



SPS 3rd term Workshop 2017-2018

Submitting your first article

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Seminar room 4

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In this Workshop, doctoral researchers will prepare a mock-up of their first submission of an article to a journal. We divide our sessions according to the key sections of an article: abstract, introduction (problem), literature review, theory & hypotheses, data & methods (design), results (analysis), discussion. However, we address these sections in the order we suggest is most conducive for producing an article: 1) data, methods & results, 2) literature review, theory & hypotheses, 3) abstract, introduction, discussion. For each session, we will present the key functions and tasks to be accomplished. This overview will be followed by short presentations by the participants based on: 1) their submitted empirical analysis (April 19th session), and 2) their submitted strategic outline/ literature review (April 20th session). The instructors will provide detailed feedback on the empirical analysis and theoretical framing in the Q&A portion of these classes. For this reason, we ask for submission of the empirical analysis (Just a printout of the results, with data source, & if you have it, the descriptive statistics- this can be very simple but we need something to work from) and the strategic outline of the literature review (this can be made with cut & paste from the prospectus in a few hours- but it must group the literature into three major approaches and set you up to say something different) by April 13th if possible. For those attending the multi-level methods course, an analysis from the course may be submitted on April 18th. In addition, participants should identify their target journal for their article, and a model article from that journal that will serve as their point of reference in drafting their article mock-up.

Sessions:

Thursday, April 19th (4 hours)

14-16	Data, Methods, Results: Diana Burlacu
16-16:30	Preparation of Presentations
16:30-18:00	Presentations/Q&A

Friday, April 20th (3 hours)

9:30-11:00	Literature Review, Theory, Hypotheses: Ellen Immergut
11-11:15	Break
16:30-18:00	Presentations/Q&A

Monday, April 23th (3 hours)

9:30-11:00	Abstract, Introduction, Discussion: DB & EMI
11-11:15	Break
16:30-18:00	Presentations/Q&A

Literature:

James A. Stimson, "Professional Writing in Political Science: A Highly opinionated Essay"

Gary King, Michael Tomz, and Jason Wittenberg , "Making the Most of Statistical Analyses: Improving Interpretation and Presentation," *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 44, No. 2, April 2000, Pp. 341–355.

Gary King, "How not to Lie with Statistics: Avoiding Common Mistakes in Quantitative Political Science,"