

## HUMAN RIGHTS

This is a supplementary report following the May 2014 session and should be read fully in conjunction with the last EE subject report as published on the EE page of the OCC.

### Recommendations for the supervision of future candidates

There still seems to be an issue with selecting a research question which is firmly rooted in Human Rights. There are concerns with regards to familiarity with the 'nature of the subject' as outlined in the EE guide. Human Rights is a discipline with its own goals, methods and ways of posing questions, and common sense is no substitute for a background knowledge of the subject. Supervisors should ensure that in order that a candidate can do as well as they can for their EE component, that there is evidence of an interest in and familiarity with Human Rights. This interest and background knowledge must be applied with the assessment criteria in mind, and with the supplementary subject-specific interpretation of those criteria. It is difficult to score highly without consideration of the criteria, which is sometimes a very explicit oversight of candidates and of supervisors in their role of helping their candidates form a focused and systematic research question.