

18. Examining doctoral candidates

15/16 January 2009

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY

11.00	Coffee/tea available
11.15	Introductions and agenda setting
11.30	The context: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QAA Code• Success rates• Stakeholders and 'customers'?
12.30	Lunch in Restaurant
13.30	Exercise: what is a doctorate? Discussion of criteria, learning outcomes
14.30	Case study: Amanda's Dilemmas. Syndicates share in the experience of examining a PhD, with special reference to own institution's regulations
15.30	Tea in Garden Room
16.00	Plenary: syndicates identify issues raised by Amanda's experience and key issues that need covering in doctoral examination regulations. Discussion
16.30	Case study: student's experience. Syndicates and plenary discussion
17.15	Mid-course review
17.30	Break
19.00	Reception in Library, book display
19.30	Dinner in Library
21.00	Possible evening event, e.g. viewing of 'the good viva video' or discussion

FRIDAY

[subject to modification in the light of mid-course review]

from	7.30	Breakfast in Dining Room
	9.00	Appointing examiners: Robert's Predicaments. Syndicates share an experienced examiner's problems in re-examining two PhDs, and draw up suggestions for identifying, recruiting, appointing and training examiners Plenary: reports back and discussion
	10.30	Tea & coffee
	11.00	Case study: three PhD appeals. Appeal panels consider some actual cases and determine the outcome Plenary discussion of decisions.
	12.30	Lunch
	13.30	Exercise: drawing up code of best practice for institutions, supervisors, examiners and students
	14.45	Tea
	15.00	Action planning session and evaluation
	16.00	Depart