

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE LETTER OF MOTIVATION

Applicants for admission to the program of **East Asian Economy and Society (EcoS)** are asked to write a letter of motivation based on the following questionnaire. Please answer all question one by one and do not write an essay-style text. This means that questions should be listed one-by-one, with their respective answers. There is no limit in length, though we suggest keeping a baseline of 5-6 pages in mind.

- 1) Why are you interested in East Asia?
- 2) Why have you chosen EcoS rather than another, comparable programme?
- 3) How do your previous studies and the EcoS programme correspond?
- 4) Are you primarily interested in one of the countries of East Asia? If so, which one and why?
- 5) Are you primarily interested in cross-country or regional issues? If so, which one(s)?
- 6) Are you primarily interested in historical or in contemporary issues?
- 7) Concerning East Asia, are you primarily interested in cultural studies or in social sciences?
- 8) How do you think about the relationship between theory, methodology, and empirics?
- 9) Which part of the EcoS curriculum do you find particularly interesting?
- 10) What is your schedule for studying EcoS, i.e. which courses (including which language) do you want to take and when?
- 11) Imagine you are asked to write a 20-page term paper. Please rank the following research topics/questions according to your preferences (1 [highest] - 10 [lowest]):
 - a) Similarities and differences in bond market developments in East Asia since 1998
 - b) The economic development of East Asia
 - c) Climate change governance in East Asia
 - d) The history of East Asia 1600-1900
 - e) Comparing the political systems of Japan and South Korea
 - f) The South China Sea dispute - a neorealist analysis
 - g) The history of North Korea's Worker's Party 1980-1994
 - h) The experience of XYZ Company in China and Singapore: Reaching the breakeven point
 - i) The economic development of South Korea
 - j) ASEAN's centrality in East Asia
- 12) Do you already have a topic for your MA-thesis in mind?
- 13) Do you plan to enrol in other programmes in addition to EcoS?
- 14) What are your plans after graduation from the EcoS programme?
- 15) What is your estimate of the annual cost of studying in Vienna, and how do you plan to finance your studies?
- 16) How did you learn about EcoS?

Note: Once the questionnaire is completed, save in .pdf form and upload together with the other required documents to complete your application.