Unlocking the PhD

From Behind Closed Doors to Immediate International Availability – a UK University Perspective
PhD – a phrase that covers all doctorate level qualifications inc. PhD, DPhil, EngD, DocEuro, DMA, DProf, DClinPsych, Ed.D. RND.r, DSc …..

Theses / Thesis – in the UK all PhD awards have some kind of written element called a theses. These are known as Dissertations in the US and some other countries.

Dissertations – in the UK dissertations are presented to support Masters level work, this is the step below a doctoral level. US PhD’s have dissertations as outputs.

As this is based on UK experience I will be using the terms generally use
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Let's go historical
Issues that we needed to consider
On the plus side

Yes there will be challenges, but think of the positives
Thinking forward

Where are we going?


ProQuest 2015, *Enhancing the Visibility and Impact of Electronic Theses and Dissertations*.


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Any questions or comments?