Developing and publishing an academic paper

(Advanced doctoral workshop)

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Course description

This applied course builds on knowledge gained from the 'Researching and Writing Differently' course delivered during the academic year 2022-23. This course is aimed at providing doctoral students with hands-on engagement in developing and publishing academic work. The course is open to doctoral students who have previously attended the 'Researching and Writing Differently' course delivered during the academic year 2022-23.

The sessions will be delivered in the format of practice-based workshops where students will present draft of their papers for feedback, building on their knowledge of writing and publishing academic work, methods and approaches studied before. Students will receive feedback on their draft academic papers from both peers and Prof Boncori, which will be formative and developmental in nature.

The classes will enhance the students' practical application of knowledge in terms of academic writing and publishing, and provide an opportunity to develop a submission for future publication. Also, students will be able to develop their skills in terms of career-readiness with regards to publishing, receiving and providing feedback.

The course will further develop students' written and oral communication skills in English, as well as their critical skills. Students will work individually on the preparation of their draft papers and in the reviewing of other students' work, and in small groups and in plenary sessions in order to share feedback and support each other's writing.

To pass the course, students are required to

1. attend classes, and actively participate in classroom activities;
2. engage with the assessment tasks (see below) by completing the reflective diary, and by preparing and circulating the draft of their paper before their allocated time (at least seven working days beforehand);
3. read and prepare written feedback on all papers before each class.

This seminar series will be delivered in hybrid mode (online and in person) with a total of 4 sessions (8 hours).

Please see the timetable below for more detailed information on our schedule.

Aims

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- understand the different types of academic outputs;
- apply their existing knowledge in practice through the delivery of a draft academic paper;
- understand how to give and receive feedback;
- Reflect on their personal challenges and areas of growth in terms of developing and publishing academic papers.

Learning Methods

- The course will consist of 4 practical workshops of 2 hours each, to be delivered synchronously online for students attending virtually or face to face.
- Sessions will include interactive discussions and feedback on draft academic papers, from both peers and the professor.
- Students will be expected to engage critically with the seminars, through engagement with the workshops as well as through their assessment. contributions.

Assessment:

60% Participation: All students will be evaluated based on their attendance and constructive participation in class throughout the course. Students are expected to follow the given schedule for the development of their paper, and to prepare for their contribution as reviewers (sessions 1-4).

20% Individual paper development: All students will be required to deliver a paper draft (book chapter; journal article).

20% Reflexive diary: All students will be required to write at least 3 entries in a reflexive diary, to consider areas of growth, change and challenge that they are experiencing in publishing as early career scholars. Detailed requirements (e.g. length, structure, content etc.) and marking criteria will be shared in class (deadline for submission: session 4).

Detailed programme

Session 1: 17 May 2024 11.00-13.00 (Room 2)	Introduction and academic integrity

Session 2: 31 May 2024 11.00-13.00 (Room 2)	Advanced paper development group 1; paper review.
Session 3: 14 June 2024 11.00-13.00 (Room 2)	Advanced paper development group 2; paper review.
Session 4: 28 June 2024 11.00-13.00 (Room 2)	Advanced paper development group 3; paper review.