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**Corso Trasversale**

**Proponents:** Arianna Arisi Rota, Massimo Zaccaria

**Title:** Academic Publishing in the Humanities

**Target group:** PhD students in the Humanities and Social Sciences

**Hours:** 26

**Course description:** Although PhD students are not required to publish while completing their PhD, there are many good reasons to familiarize themselves with how the academic publishing industry works. A sound knowledge of the process of academic publishing stands as an important component in early-career academics and represents an important part in a successful career path.

To navigate the publishing system could also be one of the best ways to take up the challenges of publishing your own work, and connect with the academic community in your discipline. Getting a paper published takes a lot of time but it is a very formative and rewarding experience.

The aim of the course is to provide guidance on the publishing industry and process and to familiarize the PhD students with finding the right publishing strategy and outlet for their work.

**Course content:**

Beyond “publish or perish”  
Understanding academic publishing  
How to develop an effective publishing strategy  
Choosing the right journal for publication  
The different phases of the publishing process  
Understanding the peer-review process  
A critical perspective on how research is evaluated  
How to write your first academic article  
From dissertation to book  
Make your research visible

**Learning outcomes:**

Understand the role of academic publishing to knowledge production  
Be able to reflect on different publishing strategies  
Choose appropriate journals  
Be familiar with the different phases of the publishing process



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Develop suitable publishing strategies to make your research visible

**Course methods:** The form of teaching involves lectures accompanied by workshops which require active participation by the course participants. PhD candidates will engage in presentations, teaching cases, discussions and hands-on activities. Guest speakers will also be invited.

**Course literature:**

A list of readings will be presented at the start of the course

**Period:** Feb. 2023

**Available places:** 25, available on a first come, first served basis

**Location:** Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche e Sociali

**Language:** English

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