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Statement regarding use of (generative) artificial intelligence

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This statement is intended to promote the responsible and reflective use of AI in an academic context.

	For what purpose was the AI tool used?	Which AI-tool was used? Name tool (ChatGPT, Gemini, etc./pay or free version), link, date)
☐	Finding a topic and concept development	
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