**Confidential Academic Reference**

**Master Programme in Philosophy & Economics**

**To the referee**

You have been asked to supply a confidential reference for the University of Bayreuth. We would like to thank you for taking your time to do this. It is an essential part of our selection process. Please send this form by e-mail to:

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Please place

Reference/Applicant’s Surname/2024

in the subject line. Please note that the applicant’s documents will not be reviewed until this reference has been received.

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| **Applicant Information** |
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| Surname |  |
| Forename(s) |  |
| Applicant eMail |  |
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| **Referee Information** |
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| Name (incl. title) |  |
| Position |  |
| Institution |  |
| Academic eMail |  |
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| **Your knowledge of the applicant** |
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| How is the applicant known to you? |  |
| How long have you known the applicant? |  |
| Has the applicant discussed his/her application with you? |  |
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| **Relative to other students, how do you rank the applicant** |
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|  | Top 5% | Top 10% | Top 25% | Top 50% | Bottom 50% | Not applicable |
| Academic performance: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Intellectual ability: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity for original thinking: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation for further study: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Written communication skills in English: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Is this a formal ranking? (Yes/No) |  |
| Comments on the ranking: |  |
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| **Overall recommendation** |
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| I highly recommend the applicant |  |
| I recommend the applicant |  |
| I do not recommend the applicant |  |
| Unable to comment |  |
| Please place an **x** in the appropriate box |
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| **Your name** |  |
| **Date (dd.mm.yyyy)** |  |

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| **Your Letter of Reference** |

Please insert below your letter of reference. Please indicate the strengths and weaknesses of the applicant with respect to studying for the MA in Philosophy & Economics. Due to the very demanding nature of the P&E Programme your opinion will help the Selection Committee reach an appropriate decision. The programme requires students follow core courses that presuppose analytical and mathematical abilities or potential as well as a very high motivation. In the event that the applicant does not have a background in economics or analytical philosophy, please explain why you think that he or she is suitable for the programme. We are as much interested in potential as in a track record. If the applicant has not yet completed his/her Bachelor degree please indicate the his/her expected grade. If the applicant is not a native speaker of English, please comment on his/her ability to persue higher academic study in English.

If you prefer, you may also send us a separate pdf of your letter.