

Title of lecture: MPhil – Elementary Schenkerian Analysis

Response from: Nicholas Marston - 6th March 2014

I am pleased – not to say relieved – that this short course has been judged to be largely successful in its aims and structure.

All five responses make the point that a longer course would have been desirable, and I completely agree with this. Had my longstanding Part IB paper in Schenkerian Analysis been timetabled for 2013–14 I would have been very happy, as in previous years, to have these five graduate students attend those sessions, so that a 20-week course could have been offered. The possibility will not arise in 2014–15 as I shall be on leave; but it should perhaps be considered for 2015–16.

One response raises the question of a recommended textbook to sit alongside the course: in fact the 'secondary literature' in the Bibliography given out at the beginning of the course does include two textbooks (Forte/Gilbert, and David Beach's more recent book) as well as Oswald Jonas's classic Introduction to the Theory of Heinrich Schenker.