

Vice-Principal Humanities and Social Sciences Report to Senate

New Vice-Principal, Professor Matthew Hilton

Matthew joined QMUL in September 2016 from the University of Birmingham, where he was Professor of Social History and Deputy Head of the College of Arts and Law. Matthew is a social historian, whose work focuses on the history of humanitarianism, consumer society and on the history of social activism and non-governmental organisations, both in Britain and globally. He received his PhD in History from the University of Lancaster before joining the University of Birmingham in 1997. He was appointed Professor of Social History in 2006.

New Economic and Social Research Council Doctoral Training Partnership

The social sciences at QMUL will be a partner in the newly accredited London Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (LISS) Doctoral Training Partnership with King's College London and Imperial College. This will provide access to up to 37 ESRC-funded PhD studentships per year from September 2017 across thirteen thematic training pathways. The DTP represents a major expansion of doctoral provision and training in the social sciences at QMUL, and in collaboration with the other partner institutions.

National Student Survey

There has been an active and ongoing response to the National Student Survey since the release of last year's results, with a focus on understanding why scores declined in some cases and implementing remedies for the upcoming year whilst also sharing good practice. NSS is a priority in the Faculty, and Schools have already outlined action plans in the short-term with mid-term plans in place or underway. Discussion at School and College levels has aimed to provide clarity on the local level, share ideas with respect to challenges and remedies, determine specific actions that might net positive outcomes, and articulate the importance of a concerted approach to improving the student's experience at all levels, whether in the classroom, library, or elsewhere on campus.