

**Title of lecture: MPhil – Theory and Analysis Specialist Course**

**Response from: Robert Pascall, 12/3/2015**

I am most grateful for the students' comments and thank them warmly. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to teach this course, and I thank the Faculty very much indeed for inviting me to do so.

I naturally regret that not all students were able to engage fully with the subject-matter as presented. I have reviewed my course-descriptor and confirm that it represents precisely what I delivered. I am distinctly of the view that at taught master's level students should take responsibility not only for their choice of specialist courses but also for developing their own learning trajectory within the courses as selected. It was notable that I was shown relatively little independent follow-up work between sessions and that relatively few students spent one-to-one time with me. Some of the student presentations within the course were nevertheless of outstanding quality, and I rejoice that those students who were able to respond to the subject-matter in this way have clearly learnt so much (in three cases from scratch) and have been able to harness what they learnt into work with research potential – ideal outcome for a PGT course.

I wish all the students on this course well for the remainder of their time at Cambridge and for their future in music.