

## Formulating the Thesis Title/Working Title

Examples:

„Foreign Trade Relations between China and the USA“ → „The Depiction of the Development of the Chinese Foreign Trade Relations to the USA during the 1970s“

„The History of civil Aviation“ → „The Contribution of the Military to the Development of the DC-3 in the early Years of Civil Aviation“

Additional: ...with regard to...  
... using the example of...

Advice: You can describe a broad field of topic in a more narrowed down and thus more exact way if you add nominalized verbs that express an action: depicting, describing, accounting for sth, developing, analyzing...

Just imagine that your thesis is published as a scientific article and someone who is working on a similar topic is researching for literature. He can better estimate if your article is important for him or not, if your title is as specific and narrowed down as possible.

If you think your title sounds too dreadful, just treat him as a „working title“. In the Humanities one often works with title and subtitle/subheading. Often the title is a casual sounding quote (for example) and the subtitle/subheading gives a specification.

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