



Information on Master Oral Exam with Prof. Debjani Bhattacharyya

Preconditions

In order to take your final exam with Prof. Bhattacharyya, you should previously have attended a seminar or colloquium with Prof. Bhattacharyya. Prior to the module booking period, you should contact Prof. Bhattacharyya to ask whether you can take the oral exam with her.

Examination Subjects

Prof. Bhattacharyya's examination subjects are General History (modern period) and 'Zeitgeschichte/History of the Contemporary World'.

Choice of topics

1. Two topics that have previously been agreed on will be examined. The examination will last 30 mins. Each topic must have a distinctive theme, separate from the other topic. They can, however, overlap in terms of the time period. The two topics have to be distinct from the topic of your Master Thesis. They have to be in a different time period and a different geographical area.
2. You are free to choose the themes or topics, but it should ideally be within Prof. Bhattacharyya's area of expertise. It would be advisable to choose your topics on the basis of the courses you have attended and ideally they should reflect your own research interests. Choose the topics widely and then focus on a specific aspect.
3. For each topic you are required to read 4 to 6 titles, of which 2 to 3 must be monographs. It is always a good idea to read have a mix of classics and newly-published books and articles to allow you get a good grounding on the topic and have a sense of the new research directions.
4. A week before the exam you will also email me a 1-page critical engagement with each topic.

Procedure

You must book the oral exam before the end of the normal booking period. You should discuss your topics with Prof. Bhattacharyya before making the booking. Please make an appointment by visiting our webpage. The first meeting will be of greatest benefit for you if you bring along the following documents:

- A complete list of the courses you have attended during your BA/MA studies to date.
- A first draft of your reading list.



Further information

For general information about the MA Oral Exam see:

https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/masterstudium/Aufbau/abschluss.html#M%C3%BCndliche_Pr%C3%BCfung

For the exact date of the exam and place of examination, please contact the Chair's office: Silvia Rodríguez Castellano at s.rodriguez@fsw.uzh.ch +41 (0)44 634 36 41

You will find further information on the graduation procedures on the websites of the Department of History and of the Faculty of Arts:

<https://www.hist.uzh.ch/de/studium/masterstudium/Aufbau/abschluss.html>

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/de/studium/studentenservices/abschluss/master_HS19.html