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

Social Sciences Division

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Title of Programme  Research Degrees in Politics and International Relations

Brief note about nature of change: Amendment to the regulations concerning approval for the three paper route of the D.Phil.

Effective date
For current Probationer Research students and DPhil students, with immediate effect.

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2020-21.
https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rdipandinterela&srchYear=2020&srchTerm=1&year=2020&term=1

Detail of change

1. Amend citation 1.42 as follows:

1.41 Three paper route

1.42 A D.Phil. thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of a minimum of three academic papers, framed by an introduction, a survey of literature and a conclusion. Such a body of work shall be deemed acceptable provided it represents a coherent and focused body of research, addressing one overarching research question. Current overall word limits and conditions are detailed in the D.Phil. Student Handbook. Candidates wishing to proceed in this manner must be approved at the time of Transfer of status Confirmation of Status.

Explanatory Notes
An amendment to the regulations to permit candidates wishing to submit a DPhil following
the three paper route to gain approval at the time of Confirmation of Status, rather than at Transfer of Status.