



PhD Office Courses

Practical skills for international publishing

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Date/Hour: To be defined

Venue: To be defined

Enroll: online at Corsi Ufficio Dottorato di Ricerca

Syllabus:

The main bulk of international peer reviewed publications is published by scholars in so-called “English Inner Circle” countries such as the US, UK, Australia and New Zealand, and this problem is particularly grave in the humanities and the social sciences. This has a number of undesirable repercussions for the various disciplines in themselves but also for researchers working in countries outside the inner circle, Italy for example. Problems in English language proficiency are only one part of the problem, and it goes without saying that B2 is not sufficient for successfully publishing in English and that young scholars need to achieve a more advanced proficiency. It also goes without saying that this cannot be achieved in a one-day workshop and that young researchers are mainly themselves responsible for advancing their English proficiency.

In this one-day workshop we explore (a) the scope of the problem that results from both mainly Inner Circle Countries shaping international research environments and the problems that this poses for (young) researchers from other countries; (b) illustrate the effects this has on both the disciplines themselves and on academic careers; (c) provide for tools how to improve the situation, that is, how to individually manage the problems of international publishing; and (d) we provide for some exemplary skills how to individually improve the success-rate in international publishing. In order to do so, we will engage in a range of lectures and activities (90 min each), namely Lecture / Publishing in international journals – who are the gatekeepers and what do they expect?

Activity / Study the authors, affiliations and careers of one of the leading journals in your field. What is the problem? For whom?

Activity / Improve academic writing: Writing, analyzing and correction of abstracts

Activity / Text analysis: Analyze a well-known paper in your own field. What has made this paper so successful? Structure, presentation of arguments, linguistic style.

The workshop is organized and taught by Patrick Heinrich (DSAAM), who has done research and has published on international academic publishing. It is an open [Eutopia](#) course.