSTOS OPENING WORDS

“As the custos appointed by the University of Oulu Graduate School, I hereby declare the doctoral thesis defence of ‘title name xx’ opened.”



Everybody but doctoral candidate
sits down



DOCTORAL CANDIDATE LECTIO PRAECURSORIA

= Max. 20 min. introductory lecture (Finnish/English)

- Start: *“Mr/Madam custos, Mr./Madam opponent, ladies and gentlemen”*
- Background of the thesis and its connections to academic or practical problem
- Not a summary of your thesis!

Ending: *“Dear Professor (Doctor, etc.) xx, as the opponent named by the University of Oulu Graduate School, I now call upon you to present your critical comments on my doctoral thesis”*



Opponent's speech: (Opponent and Doctoral Candidate standing)

- Brief opening statement
- Start of detailed examination

Examining the thesis

- General questions
 - Research topic, methods, data...
- Detailed examination
 - Chapter or article at time



**HOX! The role of the opponent is to ask tricky questions!
BUT! No one knows your research better than you!**

Your performance is one part of the evaluation.

**MAX. 4 hours
(2-3 h)**



Opponent's Final Statement

(opponent and doctoral candidate standing)

Summary: Significance of the results

Doctoral Candidate (opponent sits)

Thank the Opponent

Turn to audience: “ *I now cordially invite anybody who has comments regarding my doctoral thesis to offer their comments by asking the floor from the custos*”

Custos

“I declare the public defence of the doctoral thesis to be concluded.”



DOCTORAL CANDIDATE:

Invite audience for coffee and cake or sparkling wine reception

Congratulations, flowers, gifts

Speeches by the faculty, department or major subject

Different traditions and practices



KARONKKA PARTY

= Evening celebration on the examination day (6, 7 or 8 pm)

Arranged in honour of the Opponent!

Usually in restaurant

Paid by the Doctoral Candidate fully or partially
(dinner tickets)

Seating:

DC in the middle, Opponent on the right,
Custos on the left



Speeches:

Doctoral candidate delivers speeches usually after the dinner and before the dessert

1. Opponent, 2. Custos 3. Supervisor(s)

4. Others: people that have helped you in your research; parents, spouse etc.

These people give speech back to the doctoral candidate in the same order.



What to wear in Karonkka-party?

**Units have different preferences for the dress code,
consult your colleagues!**



WHAT TO REMEMBER BEFORE THE DAY

Defence date

Lecture hall

Coffee/sparkling wine reception (university restaurants,
in front of lecture hall)

Karonkka party arrangements (invitations, food, drinks,
entertainment, speeches)

Treat your Opponent well:

Organize travel and accomodation
meeting the day before (dinner)

Dress code

Printed thesis placed on public display (10d before)

Visit the lecture hall

Go listen to other doctoral examinations!



EVALUATION OF THE THESIS

After defence:
statement and evaluation by
Opponent

Proposal for final grade

Possibility to respond to the
statement

Doctoral Training Committee gives
approval for the thesis and grade

Lomake vastaväittäjille Opponent's assessment form

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Oulun yliopiston tutkijakoululle. Täytä seuraavat kohdat ja palauta lomake yhdessä lausunnon kanssa.
For the University of Oulu Graduate School. Please fill in the following and return together with the written statement.

1. Väitöskirjan käsikirjoituksen kirjoittaja / Name of the candidate

2. Väitöskirjan käsikirjoituksen otsikko / Title of the thesis

3. Väitöskirjan käsikirjoituksen arviointi (kts. ohje). Arviointi asteikolla 1 (heikko) - 4 (erinomainen). / The assessment of the thesis manuscript (see instructions). Please use the scale 1 (poor) - 4 (excellent).

	1	2	3	4
a) Tieteellinen merkitys / Scientific significance.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Aiheen valinta ja tutkimusongelma / Selection of the research topic and problem setting.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Työn teoreettinen käsittely / Theoretical framework.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Aineisto ja menetelmät / Methods and data.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Oma työpanos / Own contribution.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Tulokset ja luotettavuus / Findings and validity.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Johtopäätökset ja pohdinta / Conclusions and discussion.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Työn kokoonpano ja esitystapa / The composition and presentation of the work.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Työn puolustaminen väitöstilaisuudessa / Evaluation of the public defence.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Vastaväittäjän arvio väitöskirjatyön arvosanaksi / Opponent's proposal for grading of the thesis

Tohtorikoulutustoimikunta hyväksyy ja arvostelee väitöskirjan esitarkastajien ja vastaväittäjän lausuntojen perusteella. Käytössä arvosanat: hylätty, hyväksytty ja kiittäen hyväksytty. Viimeksi mainittu annetaan vain erityisen korkeatasoisesta väitöskirjasta. /
The doctoral training committee evaluates the thesis on the basis of the statements submitted by the pre-examiners and by the opponent. There are three grades: fail, pass, and pass with distinction. The latter is only awarded for exceptionally high-quality theses.

- Kiittäen hyväksytty / Pass with distinction
 Hyväksytty / Pass
 Hylätty / Fail

Perustelut / Explanations

5. Allekirjoitus / Signature and name (Tulosta ja allekirjoita / Print and sign)



FINISHING THE DEGREE

1. Student requests the degree by **filling in a *Diploma Request* and submitting it to the Chief Academic Officer.**
3. The service point prepares the **degree certificate, the transcript of studies and the diploma supplement.**
4. The Chief Academic Officer forwards the degree certificate to be **signed by the dean** of the Graduate School.
5. The degree certificate will be ready for collection within 24 days following the meeting of the Doctoral Training Committee. The days of the meetings are announced on the website of the Graduate School.
6. The student can obtain the degree certificate at the Faculty service point, or can request that it be sent by post.

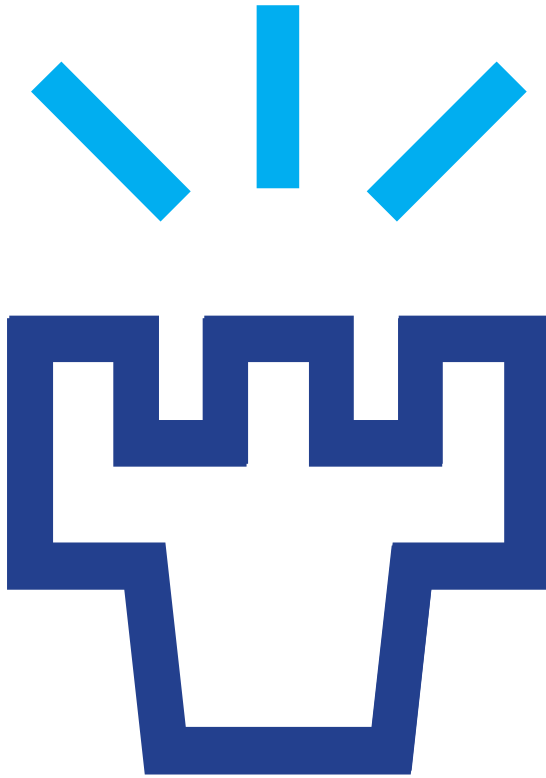


More information can be found from UniOGS webpages!

https://www oulu.fi/sites/default/files/content/End-process_rev6_0.pdf

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Ask your supervisor and custos!



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