

WSSR WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Writing Strategies for Academics and Practitioners Learning to Write a Better Journal Article

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Workshop Outline

As an academic or community-based researcher, you must be able to write well to be successful in publishing your work. If you can write a clear and understandable message for a specific scholarly audience, you are more likely to see your manuscript published. You can easily overcome some common reasons that manuscripts are rejected by observing the editorial process and improving the presentation of your content.

This full-day workshop will help you improve how you format and revise five components of a journal article: the title, the abstract, the introduction, the flow of argumentation and the conclusions. By engaging in independent and small group activities, you will test out practical strategies for making a manuscript easier for your intended audience to read and understand. To get the most out of the day, bring a laptop and a willingness to actively engage in independent and small group activities. If you have a copy of an unpublished manuscript that you'd like to revise, bring that along. Excerpts from sample manuscripts will also be provided.

Pre-workshop activities

Renck Jalongo, M. & Saracho, O.N. (2016). *Writing for publication: Transitions and Tools that Support Scholars' Success*. Springer eBooks.

Read Chapters 2 and 3 and other chapters that interest you.

Chapter 2: From Unpublishable to Publishable <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EEFD5E>

Chapter 3: From Trepidation to a First Draft <http://reserves.concordia.ca/ares/ares.dll/plink?14EEFD5F>

Identify a social sciences journal in your discipline. Download and review the Authors Guidelines. For instance, see the Canadian Journal of Political Science Instructions for Contributors OR see Qualitative Research Manuscript Submission Guidelines.

Other readings that might interest you

Ware, M., & Mabe, M. (2015). The STM Report: An Overview of Scientific and Scholarly Journal Publishing. *Libraries at University of Nebraska-Lincoln*. International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers. <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/scholcom/9>

Weeks, G. (2006). Facing Failure: The Use (and Abuse) of Rejection in Political Science. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 39(4), 879-882. doi:10.1017/S1049096506061105 <http://0-dx.doi.org/mercury.concordia.ca/10.1017/S1049096506061105>

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