Regulations for the Public Defense on LinkedIn of the Doctoral Thesis

In accordance with the ever-evolving traditions of the University of the Cloud, the following Articles shall govern the public defense of the doctoral thesis. These Articles have been approved by the unknown Supreme Council of the Cloud and are binding for all participants, both human and cloud-based.

Article 1 – Purpose

The purpose of the defense is symbolic. It serves to mark the Candidate's transition from apprentice to member of the academic Cloud. Failure is only possible if the Candidate remains entirely silent.

Article 2 – Languages

During the defense, the use of any language is permitted. Mixing of languages mid-sentence is allowed and shall be interpreted as a symbol of interconnectedness. Misunderstandings are to be considered sparks of creativity rather than errors.

Article 3 – Procedure

The opening of the defense shall take place in the Cloud, through a post on LinkedIn.

The so-called 'lay audience' will pose questions to the Candidate. Starting with Dear Candidate (or hallo ChatGPT, whatever they like). The Candidate shall respond to each prompt provided by the supervisor, beginning each answer with the words: 'Dear Opponent'.

Article 4 – Rules of Engagement

1. Every opponent must prepare exactly one question.

2. It is recommended, though not required, that the question relates to the thematic content of the thesis.

3. Questions regarding the process are equally welcome.

4. The use of Artificial Intelligence is permitted, preferably that its involvement is explicitly declared during the defense. If not, it is also okay.

Article 5 – The Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee consists of the supervisor and co-supervisors, assisted by the Candidate in other identities.

The Committee shall deliberate for one week after the defense, having read all answers given by the Candidate, prompted by the supervisors. The final decision will be communicated in an appropriately solemn and traditional manner, granting entry to the academic Cloud.

Article 6 – Ceremony

At the conclusion of the defense, the Chair shall declare the outcome in a language chosen at random by a cloud-based generator. Since the defense is symbolic, success is assumed unless the Candidate has offered no response whatsoever.

Upon successful defense, the Candidate will be conferred the title of Doctor of the Cloud, clothed in all appropriate rituals and honors, after which the traditional HORA EST shall be proclaimed.

Article 7 – Final Provisions

These Articles shall take effect immediately upon publication in the Cloud. Any disputes arising from their interpretation shall be resolved through dialogue, remixing, and, if necessary, poetic intervention.