Changes in Examination Regulations to the University Gazette

Social Sciences Divisional Board & Humanities Divisional Board

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Title of Programme
Honour School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Brief note about nature of change: Replacement of the Russian Government and Politics paper with a revised paper entitled Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union

Effective date
With immediate effect (for students taking final examinations in 2012)

Location of change
In Examination Regulations, 2010

Detail of change
Delete from p.416, l.41 to p.417, l.2 and substitute:

‘207. Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union

Candidates will be required to show knowledge of the transformation of the Soviet system from 1985, and an understanding of the politics of countries of the former Soviet Union with respect to their formation, post-Soviet transitions, regime types, institutional arrangements, party systems, electoral processes, ethnic and clan composition, political economy, corruption, and the influence of external factors.’.

Explanatory Notes
In response to student demand for a course that includes countries of the former Soviet Union beyond the Russian Federation, a substantially revised and expanded course is
being introduced 'Politics in Russia and the Former Soviet Union' that replaces the Russian Government and Politics Paper. Expanding the paper’s focus in this way will enrich student understanding of the region, and provide students with an opportunity to explore many of the issues raised by the core paper from the perspective of transitional, hybrid and authoritarian states. It will also complement the new Politics in Europe paper, which covers the emerging post-communist democracies of Central and Eastern Europe. This is being introduced for current second year students to be run for the first time in Trinity Term 2011. Current third year students selecting this option have undertaken the course following the original rubric.