

Demystifying Publishing and Reviewing – Roundtable for Early Career Researchers

Publishing during the PhD

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What it feels like...

- ▶ Intimidating: You compete with researchers and academics who have years of experience. Thoughtless or cruel feedback can put you off for a long time.
- ▶ Overwhelming: There's so much to learn about the publishing process and the expectations surrounding it.
- ▶ Time-consuming: Writing a paper vs. Finishing your PhD on time.

¹Expectations and norms differ from context to context. The presentation largely reflects my own experiences and opinions.

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Why you should do it anyway...

- ▶ Most important 'currency' on the job market. It shows that you actually know what you are doing and that you have the potential of advancing your field.
- ▶ Stand out and separate from the rest! Makes your name (and your work) known and you get in touch with other researchers in your field.
- ▶ You open yourself up to peer review and to scholarly exchange. You get valuable feedback.
- ▶ You make progress with respect to your dissertation.

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Some (personal) advice...

- ▶ Article-Based Dissertation vs. Monograph
- ▶ Rejection is the most-likely outcome.
- ▶ Trial and Error: The more you write, the easier it is to do it + you get to know the publishing process.
- ▶ Co-author your first paper by collaborating with your PhD supervisor or another professor.
- ▶ Start early.

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Some (personal) advice...

- ▶ Where to publish
 - ▶ Spend a substantial amount of time finding the most suitable journal for your work.
 - ▶ Top journals vs. Field journals
 - ▶ Look for special calls and special issues.
- ▶ It is not the norm to publish 10+ articles during your PhD.
- ▶ Getting published, especially while still in grad school, takes tenacity, focus, and a thick skin. But it pays off.