

Workshop

Writing Academic Journal Articles in English

Organizational details

Instructor:	<i>Dennis Friedrichsen, PhD</i>
Date:	November 12 & 13, 9.00 am – 4.00 pm respectively
Venue:	“Alte Universitätsbibliothek”, Room 5 (AUB 5), Bismarckstrasse 37, 35390 Giessen
ECTS:	1
	To gain the ECTS, participants have to:
	• Prepare 250 words abstract for a (hypothetical) journal article

Max. number of participants: 12

Objectives

The objective of the workshop is to introduce academic writing strategies for publications in peer-reviewed journals. This is a hands-on course that will enable participants to begin writing their own articles based on solid structure that many journals will recognize. The workshop is particularly well-suited for early-career researchers who perhaps have not yet developed professional confidence and/or who have perhaps not yet published their first article. The workshop will provide information on topics such as writing structure, writing coherence, academic style, and tips for editing one's own writing. While some theory will be presented, the workshop will place a strong emphasis on participant and lecturer interactions, thus aiding in the practical development of competences.

Content & Methods

Content:

- How to write a strong abstract,
- Structuring an article,
- Structuring a paragraph,
- "Less is more" writing,
- The purpose of every word,
- Finding and using your own voice,
- Academic conventions (and how to break 'em),
- Revising a text
- Lessons from publishing: contact with publishers & peer reviewers

Method: short lectures, discussions, group discussions, peer-feedback.

Target group & Course Language

Target group: PhD candidates and postdocs

Course language: English (Please note: As this is not an English language course, proficiency in English at the C1 level of competency is required).

Requirements for ECTS credits

In order to receive the credits, participants have to fully attend the workshop as well as prepare a 250 words abstract for a (hypothetical) journal article in English.

About the instructor

Dennis Friedrichsen holds PhD in literary and cultural studies from Justus Liebig University. He is currently employed as a postdoc at Aarhus University in Denmark in the YoungLit project where he researches how young people (ages 15-29) read and write. He has published several articles within literary studies, the sociology of literature, and educational research.

Registration

By ***November 2, 2026*** via e-mail at info@ggs.uni-giessen.de.