### Title of Programme

MPhil Geography and the Environment

### Brief note about nature of change

rename MPhil with four new titles

### Effective date

With immediate effect, for students who started in 2015-16 (for final examination in 2016-17)

### Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2015

### Detail of change

1. **P474-475, remove:**

   Master of Philosophy in Geography and the Environment

   1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.
   2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:
      - (a) follow a course of instruction for three terms under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment in one of the four M.Sc. programmes, either Nature, Society and Environmental Governance, or Biodiversity, Conservation and Management, or Environmental Change and Management, or Water Science, Policy and Management. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with...
the exception of the dissertation.

- (b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programmes listed in paragraph 2 may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

- (a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the M.Phil. in Geography, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted. The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.

- (b) submit one extended essay based on new work set as part of the assessment of the appropriate SoGE M.Sc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Hilary Term. Essays based on an elective taken during Hilary Term, shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Trinity Term. Approval for the topic of the essay must have been obtained from the elective leader prior to submission. The extended essay shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the extended essay is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated.

5. Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners on the thesis and/or the extended essay may
resubmit the thesis and/or the extended essay on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

6. Viva voce examination: Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when required to do so by the examiners.

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

2. **P.449, after line 31 insert:**

**Master of Philosophy in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management**

1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms in the M.Sc in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programme in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the M.Phil. in Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to
sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted. The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.

(b) submit one extended essay based on new work set as part of the assessment of the appropriate SoGE M.Sc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Hilary Term. Essays based on an elective taken during Hilary Term, shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Trinity Term. Approval for the topic of the essay must have been obtained from the elective leader prior to submission. The extended essay shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the extended essay is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated.

5. Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners on the thesis and/or the extended essay may resubmit the thesis and/or the extended essay on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

6. Viva voce examination: Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when required to do so by the examiners.

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

3.  **P470, after line 33 insert:**

**Master of Philosophy in Environmental Change and Management**

1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms in the M.Sc in Environmental Change and Management under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programme in Environmental Change and Management may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.
3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the M.Phil. in Environmental Change and Management, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted. The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.

(b) submit one extended essay based on new work set as part of the assessment of the appropriate SoGE M.Sc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Hilary Term. Essays based on an elective taken during Hilary Term, shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Trinity Term. Approval for the topic of the essay must have been obtained from the elective leader prior to submission. The extended essay shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the extended essay is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.

5. Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners on the thesis and/or the extended essay may resubmit the thesis and/or the extended essay on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

6. Viva voce examination: Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when required to do so by the examiners.

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

4. P506, after line 5 insert:

Master of Philosophy in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance

1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing
Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms in the M.Sc in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programme in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the M.Phil. in Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. Successful candidates will be required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted. The thesis shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate’s own work except where otherwise indicated. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but not his/her name.

(b) submit one extended essay based on new work set as part of the assessment of the appropriate SoGE M.Sc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Hilary Term. Essays based on an elective taken during Hilary Term, shall be submitted by noon on the first weekday of Trinity Term. Approval for the topic of the essay must have been obtained from the elective leader prior to submission. The extended essay shall be accompanied by a statement certifying that the extended essay is the candidate's own work except where otherwise indicated.
5. Arrangements for reassessment shall be as follows:

Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners on the thesis and/or the extended essay may resubmit the thesis and/or the extended essay on not more than one occasion, which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

6. Viva voce examination: Candidates must present themselves for viva voce examination when required to do so by the examiners.

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

5. P547, after line 44 insert:

Master of Philosophy in Water Science, Policy and Management

1. The Social Sciences Board shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee. The Course Director will be responsible to the Standing Committee.

2. During the first year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) follow a course of instruction for three terms in the M.Sc in Water Science, Policy and Management under the aegis of the School of Geography and the Environment. They will be assessed in all aspects of the M.Sc. programme, with the exception of the dissertation.

(b) develop a thesis topic, the title and proposal for which will be submitted for approval to the Course Director by the end of Hilary Term of the first year, together with the name and approval of a person who has agreed to act as their supervisor during the preparation of the dissertation, on the date specified by the department. Candidates registered for the M.Sc programme in Water Science, Policy and Management may request a transfer to the M.Phil degree by submitting an application by the deadline stipulated by the Standing Committee.

3. Examinations at the end of the first year will serve to qualify for entry into the second year of the M.Phil course. Candidates who fail one or more papers at the end of the first year will be required to resit and pass the failed paper or papers, normally when next offered the following year, before being permitted to proceed with the degree.

4. In the second year, candidates for the M.Phil will:

(a) offer a thesis of not more than 30,000 words accompanied by an abstract not exceeding 300 words. The maximum word count shall include footnotes, but exclude appendices, references and the abstract. The detailed format and specification of the dissertation shall be approved by the Standing Committee, and be published in the course handbook. Two typewritten copies of the thesis must be submitted to the Examination Schools and addressed to the Chair of Examiners of the M.Phil. in Water Science, Policy and Management, c/o the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, by noon of the first weekday of September at the end of the second year. Successful candidates will be
required to deposit one copy of their thesis in the Bodleian Library, and will be required to
sign a form stating whether they will permit their thesis to be consulted. The thesis shall be
accompanied by a statement certifying that the thesis is the candidate’s own work except
where otherwise indicated. Both copies must bear the candidate's examination number but
not his/her name.

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appropriate SoGE M.Sc elective module not taken in the first year of study. Essays based
on an elective taken during Michaelmas Term shall be submitted by noon on the first
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when required to do so by the examiners.

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6. **P.441:**

§2. Examinations for the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Philosophy

1. For the Degree of Bachelor of Philosophy there shall be an examination in Philosophy.

For the Degree of Master of Philosophy there shall be examinations in Archaeology,
Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management Celtic Studies, Classical Archaeology,
Comparative Social Policy, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Development Studies,
Eastern Christian Studies, Economic and Social History, Economics, English Studies
(Medieval Period), Environmental Change and Management, Evidence-Based Social
Intervention, General Linguistics and Comparative Philology, Geography and the
Environment, Greek and Latin Languages and Literature, Greek and/or Roman History,
History of Science, Medicine, and Technology, International Relations, Judaism and
Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World, Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, Latin
American Studies, Medical Anthropology, Modern British and European History, Modern
Japanese Studies, Modern Languages, Music, Nature, Society, and Environmental
Governance, Oriental Studies, Philosophical Theology, Politics (Comparative
Government, Political Theory, European Politics and Society), Russian and East European Studies, Slavonic Studies, Social Anthropology, Sociology, Theology, Visual, Material and Museum Anthropology, Water Science, Policy and Management, and such other subjects as the University may hereafter determine.

2. There shall be a Register of students who are studying for the Degrees of Bachelor and Master of Philosophy which shall be entitled the Register of Bachelor and Master of Philosophy Students and the University may from time to time determine by decree the conditions of admission to the Register.

3. Subject to such regulations as the University may make under the provisions of cl. 2, any person who has obtained permission from the board concerned (or other authority as hereinafter specified) may enter for the examinations as follows. The bodies specified below shall be responsible for the examinations as listed.

Archaeology—Social Sciences

**Biodiversity, Conservation, and Management – Social Sciences**

*For students starting from MT 2015*: British and European History, from 1500 to the present—History

Celtic Studies—Modern Languages

Classical Archaeology—Social Sciences

Comparative Social Policy—Social Sciences

Criminology and Criminal Justice—Social Sciences

Development Studies—International Development, Queen Elizabeth House

Eastern Christian Studies—Oriental Studies and Theology

Economic and Social History—History

Economics—Social Sciences

English Studies (Medieval Period)—English Language and Literature

**Environmental Change and Management – Social Sciences**

Evidence-Based Social Intervention—Social Sciences

General Linguistics and Comparative Philology—Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics

**Geography and the Environment—Social Sciences**
Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature—Classics
Greek and/or Roman History—Classics
History of Science, Medicine, and Technology—History
International Relations—Social Sciences
Judaism and Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World—Oriental Studies and Theology
Late Antique and Byzantine Studies—Classics and History
Latin American Studies—Social Sciences
Law—Law (see SECTION 18 : Regulations for Degrees in Civil Law and for the Degrees of Magister Juris and Master of Philosophy in Law)
Medical Anthropology—Social Sciences
[For students starting before MT 2015: Modern British and European History—History]
Modern Japanese Studies—Social Sciences
Modern Languages—Modern Languages
Music—Music
Nature, Society, and Environmental Governance – Social Sciences
Oriental Studies—Oriental Studies
Philosophical Theology—Theology
Philosophy (Bachelor of Philosophy)—Philosophy
Politics (Comparative Government, Political Theory, European Politics and Society)—Social Sciences
Russian and East European Studies—Social Sciences
Slavonic Studies—Modern Languages
Social Anthropology—Social Sciences
Sociology and Demography—Social Sciences
Theology—Theology
Visual, Material and Museum Anthropology—Social Sciences
**Water Science, Policy and Management – Social Sciences**

**Explanatory Notes**

Rename MPhil with four new titles, in line with the four MSc programmes in Geography