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Directive

Physical presence of the examination committee at doctoral examinations

In accordance with Art. 38, lit.c of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Doctoral Studies of 1 July 2008 (SR 414.133.1), the Rector decrees the following directive:

1. Under Art. 26, Para. 1 of the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Doctoral Studies, the examination committee comprises:
 - a. a chairperson;
 - b. the thesis supervisor as examiner;
 - c. the co-examiners;
 - d. another independent expert, if a dependence relationship exists between the supervisor and the co-examiner.
2. The *minimum* number of persons from the examination committee obliged to be physically present at a doctoral examination are: the chairperson, the thesis supervisor and at least one of the co-examiners.
3. Should the use of video conferencing facilitate the participation of other members of the examination committee during the examination, a two-way audio-visual display must be guaranteed for the entire duration of the examination.
4. The departments decide on whether other members of the examination committee can join the video conference.
5. The doctoral examination candidates cannot participate at the examination by means of a video conference.
6. The Doctoral Administration must be informed about the video conference by indicating on the doctoral examination announcement which co-examiners will be participating in the video conference.
7. All other regulations concerning doctoral examinations remain unchanged, in particular the rules relating to the written reports (Art. 28, Para. 1 of the ETH Zürich Ordinance on Doctoral Studies).
8. This directive comes into effect on 1 April 2009. It supercedes the previous directive of 25 November 2002.

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