

File 20100106.0800: Notes from meeting with Dr Martin this morning:

- Dr Martin's best email address: andrew.martin@kellogg.ox.ac.uk
- Dr Martin's telephone (office): 011 44 1865 283605.
- Trouble getting through because of a foot of snow in Oxford. I finally reached Dr Martin at home via Skype video.
- There is a webcam on Banbury Road at <http://m.ox.ac.uk/webcams/banburyroad/>
- It was very good to see Dr Martin. I said I want to get back on track, that Conf. of Status is coming up and I must be ready.
- WRT the 'different opinions' on my agenda, Dr Martin stated that one published paper is the norm for Conf. of Status, but that one published paper is also the minimum.
- The point of confirmation of status is to convince the examiners that you will be able to submit within a year.
- Dr Martin asked about the 'deferral' option mentioned in my agenda (as not being recommended by my college). We then discussed suspension of DPhil status, uncomfortably, with me averring that I do NOT want to do that, ever. Dr Martin mused that it's unfortunate that you can't do it retroactively; i.e. to say that Michaelmas term was not contributory to progress, therefore didn't count towards the time... Actually, now that I think about it, that's pretty funny. I should tell him.
- I asked whether I should come to Oxford for a week. Would it be a waste of time? No, it would probably be beneficial, said Dr Martin. Could I maybe give a seminar? Yes. If I had the *Crosstalk* paper finished, I could give an overview of that, but if I had the methodology chapter done, that would make for a better seminar.
- Advice: plan your time carefully in Oxford. Don't get distracted.
- For Conf. of Status, need 2 finished chapters, but need to be clear on the nature of those chapters—they need to be results, not just introductory material. The methodology chapter counts, but not introduction.
- I promised to ring off and type up my notes on where I want to go next, and put a plan in front of Dr Martin. Buy those plane tickets and get moving on the methodology chapter, promise to give a seminar on it.

References