ISP Template for Area Studies
(In the actual ISP, elaborate on the individual points and specify them as much as possible. Specific ISPs may have a different dissertation project structure across the years if it is justified and explained in light of the dissertation topic.)

Description of dissertation research

In the first year, I will collect and analyse the relevant scholarly literature, I will identify the academic literature to which my research will contribute, the relevant research gap, and I will formulate the final research question, including its theoretical underpinning. I will write up all these parts into the first draft of the first part of the dissertation thesis.

In the second year, I will draft the methodological part of the thesis. I will define the research design, identify relevant sources of data and the methods of their analysis. I will defend the draft texts of the literature review and the methodological chapter during the IMS doctoral conference. I will identify a relevant topic for an independent article and will start to work on its draft.

In the third year, I will collect the relevant empirical data and I will work on their analysis. I will take up a study stay abroad related to the collection and analysis of research data. I will draft one or two empirical chapters for the thesis. I will participate in an international conference where I will present the draft independent article or the full dissertation research. I will submit the article for publication.

In the fourth year, I will finish the data analysis, draft the conclusions and the introduction and submit the final version of the text to minor defence and, subsequently, to the formal thesis defence.

Study obligations plan

Year / Semester	**Compulsory study obligations**	**Study obligations compulsory for full-time students and optional for part-time students**
Year 1 WS	JTD101, JTD108	
Year 1 SS	JTD109, JTD115	JTD126, JTD130, JTD134, JTD138
Year 2 WS	JTD103, JTD110	
Year 2 SS	JTD111, JTD116, JTD124	JTD127, JTD131, JTD135
Year 3 WS	JTD113	
Year 3 SS	JTD114, JTD117, JTDP01	JTD128, JTD132, JTD136, JTD139, JTD140
Year 4 WS	JTD112	
Year 4 SS	JTD118	JTD129, JTD133, JTD137