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**Requirements of the HSE University's Dissertation Council for Asian and
African Studies for Dissertations Submitted for Seeking
Candidate of Sciences (PhD) and Doctor of Sciences Degrees**

1. The Dissertation Council for Asian and African Studies accepts dissertation research in the form of a standalone comprehensive research paper. Scientific articles or monographs will not be accepted towards dissertation defence.
2. Dissertation research can be presented in Russian or English (along with translation into Russian).
3. Dissertation research, drawn up as a standalone comprehensive research paper, should be formatted as a manuscript and consist of several sections: title page, table of contents, dissertation text (including introduction, main body, and conclusion), list of sources and literature (bibliography). Additional components such as a list of abbreviations and symbols, glossary of terms, list of illustrations, and annexes may also be included. The introduction outlines the scientific problem addressed, demonstrating its relevance and level of exploration. It provides an overview of the research sources, defines the paper's goals and objectives, methodology, and specific research methods, and justifies its scientific novelty and theoretical and practical significance. Additionally, it formulates the provisions submitted for defence. The main body provides a thorough and coherent account of the conducted research, with content organised into chapters, paragraphs, sections, and subsections, all numbered using Arabic (or Roman and Arabic) numerals. The conclusion summarises the research findings and highlights future prospects. The dissertation should be based on a detailed and accurate (in terms of both content and design) scholarly apparatus.
4. There are no formal restrictions on the length of Candidate and Doctoral

dissertations submitted as a standalone comprehensive research paper.

5. Dissertations in Russian must follow the standards outlined in GOST R 7.0.11–2011 "Dissertation and Abstract", R 7.0.100–2018 "Bibliographic Entry. Bibliographic Description. General Requirements and Rules of Compilation," R 7.0.108–2022 "System of Standards for Information, Libraries, and Publishing. Bibliographic References to Electronic Documents Posted on Information and Telecommunication Networks. General Requirements for Compilation and Design" (in Russian: ГОСТ Р 7.0.11–2011 «Диссертация и автореферат диссертации», Р 7.0.100–2018 «Библиографическая запись. Библиографическое описание. Общие требования и правила составления», Р 7.0.108–2022 «Система стандартов по информации, библиотечному и издательскому делу. Библиографические ссылки на электронные документы, размещенные в информационно-телекоммуникационных сетях. Общие требования к составлению и оформлению»). Dissertations in English should follow international systems such as MLA, Harvard Style (BSI), or Chicago Style.