

## MPHIL / PHD UPGRADE SEMINAR

Candidates for the MPhil degree who have

- successfully defended a Thesis Proposal of a scope and depth deemed worthy of an upgrade, and
- consistently produced work of a standard, in the opinion of their Supervisor, to merit an upgrade,

may be allowed to transfer to the PhD programme.

To this end, candidates must present an Upgrade Seminar before a panel consisting of members of the Department and other interested parties. For the Seminar, candidates are required to write and present a paper (to be photocopied and distributed before hand) on a topic arising out of their research as well as to field questions put to them afterwards.

The presentation must include the following:

- a **Written Paper** (10 - 15 pages in length, approximately 30 to 45 minutes speaking time) representing an aspect of one's research (it may, for example, be part of a chapter of the proposed thesis or derived from previous course work);
- a **Descriptive Abstract** of the thesis (about 1000 words) indicating
  - the specific methodology and the theoretical approach to be employed,
  - the primary material to be addressed, and
  - a detailed overview of the argument to be advanced in the form of chapter synopses;
- a **Table of Contents** for the proposed thesis;
- a **Bibliography** of key primary and secondary texts (author and title only). This is subject to suggested additional entries based upon the panel's perception of the adequacy (or otherwise) of the list for covering the proposed area(s) of research.