

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

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**Social Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved by Chair's Action on behalf of the Teaching Audit Committee on 27/10/16 and by Education Committee on 16/11/16**

**Title of Programme**

Research Degrees in the Saïd Business School

**Brief note about nature of change:** change to allow confirmation assessors to act as internal examiners

**Location of change**

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

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2016**

**Detail of change**

Amend citation reference 1.83 as follows (new text underlined, deleted text struck through):

“The D.Phil. Committee shall appoint two assessors who may be the same assessors as were chosen for the transfer of status, ~~but assessors selected at this stage may not be chosen for the final viva voce.~~ Assessors selected at this stage may also be chosen for the final viva voce. The assessors interview the student and submit a written confirmation report to the D.Phil. Committee with recommendations as to whether or not the student should be allowed to confirm D.Phil. status.”

**Explanatory Notes**

The current regulation is anomalous and is not seen in any other departments in the Division. The regulation is proving problematic for students whose fields of study are specialised and the confirmation assessors are the best qualified academics to act as the internal examiners. More generally the School recognises this is an anomaly and restrictive,

and therefore wishes to bring their regulations in line with other departments.

In terms of vested interests, the students currently affected are supportive of the appointment of their assessors as internal examiners.