Title of programme
MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

Brief note about nature of change:
An amendment to bring forward the submission deadlines for the Group Research Project and the thesis.

Effective date
From 1 October 2012

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2011 (for first examination in 2013)

Detail of change
1. P.755, l.20, delete ‘Week Six’ and substitute ‘Week Five’.
2. P.755, l.38-39, delete ‘Week Eight’ and substitute ‘Week Seven’.

Explanatory Notes
In order to relieve the stress on our students at the end of Trinity 2013, the department plans to bring forward two submission deadlines: for the Group Research Project (from 8th Week to 7th Week of Hilary); and for the Thesis (from 6th Week to 5th Week of Trinity).

This change should not greatly affect the Group Research Project. Under the present schedule, the groups have to present their work to the teaching staff and their peers on the Tuesday of 7th Week in Hilary, at which point the projects should be in almost final form. Any new fieldwork or major revisions after this point are strongly discouraged.

Students will therefore be able to refocus on their theses from 8th Week of Hilary, and the department will bring forward their Dissertation Workshop from early Trinity to 8th Week Hilary accordingly. The students will continue to have six clear weeks of term to work on their theses, with the support of their supervisors (despite bringing forward the submission
deadline for the thesis by a week).

By bringing forward the thesis submission deadline to 5th Week Trinity, the students will also have three weeks in which to revise for their two written examination papers. It will also allow us the department to support their revision in this period with subject-specific revision classes, timed essays, work on essay-writing techniques and mock exams.