



Quality Assurance for Joint Graduate Programs

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The challenges of quality assurance of Joint Graduate Programs:

- Realizing minimum academic standards
- Providing best training & support for Ph.D-students

Coping with different

- epistemol. traditions
- structure of HE-System
- missing clear regulations



Fields of quality assurance for Joint Graduate Programs:

a. Formulation

- coherence of program
- links to research projects
- resources (staff, money)
- ...

b. Implementation

- national regulations/accreditation
- integration of BA/MA
- ...

c. Operation

- evaluation/review-process
- revision of programs
- ...



Thesis:

1. Quality assurance contributes to academic reputation and to attractiveness of programs
2. Joint Graduate Programs should be embedded into research projects
3. Transparency of processes, contents, expectations, and responsibilities
4. Joint Graduate Programs should meet generally accepted criteria regarding training of Ph.D-students
5. Frequent evaluations of Joint Graduate Programs as instrument for quality assurance



Questions for discussions:

1. What are preconditions that both partners have to fulfill before starting a Joint Graduate Program?
2. How can quality standards, codes of conducts etc. be effectively implemented in a Joint Graduate Program?
3. What are suitable measures for quality assurance on the different levels of cooperation in a Joint Graduate Program?



Thank you!

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