

# 2024/25 Research Seminar #12 - Workshop

## Publishing in high-tier Journals – speaking from the perspectives of an author, reviewer and editor

Publishing in high-tier journals has become increasingly important in postgraduate studies and career development in higher education. With the rapid expansion in the volume of submissions, many journals are expecting a high rejection rate of 70% or above. The rejection rates of submissions from non-Western countries are commonly high due to multiple factors, including language differences, variations in research and writing approaches, and a lack of experience in international publishing, among others. This workshop aims to shed light on both successful and unsuccessful experiences in publishing internationally. The speaker is currently the co-editor of *Social Policy and Society*, a Q1 journal in Social Issues and Social Work with an Impact Factor of 2 in 2024. She has produced 47 articles published in journals including *Aging and Society*, *Critical Social Policy*, *International Urban and Regional Research* and *Journal of Poverty and Social Justice*. She is also an editorial board member of the *Journal of Women and Aging* and *International Social Work*, and the guest editor of the 2026 Special Issue of *Families, Relationships and Societies*. Between 2023 and 2025, she received a grant from the British Academy to organise an academic writing training programme to support scholars from excluded communities in South Asian countries. In this workshop, she will share her own experience of journal publishing from the perspectives of an author, reviewer and editor. Anonymised and modified real-life abstract submissions will be used as examples for illustration. Postgraduate and early career researchers would find this session particularly useful. Researchers at other career stages are also welcome to share their publishing experiences.



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