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Checklist and questionnaire for doctoral candidates

I appreciate your interest in obtaining a PhD in sports at the German Sport University Cologne in the field of the Institute for European Sport Development and Leisure Research. In order to get an idea of your project in advance, I ask you to think about the following points and to answer them briefly in written form:

- o What were your priorities during your studies and why?
- o Have you already gained specific experience in academic work apart from your studies?
- o Which research approaches and ideas have inspired and influenced you?
- o Why do you want to carry out a dissertation, what are your motives?
- o Do you fulfill the formal requirements for admission of the DSHS?
- o Please describe briefly your research interests and your personal or professional affiliation with the topic.
- o What were the five major works you have read about the topic of your project so far? In your opinion, what was the special or stimulating point about it?
- o What preparatory work have you done on this topic so far?
- o When should the PhD project start and how much time did you plan for it?
- o How much of your time can you spend on your dissertation?
- o Do you see any obstacles that could prevent you from the completion of your dissertation?
- o How are you going to finance your PhD?
- o What are your professional ambitions after the dissertation?

On this basis, a first exploratory conversation can be conducted. To prepare for this conversation, the following steps should be taken:

- o Please read the doctoral regulations of the German Sport University
- o Read the hints for the promotion on my homepage at the DSHS [https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische Sportentwicklung und Freizeitforschung/pdf/Promotionsverlauf IESF neu.pdf](https://www.dshs-koeln.de/fileadmin/redaktion/Institute/Europaeische_Sportentwicklung_und_Freizeitforschung/pdf/Promotionsverlauf_IESF_neu.pdf)

Following a first conversation, the following should be prepared:

- o Approx. 10-page exposé, incl. methodical procedure, data basis or potential survey, bibliography, timetable and preliminary structure