Communication from the Board of the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

Master of Studies in Philosophy of Physics

Brief note about nature of change: Correction to essay submission date.

With effect from 1 October 2014

Online examination regulations for MSt in Philosophy of Physics
(http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/16-38_SPECIAL_REGULATIONS.shtml#subtitle_59)

Delete:
'6. Two printed copies of each of the essays in Philosophy of Physics must be delivered to the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by 10am on Wednesday of Week 0 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Two printed copies of each of the other two essays must be delivered to the same address by 10am on Monday of Week 10 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Essays must be typed or printed'

And substitute:
‘6. Two printed copies of each of the essays in Philosophy of Physics must be delivered to the Examinations Schools, High Street, Oxford OX1 4BG, by 10am on Wednesday of Week 0 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Two printed copies of the Philosophy of Science essay must be delivered to the same address by 10am on Friday of Week 9 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Two printed copies of the last essay (for Metaphysics and the Theory of Knowledge; Philosophy of Mind and Action; Philosophical Logic and the Philosophy of Language; or Philosophy of Mathematics) must be delivered to the same address by 10am on Monday of Week 10 of Trinity Term in the year that the examination is to be taken. Essays must be typed or printed.’

Explanatory Notes

(i) This change rectifies a minor change form published in the 3 October 2013 Gazette (see http://www.ox.ac.uk/media/global/wwwoxacuk/localsites/gazette/documents/examregs/2013-14/hum/03-10-13_MSt_in_Philosophy_of_Physics.pdf). This incorrectly formulated minor change form led the deadline for ‘Philosophy of Science’ AND the elective option to be put
forward from Friday of Week 9 of Trinity Term to Monday of Week 10 of Trinity Term, when it was intended that the Monday Week 10 Trinity Term deadline would be applicable to the elective option only. The intended change was clear from item (i) of the 'explanatory note' as specified on the 3 October 2013 published minor change form as follows, “[t]his change addresses a concern made by external examiners that the marks for the fourth essay for this course were typically markedly lower than for the first three essays by giving students a small amount of extra time to submit the essay.”

(ii) As the online examination regulations state now specify the extended deadline of Monday Week 10 of Trinity Term for both the Philosophy of Science and the elective option, this deadline will be made applicable to students who started on the course in October 2013, so these students will not be affected by this correction. The corrected change will only be applicable to the new students starting on the course in October 2014.