Doctoral Students’ Conventions

What are the doctoral students’ conventions?

The doctoral students’ conventions are the University’s representative bodies for all doctoral students.

At the University of Konstanz, these conventions operate on the faculty level. All doctoral students who have been accepted as doctoral students are members of the conventions and can get involved in them. Each of the three conventions is guided by a board, whose members are elected by their faculty’s doctoral students.

What is the purpose of the doctoral conventions?

The doctoral conventions allow doctoral students to voice their interests. The conventions helped to amend the state university law, so that doctoral students now form a separate status group. Through this, they are represented in all university bodies, which are elected in the summer term. Furthermore, the conventions administrate the university body fees of doctoral students for their needs.

Also, convention representatives participate, for example, in the development of a code of practice for doctoral studies. This code serves as a guideline for the supervision and support during the doctoral studies. The conventions also give their members the opportunity to voice their opinion on impending changes to the doctoral study regulations.

Besides having an influence on internal university processes, the doctoral students’ conventions are also an important tool of self-organization. The conventions facilitate the peer-to-peer interaction between doctoral students and establish networks across Baden-Württemberg.

How can I get in touch?

Board and active members of the doctoral students’ conventions at the University of Konstanz can be contacted via email and are happy to respond to all suggestions and questions.

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Humanities convention: doktorandenkonvent.geiwi@uni-konstanz.de

Politics, law and economics convention: doktorandenkonventprw@uni-konstanz.de

Furthermore, all doctoral conventions organize general assemblies, regular informal meetings and information sessions (e.g. concerning higher education policies).

Please visit our website for up-to-date information.

Your participation is essential. We are very happy if you work actively for the interests of doctoral students!