

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

SSD/2/2/4

Social Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by Chair's Action on 04/07/17

Title of Programme

Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: updates to rubrics

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2016* <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2016-17/hsop-poliandecon/studentview/>

Effective date

For students starting FHS from MT 2017

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

1. Amend citation reference. 1.107 as follows (new text underlined):

'Candidates are required to show knowledge of theories and methods of comparison in empirical political analysis, including both quantitative and qualitative approaches, and their application to specific problems. The course will include the study of (i) regimes and states; (ii) institutions; and (iii) political actors. Candidates may select any combination of questions in the examination. Topics in the area of regimes and states will include: state-building; colonial legacies; structural and actor-based explanations of democratization processes; institutional and legitimacy-rooted variation across hybrid and autocratic regimes; the outcomes of different regimes. Topics in the area of institutions will include: constitutional design and constitutional practice under different regime styles; executives and legislatures; judiciaries; bureaucracies; structures, purposes and consequences of devolved power; and variations in and consequences of electoral systems. Topics in the area of political actors will include: the origin of parties; the explanation of party-system variation and the causes of party-system change; interest groups and social movements, and their interaction with parties and government; the nature of political activism. Where appropriate, candidates

must demonstrate an understanding of casual inference and causal mechanisms, and of associated problems of selection, endogeneity, and interaction effects.'

2. Amend citation reference 1.111 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'The critical study of political values and of the concepts used in political analysis and methods and approaches in political theory. Topics may include: ideal theory and realism; ~~the concept of the political~~; power, authority, and related concepts; ~~the state~~; law; liberty; and rights; justice; and equality; ~~public interest and common good~~; democracy and representation; political obligation and civil disobedience; neutrality and perfectionism; libertarianism; multiculturalism; ~~ideology~~; ~~liberalism~~; socialism; and conservatism.'

3. Amend citation reference 1.152 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

'The nature and development of social policy and welfare states:- Public, private and informal systems of welfare; welfare regime typologies; and analysis of social policy. ~~Alternative definitions and explanations of poverty and deprivation~~. The sources, growth development, organisation and outcomes of British social policy, with a focus on a number of issues and policy areas from a selection including, for example, ageing, poverty, with special reference to health, housing, health, social security, and education, immigration, family policy, and the labour market.

Explanatory Notes

Updates to rubrics for three papers.