**Format for starting the general discussion of your PhD thesis**

Try to fill in this format completely (each box), but keep it as short as possible for now.

What are your main findings? (one or two sentences per chapter)

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Summarize your main findings in one to three sentences total:

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Make a drawing/figure[[1]](#footnote-1) of your main findings:

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What are important new studies to compare your results with and what did they find? (one or two sentences per study)

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What are the three most important discussion points related to your main findings and perhaps the findings of other studies? (one or two sentences per discussion point)

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Which conclusions can be drawn or which remarks should be made about the theoretical model(s) that have been used in the thesis? (one to three sentences)

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What are the three most important methodological limitations of the studies in your PhD thesis? (one or two sentence per limitation)

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What are the three most important research priorities within the topic of your PhD thesis? (one or two sentences per priority)

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What are the three most important recommendations for practice/policy based on your main findings? (one or two sentences per recommendation)

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What have you written in the introduction that you should not forget getting back to in the discussion? (one or two sentences)

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1. You don’t need to include this in your thesis, but it may help you in your writing process. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)