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Writing for Refereed Journals

An Introduction to the “Why” and “How”

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Publishing in refereed journals has for many become a prerequisite -if not an imperative- for academic careers as well as for obtaining research funding. However, success in publishing in refereed journals not only depends on the quality of the research, but also on knowing the specific codes and criteria of this type of publication outlet. This workshop will introduce participants to the potential, possibilities, pains and pitfalls of writing for refereed journals. It will include the discussion of:

- How to choose the appropriate journal for your research;
- The importance and logic of rankings, in particular the ISI Social Science Citation Index and Impact Factor measurements - as well as the problematic side of these bibliometric methods and of their central role in current academia;
- The criteria of the referee process, and a "look behind the scenes" of the typical steps from "revise & re-submit" to publication;
- The typical structure of successful journal articles, with particular emphasis on title, introduction (the "CARS" model), and conclusions;
- Recommendations and links for further readings on "Getting Published in Refereed Journals".

To make this workshop as hands-on as possible, participants are encouraged to share their own experiences and bring, where pertinent, samples from their own writings.