**Thesis Assessment** **by External Co-referee**

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The written dissertation should consist of a summary of the research work, a comprehensive introduction, a results section that can comprise copies of published and submitted manuscripts, an overall discussion including perspective and a CV with publication list.

Please do also grade the work with a mark (see grading scheme below) according to criteria listed on the following page. **The highest mark should be reserved for extraordinary work (top 10%).**

**Your assessment and the grading will be forwarded to the doctoral candidate. Please use the box on last page for confidential remarks to the Graduate School.**

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**Please give a written assessment addressing the following topics:**

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