

**Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette – Social Sciences Division**

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**Social Sciences Board**

**Approved at the meeting of Teaching Audit Committee on 20/11/15**

**Title of Programme**

MSc Russian and East European Studies

**Brief note about nature of change:** change of core paper title

**Effective date**

**With immediate effect**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2015

**Detail of change**

1. Each candidate will be required to follow a course of instruction for three terms and to present himself or herself for examination in the three compulsory papers in Week Eight of Trinity Term, as well as to present a thesis for examination. In addition, each candidate will be required to participate in training in methodology (quantitative and qualitative) and research skills related to Russian and East European Studies and to have achieved pass marks for the assessed components, as specified in the Notes of Guidance of the year of matriculation of the candidate. Two copies of a thesis should be delivered to the Chair of Examiners for the M.Sc. in Russian and East European Studies, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon on the Friday of the sixth week of Trinity Term in the calendar year in which the examination is taken.
2. Candidates who fail a written examination may be allowed to retake it in the following year. In the case of a failed thesis, this may be resubmitted in Trinity Term of the following

year. Only one resubmission is permitted. In special circumstances, the Examiners may allow a marginal failure in one component in accordance with the rules outlined in the Examination Conventions.

3. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.

#### **SCHEDULE OF PAPERS**

1. *History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century*~~*Twentieth-Century Russian, Soviet and East European History.*~~
2. *Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 1.*
3. *Contemporary Russian and East European Studies Part 2.*
4. A thesis of at least 12,000 words but not more than 15,000 words.

#### **Explanatory Notes**

The core paper has already been advertised to students on course as 'History of Russia, the USSR and Eastern Europe in the Twentieth Century', so the change is to be made with immediate effect to bring the *Examination Regulations* in line.

Consideration of vested interests – All on course students were consulted regarding the proposed change and no students raised any concerns.