Declaration of Independent Work for Term Papers and Final Theses at the Institute for Media and Communication Studies

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1. I hereby affirm:

    - that I have independently composed the work I have submitted, and
    - that I have not used any aids other than those explicitly permitted and declared by me, and
    - that I have not previously submitted this work for other examinations, and
    - that I have clearly indicated the sources of any passages in the work that are taken verbatim or in essence from other works (including internet sources and AI-basedtools). For this purpose, I have additionally completed the declaration on the use of AI.

Declaration on the Use of AI Tools

Term papers and theses must be written independently. Papers containing substantial portions of text generated by AI tools do not meet this requirement. Such papers will be marked as failed and treated as plagiarism or deception.

Beyond that, instructors have the discretion to permit or prohibit the use of AI tools for specific tasks.

IIn this declaration, I document whether, and if so, which AI tools I have used and in which steps of my work. Additionally, I declare that:

- I have complied with the instructor's guidelines regarding the use of AI tools.
- I have not used any tools other than those listed here.
- I have documented the tools used and, where possible, their program versions.
- I am responsible for the content and academic form of this work, even when I have documented the use of AI tools.
- I have familiarized myself with the capabilities and limitations of the tools and have verified their suggestions.

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I have used AI tools in the preparation of this work.

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AI Support During Preparation

☐ Explanation of concepts and content ☐ Brainstorming and concept development ☐ Creating and revising the outline Literature research and analysis Structuring collected materials and ideas ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	

AI Support With Writing Texts

☐ Drafting of text segments (single sentences, quotations) ☐ Converting notes into full text _____ _____ _____	

AI Support With Empirical Work

☐ Data collection ☐ Data ananalysis ☐ Presentation of results ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____	

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- that, if I have used AI-based tools to create this work, I bear the responsibility for any erroneous or biased content generated by the AI, incorrect references, violations of data protection and copyright laws, or plagiarism or deception.

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