



**ASSESSMENT REPORT OF A PhD THESIS PRIOR TO ITS DEFENSE**

*(As required by Section 2.1c. of the Regulation concerning doctoral thesis defense at UVA)*

Full name:

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Regarding the thesis entitled:

Written by Mr./Mrs.:

**Please, report your arguments and critical opinion on the following issues concerning the PhD thesis, writing as much as necessary:**

**(if the space is insufficient, you must attach the additional sheets that you need indicating this circumstance in the corresponding section)**

1. Is the topic relevant? Are the research objectives well defined?

2. Is the selected methodology sound and suitable for the topic and the objectives pursued in the thesis?

3. Is the body of reviewed literature up to date and complete? Have all relevant sources been considered and cited?

4. Does the thesis make original contributions that expand the current knowledge on the subject? Are these contributions relevant?

5. Is the thesis structure adequate to explain the research carried out and the results achieved? Is language used properly? Are formal elements, like figures or tables, well laid out and helpful to understand the research and results?



6. Only if this is a compilation thesis (written in the format of a collection of articles): Is there a clear and coherent connection among the topics and methodology of the different articles that comprise the thesis? Do the introduction and conclusions of the thesis provide a unifying picture of the whole research?

7. Please mention three strengths and three weaknesses of this thesis.

8. If you think the thesis should NOT be defended in its current form, please mention the changes that you consider MUST be done before it can proceed to defense.

9. Please mention other changes that MAY be done in order to improve the thesis quality, but that you do not consider strictly necessary to authorize its defense.

10. Any other comments:

Please provide your recommendation to the Academic Board of the PhD Program:

- This thesis should be ADMITTED for defense, either in its current form or after taking into account the suggestions made in point 9 of this report.
- This thesis should be MODIFIED before its admission for defense in order to make the changes requested in point 8 of this report.
- This thesis should be REJECTED for defense, due to the arguments given in this report.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_,

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