Title of Programme
Research Degrees in Economics, Social Policy and Intervention, Sociology, and International Development

Brief note about nature of change: changes to introduce articles-based and integrated theses

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2017 http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2017-18/rdtoxfinteinst/

Effective date
With immediate effect

Detail of change
1. Insert after citation 1.41 (new text underlined) as follows:

“Additional regulations for the Department of Sociology

Articles-based or Integrated theses

An articles-based thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of a minimum of three papers of publishable quality. An integrated thesis may be accepted for examination if it consists of one or more papers combined with one or more conventional chapters. In either case, the thesis should represent a coherent and focused body of work, and should be framed by an introduction, a general survey of the literature, and a conclusion. The thesis may include co-authored papers where the greater part of the work should be directly attributable to the candidate, and their supervisor and co-author(s) so certify. Statements outlining the student's contribution should be submitted with applications for Transfer and/or Confirmation of Status. The assessors will review the co-authorship statements and confirm whether the greater part of the work is that of the student. Candidates must also submit a statement with their Application for Appointment of Examiners demonstrating that
their work represents the majority contribution to any co-authored papers.

To submit an articles-based or integrated thesis, the candidate must make a case, supported by their supervisor, when applying for Transfer of Status, and further confirm their intention when applying for Confirmation of Status. The assessors will need to agree the proposed format and recommend approval to the Graduate Studies Committee.

The normal overall word limit for a DPhil thesis will apply. Further guidance can be found in the course handbook.”

Explanatory Notes

Change to permit submission of a thesis an articles-based or integrated thesis formats.