

**General Board review of provision for teaching, learning and research in the social sciences and the organisational arrangements for that provision**

The General Board have set up a committee to review University arrangements for teaching, learning and research within the general field of the social sciences. The scope of the review concerns principally (but not solely) activities which fall within the remit of the Council of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The terms of reference are to:

Review the University's arrangements for research, teaching and learning in the social sciences and to make recommendations for the future, having particular regard to:

- (i) Identification of those areas of critical mass where research in the social sciences should be supported and enhanced and the appropriate strategies to deliver research excellence of the highest quality in these fields:
- (ii) whether present arrangements for the delivery of teaching, learning and examination within the social sciences are appropriate (with particular reference to Education, Psychology and the PPS Tripos) and meet training and quality assurance requirements at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels:
- (iii) the future development of, and prospects for, work across the social sciences in the University, including consideration of the extent of duplication and, if so, the appropriateness of this in the context of the need to sustain academic excellence and ensure the effective use of resources:
- (iv) the resources available to support the delivery of subjects within the social sciences, including academic and support staff, accommodation, and library and IT provision, and giving consideration to future arrangements for the organization, management and administration of these activities
- (v) the need to meet statutory and other regulatory timescales and requirements

The Committee will determine (a) the institutions to be considered and nature of that consideration: (b) the form of any evidence sought from those institutions (and any individuals it considers appropriate whether within or external to the University): and will present an initial report to the General Board by the end of the Michaelmas Term

The following membership of the Committee is proposed:

Professor Richard Smith (Department of Geography) (Chairman)  
Professor Ian Leslie  
Professor John Rallison

Professor Mike Savage (Head, Department of Sociology) University of Manchester)

Dr Rachael Padman

Professor Peter Bryant (Recently retired as the Watts Professor of Psychology at Oxford University and now Professor of Psychology, Oxford Brookes University) **OR**

Professor Vicki Bruce –Professor of Psychology, Newcastle University

Peta Stevens and Duncan McCallum (Joint Secretaries)

The current and incoming Heads of the Council of the School of the Humanities and Social sciences will kept fully informed of developments and will attend meetings at the Committee's discretion.