

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM¹

Amsterdam Law School²

Administrative Affairs

Order

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Topic

Implementation and expansion of the *ius promovendi*³

THE DEAN OF THE AMSTERDAM LAW SCHOOL

Given:

- the intention to issue the following order as discussed in the Department Chair Consultation⁴, the standing Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Professors and Associate Professors⁵ and the Research Council⁶; and

Considering:

- the “Promoting Internationalisation in Higher Education and Research Act”⁷, which facilitates extension of the *ius promovendi* to non-professors;
- the order issued on 7 March 2017 by the Doctorate Board⁸ in response to the amended legislation, which establishes the following:
 1. The right of *ius promovendi* can be extended to all associate professors (senior university lecturers)⁹ who possess the title of doctor, whether they are categorised as “UHD-1” or “UHD-2”. Whether a nomination is in fact submitted to the

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² *Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid.*

³ The right to confer doctoral degrees.

⁴ *Afdelingsvoorzittersoverleg.*

⁵ *Vaste commissie voor de hoogleraren- en UHD-benoemingen.*

⁶ *Onderzoeksraad.*

⁷ *Wet Bevordering Internationalisering Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek.*

⁸ *College van Promoties.*

⁹ *Universitair hoofddocent (uhd).*

Doctorate Board proposing that an associate professor be appointed to serve as principal supervisor to a PhD student, and subject to which conditions, is a matter for the dean to decide.

2. The *ius promovendi* can very exceptionally be extended to an assistant professor (university lecturer)¹⁰ who possesses the title of doctor, whereby no distinction is made between the categories “UD-1” and “UD-2”. Conferral of the *ius* upon an assistant professor is the prerogative of the Doctorate Board upon receiving a reasoned nomination from the dean.
 3. When nominating an associate professor to act as principal PhD supervisor, the dean may impose additional criteria that need to be met by the associate professor. In any event, an associate professor in the “UHD-2” category can only be nominated to serve as principal PhD supervisor if she or he has already auspiciously co-supervised at least two PhD candidates (or if it is the dean’s opinion that he or she has obtained an equivalent level of experience abroad). This condition does not apply to the “UHD-1” category, although deans are entitled to impose it anyway.
- the modifications to the Doctorate Regulations¹¹ that concern the expansion of the *ius promovendi* as adopted by the Doctorate Board on 12 October 2017 and which came into effect on 1 November 2017.

ORDER:

From 1 January 2018 onwards, the dean:

1. may nominate an associate professor (“UHD1” or “UHD2”) who possesses the title of doctor to serve as principal PhD supervisor for new doctoral projects at the Amsterdam Law School if she or he has auspiciously served as co-supervisor at least twice previously; and
2. may consider the time involved in completing the doctoral project as well as any assessment of his or her role as its co-supervisor, for instance in the form of an annual interview, when assessing whether an associate professor has auspiciously served as co-supervisor; and
3. shall make no nominations for conferral of the *ius promovendi* upon assistant professors who possess a doctoral degree.

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¹¹ *Promotiereglement*.