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

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Social Sciences Divisional Board

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Title of Programme

MSc Social Anthropology

Brief note about nature of change: amendments to core course

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2017 http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/mosbcinsocianth/studentview/

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2018

For first examination from 2018-19

Detail of change

- 1. Amend citation reference 1.3 as follows:
- '3. Candidates will be required to present themselves for written and (if requested) oral examinations and to submit written work for assessment, including three copies of a dissertation in prescribed form on an approved topic as defined below.'
 - 2. Amend citation reference 1.4 as follows:
 - '4. The written examination will consist of four papers on the syllabus described in the Schedule. Three papers will be taken to constitute Part I of the degree, as follows. Paper 1 will be examined by one coursework essay and by one three-hour paper; Papers 2 and 3 (options) will each be examined either by coursework essay or by one three-hour paper. The dissertation will be taken to constitute Part II of the degree. A candidate who fails any of the component parts of the examination may re-take or re-submit that part of the examination on one occasion only. At the close of the written examinations, the examiners will publish a list of those who have

satisfied them in Part I.

5. The assessed written work will consist of:

(i) one essay of no more than 5,000 words for Paper 1, for which a list of essay titles will be announced no later than Monday of the fourth week of Michaelmas Term. The essay must be submitted electronically via WebLearn not later than noon of the Tuesday of the first week of Hilary Term; the essay must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format.'

- 3. Amend citation reference 1.5 as follows:
- '5. Each candidate will be required to submit (ii) a dissertation of no more than 10,000 words, on a subject selected in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Chair of Examiners. The proposed title of the dissertation, together with a paragraph describing its scope and the supervisor's written endorsement, must be submitted to the Chair of Examiners by Tuesday of the fifth week of Trinity Term.'
 - **4.** Amend citation reference 1.6 as follows:
 - '6. Three typewritten copies of the dissertation must be delivered not later than noon on the last Wednesday in August in the year in which the examination is taken, to the Chair of the Examiners, M.Sc. in Social Anthropology, c/o Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford. The dissertation shall be provided with an abstract of up to 250 words, to be placed immediately after the title page. The word count shall be stated on the outside front cover of the thesis.
 - 5. The written examination will consist of one three-hour paper for Paper 1. Papers 2 and 3 (options) may each be assessed either by one 3-hour paper or by coursework essay. For those taking Papers 2 and 3 assessed by coursework essay, each essay must be submitted electronically via WebLearn not later than noon of the Tuesday of the second week of Trinity Term; each essay must be anonymous, accompanied by confirmation that it is the candidate's own work, and submitted in electronic file format.'
- 5. Amend citation reference 1.7 as follows:
- '7. The oral examination (if requested) may be on <u>any of</u> the candidate's written papers, <u>assessed written work</u>, or dissertation, or both.'
 - **6.** Delete citation reference 1.8-1.10 as follows:
 - '8. The examiners may award a distinction for excellence in the whole examination.
 - 9. In order to pass the degree, a student must pass all its assessed components. Where one or more components are failed, the student will be given the opportunity to resit or re-submit them once, as the case may be. Any subsequent award of the degree on successful completion of all the assessed components may be delayed by up to three terms, i.e. until the Examination Board next meets.

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10. The four papers will be taken to constitute Part I of the degree and the dissertation to constitute Part II. At the close of the written examinations, the examiners will publish a list of those who have satisfied them in Part I.

7. Amend citation reference 1.11-1.15 as follows:

'Students must satisfy the examiners in four three papers, two one of a general nature and two options.

- 1.Culture and Identity
- II. Kinship, Power and Change 1. Theories, Approaches and Themes in Social
 Anthropology

III2.Option Paper I

₩3. Option Paper II'

- 8. Amend citation reference 1.16 as follows:
 - 'Paper 1 is assessed by assessed essay submitted in Hilary Term and by one three-hour paper sat in Trinity Term. The two option papers (Papers III 2 and IV 3 above) may be examined by assessed essay or by a three-hour sat examination, and must be selected from the lists below, within which the student has a free choice:'
- 9. Amend citation reference 1.18 as follows:

'List B. Topics in Visual, Material and Museum Anthropology'

Explanatory Notes

Changes to:

Combine core papers 1 and 2 into one paper

Change the assessment for the new paper to written examination and coursework essay

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