

Governance Framework for Research Rigor and Institutional Responsibility

INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE STANDARDS FOR DURCHD8 RESEARCH, ADVISORY WORK, AND APPLIED ANALYTICAL SYSTEMS

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This framework defines the governance conditions under which DURCHD8 research, analytical outputs, advisory work, and applied systems are produced, reviewed, and revised.

1. PURPOSE

This document defines the governance standards under which DURCHD8 research, analytical outputs, advisory work, and applied systems are produced, reviewed, and revised.

2. SCOPE

This framework applies to academic publications, formal analytical outputs, doctrinal derivations, forensic analyses, institutional advisory outputs, and applied monitoring systems.

Where an output is not itself a publication, the standards codified in the House Rules apply according to function; publication-specific requirements are adapted to the output form.

3. FOUNDATIONAL STANDARDS

The methodological standards governing DURCHD8 academic publications and formal analytical outputs are codified in the *DURCHD8 House Rules of Rigor and Responsibility*. This framework adopts those standards as binding across all activities within its scope and applies them according to output type, institutional function, and disclosure context.

4. RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE

DURCHD8 research may draw on a layered architecture that includes published foundations, internal derivation frameworks, reference catalogues, and applied integration systems. Disclosure, traceability, and Layer Declaration requirements for publications are governed by the House Rules, Section III.

5. AI GOVERNANCE PROTOCOL

5.1 Functional Role

AI tools may assist translation, editorial revision, and formatting of human-set content.

5.2 Human Responsibility

Core theoretical structures, derivations, and institutional judgments originate with and remain attributable to human researchers. All substantive outputs are reviewed, validated, and authorized by human researchers before reliance or release. AI systems do not originate independent hypotheses, doctrinal directives, or final institutional positions.

5.3 Traceability and Data Sensitivity

Substantive AI-assisted revisions are documented through DURCHD8's internal collaboration and version-control practices. Credentials and private keys are not processed via external AI systems.

5.4 Disclosure

AI assistance is disclosed where publication standards, institutional rules, or client conditions require it. Each Architectural Analysis discloses it in its Acknowledgements or Methods section; other formats and internal working documents carry no disclosure.

6. OPERATIONAL APPLICATION STANDARDS

6.1 Analytical Independence

Structural analysis is separated from political advocacy.

6.2 Normative Marking

Normative judgments are explicitly labeled.

6.3 Condition-Bound Deployment

Applications remain within the conditions under which their underlying claims are valid.

6.4 Institutional Impact Review

Potential systemic effects are considered prior to deployment or external reliance.

6.5 Application Boundaries

These frameworks may be used for diagnostic analysis, institutional self-understanding, and the articulation of real structural conditions. They are not used to fabricate legitimacy claims or to simulate institutional substance where no corresponding structural basis exists.

7. DEVELOPMENT LOG AND VERSION CONTROL

All substantive theoretical and structural changes are recorded in version-controlled documentation. Each governance document and publication maintains a canonical source: the authoritative versioned text from which derived outputs are produced and against which revisions are assessed. Each document carries a classification. Public documents are published under the rights of Dorocom UG (haftungsbeschränkt); internal documents carry a confidentiality notice and are not passed on without the author's consent in text form.

8. AMENDMENTS

This Governance Framework may be amended to reflect methodological or institutional refinement. Amendments take effect only in versioned form and are identified by effective date and last revised date.

9. COMMITMENT

DURCHD8 recognizes that work operating at the intersection of institutional legitimacy, analytical power, and applied guidance carries elevated responsibility. Rigor, traceability, and controlled judgment are binding commitments.

VERSION

Version 1.2 supersedes version 1.1 of 8 May 2026 and applies from 26 October 2026. It aligns the rules on AI assistance and their disclosure with the House Rules of Rigor and Responsibility, version 1.3, and adds the classification of documents.

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