

## **VWL VII: QUANTITATIVE ECONOMIC HISTORY – THESIS OUTLINE**

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The purpose of writing a thesis outline is to ensure that your thesis project is well thought through and feasible. The final thesis might, of course, differ from the thesis outline, as you will discover new literature, facts or explanations along the way. The outline should contain a preliminary title; a clear statement of the research question and hypothesis; background information on the research topic; a list of the main references in the area; and the methodology that you intend to use to answer your research question.

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**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Study programme:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **PRELIMINARY TITLE**

### **RESEARCH TOPIC**

Please give a clear and concise statement of the thesis topic, preferably in the form of a specific research question which you want to answer and a hypothesis which you hope to test.

**BACKGROUND AND RELATED LITERATURE**

Please explain briefly why you feel your research project is worth pursuing and how it relates to the literature. Please also include a list of the literature sources to which you refer.

**PROPOSED METHODOLOGY**

Please explain how you plan to answer your research question and test your hypothesis. In particular, identify the type of data you need and potential data sources.

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**WORK PLAN**

Please list the tasks required to complete your thesis and the date by which you intend to fulfil these tasks. It is a good idea to have a complete draft of the thesis well before the submission date, as 'final' alterations often take a lot longer than planned.

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