Changes in the regulations governing the MPhil in Oriental Studies (xiii) Modern South Asian Studies: communication from the Oriental Studies Board

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Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following changes in special regulations have been made:

Humanities Board

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Brief note about the nature of the changes

Syllabus changes.

With immediate effect


2 *Ibid.,* l. 37, after ‘comprehensive’ insert: ‘(Teaching for some languages may not be available every year.)’.

3 *Ibid.,* p. 570, l. 19, delete ‘Anthropology of Tibet and the Himalaya’ and substitute: ‘History and Civilisation of Tibet and the Himalayas (Paper (iii) in the MPhil in Oriental Studies (xii) Tibetan and Himalayan Studies)’.

4 *Ibid.,* l. 20, delete ‘Anthropology of a selected region: South Asia’ and substitute: ‘The Social Anthropology of a Selected Region: South Asia (Paper (i) in the MPhil in Social Anthropology)’.

5 *Ibid.,* l. 22, after ‘South Asia, ...’ insert ‘c.’.

6 *Ibid.,* after ‘...to the Present’ insert ‘(Advanced Option (ii) in the MSt in Global and Imperial History)’.

7 *Ibid.,* l. 24, delete ‘(ix) Politics and the Media in South Asia’ and renumber option (x) as (ix).

8 *Ibid.,* after l. 25, insert new line: ‘(x) History and Politics of South Asia (Paper (e) in the MPhil in Politics)’.

9 *Ibid.,* l. 26, delete ‘Colonial India’ and insert ‘India, c. 1800 to the present’.

10 *Ibid.,* after l. 31, insert new line: ‘(xvii) History of Afghanistan c. 1900 to the present.’ and renumber option (xvii) ‘Any other subject...’ as (xviii).

Explanatory Note

At present no university offers Brajbhasha as a core course in any level. Adding Brajbhasha (Early Hindi) as a possible core course will not only help to accommodate students with previous knowledge of Hindi but will also be an important aspect of recruiting students.
(People with previous knowledge of Hindi were usually sent to learn Persian, which overloaded Persian teaching.) Dr Bangha, the UL in Hindi, has offered the Brajbhasha/Early Hindi option in the past few years on a two hour per week basis. Introducing it as a core course will require two to three hours extra teaching from him on the field of his expertise, which he is happy to do provided other teaching in the subject remains constant.

The remainder of these changes confirm what has already been approved (following confusion between the versions published on-line and in the Grey Book) and/or clarify existing practice, but do not introduce new options to the courses.

There are no resource implications for any of the proposed changes, and students already on course will not be affected by them.

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