

Abstract. Since the publication of *The Unthinkable Doctorate* in 2006, there has been considerable progress in the implementation of doctoral activity outside the conventional PhD framework. On such route that merits more attention in the fields of architecture, design and art is the PhD by Prior Published Work – a pathway that recognises a substantial body of research work completed before the PhD enrolment. A coherent subset of the prior output is selected as the basis of the PhD and is presented as a series of cognate published pieces drawn together by a substantial introduction and conclusion. The model is a general one, and the published research is required to meet the norms of the discipline. This paper will identify a series of different outputs: previously published academic papers; book chapters; exhibitions; and built works, that form the basis of a proposed PhD by Prior Published work in Architecture at University College Cork (UCC). In bringing the proposal to CA2RE it is hoped that the process of peer-review will help to improve the quality of the emerging doctorate and to sharpen the focus of the selection of outputs and artefacts.

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