

Unlocking the PhD

**From Behind Closed Doors to Immediate International
Availability – a UK University Perspective**

What is a PhD thesis?

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



Historic student experience



Library as keeper

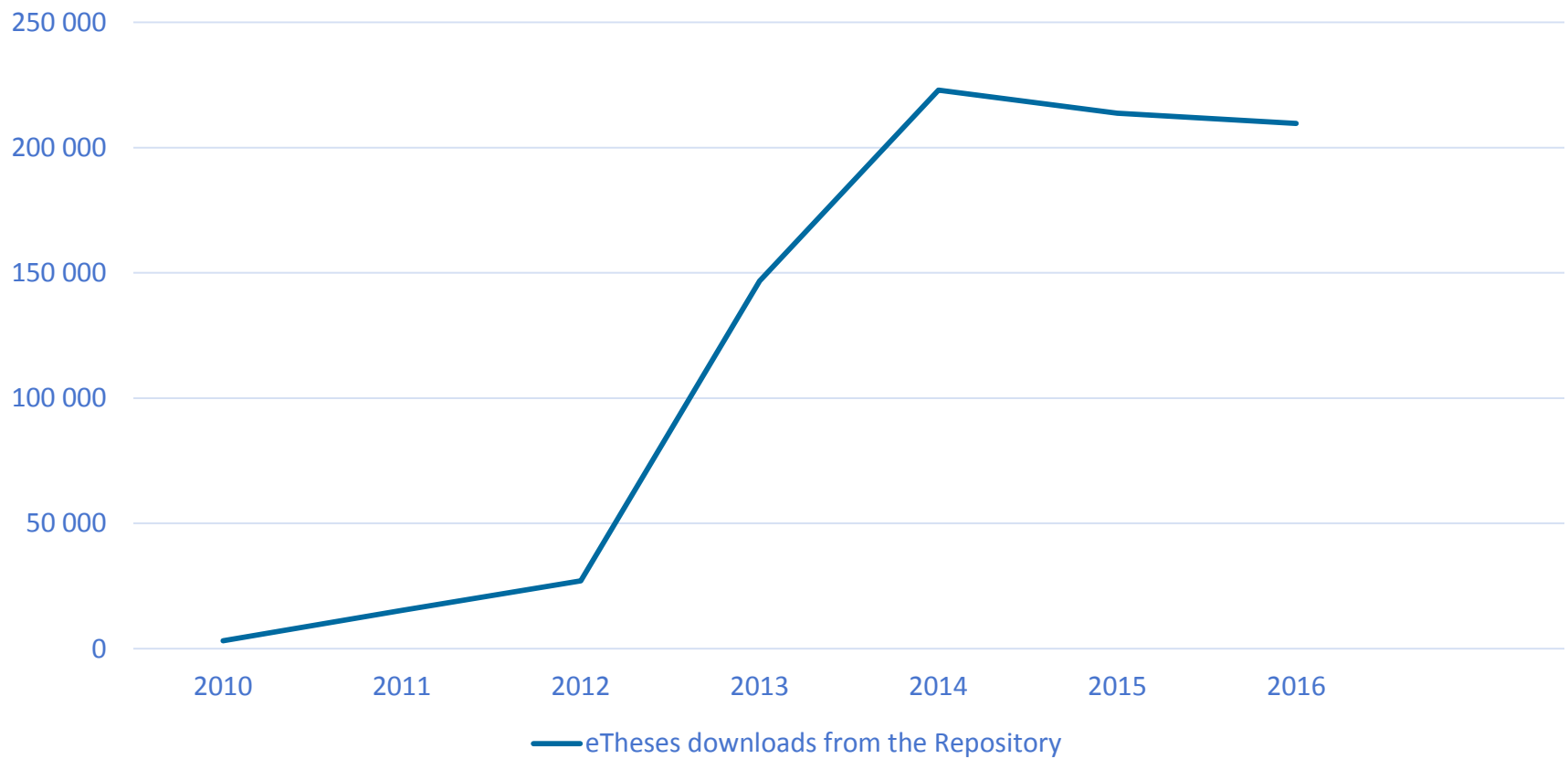


Accessing a theses





eTheses downloads from the Repository



What's so popular

The most popular theses from our repository ...

Title	Number of downloads
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Making it work : creative music performance and the Western kit drummer.	16,372
Capital Structure in China - Evidence from Chinese Listed Companies	15,151
The Application of Finite Element Analysis to the Design of Embedded Retaining Walls. Volume 1.	14,177
Women's Decision-Making And Factors Affecting Their Choice Of Place Of Delivery: Systematic Review And Qualitative Study	12,347
Out of Place. The Negotiation of Space in Site-Specific Performance	11,176

Lets go historical

If usage is so high – why not make more available???



Questions / Questions

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?



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Any questions or comments?



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