The Quest for Peace and Security in Africa: Socio-cultural, Economic, political and Legal Considerations

Training workshop
Publishing with Global Scientific Publishers

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Introduction

• Multiple Context: University, Scholars & Graduates
  – IPCC’s citation requirement: peer-reviewed vs. gray literature
  – University Ranking: peer-reviewed, indexed publications matter
  – For scientific career (PhD programmes): English publication in peer-reviewed journals increasingly becomes a requirement

• Peer-reviewed Publishing in English with International Publishers in peer-reviewed indexed social science journals
  – Most journals are not in English, not peer-reviewed, not indexed
  – Many peer reviewed, English journals are published in US, UK
  – Peer-reviewed journals have a high rejection rate (50-80%)

• Peer-reviewed Publishing in English in peer-reviewed books with major social science publishers

- Enhance Global Scientific Visibility of African Scholarship
  - of African scholars working within Africa
  - of African scholars working in the Global North

- Enhance the Global Visibility of African Peace Research
  - Many African scholars and peace researchers study and graduate at Northern universities (BA, MA, PhD etc.)
  - as authors of books and journal articles
  - as reviewers of books and journal articles on Africa and
  - as reviewers of books and journal articles by African scholars
  - as members of the editorial boards of journals & book series
    - Journal of Peace Research
    - Security Dialogue
2. 2. International Social Science Policy Report
UNESCO, IPCC & University Ranking

- **ISSC**: Transformative Cornerstones of Social Science Research on Global Change (2012)
- **UNESCO’s**: World Social Science Report (2013)
- **Bibliometrics**: What is included?
- **IPCC**: only peer reviewed literat.
- **Thomson & Reuters**: Scientific Indexing & University Ranking: Global, Asia & Emerging Countries
2.1 UNESCO’s Science Report (2013)

International Social Science Council (ISSC) presented the *World Social Science Report 2013 on global environmental change.*

Many changes are driven by human activities, fossil fuel consumption, deforestation, agricultural intensification, urbanization, overexploitation of fisheries, and waste production. Most discussed ... is climate change.

These challenges are intimately connected to accelerating production and consumption, population growth, socio-economic and cultural globalization, and widespread patterns of inequality. Together they comprise a major feature of contemporary life, and require innovative policy and social transformation.
2.2. Transformers Cornerstones of Social Science Research for Global Change

Figure 1: Number of articles in SSCI with the keywords "climate change" or "environmental change".

Figure 3: Number of social science publications on global environmental change over the years 1990-2011.

Source: Web of Science. See Callods (Figure 13.1) and Waltman, for information on methodology used and definitions in World Social Science Report 2013.
2.3. ISSC (2012)

Transformative Cornerstones of Social Science Research for Global Change

Explaining the disparities in social science capacity between regions and countries

- **A lack of funding** for social science research in general and social science research on global environmental change in particular, especially in Southern countries;

- **A lack of institutional support** for social science research on global environmental change. In most

- **A lack of incentives to do research** encourages African, Indian or Latin American scholars to seek better opportunities elsewhere. This problem is not specific to global environmental change;

- **A lack of interest among social scientists themselves** in global environmental change, a subject which is often considered a biophysical science issue. Many social scientists prefer to study topics such as economic growth and development, poverty alleviation and the reduction of inequality, which are considered more central to the core of the traditional social sciences.
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2.6. IPCC Citable Literature

ANNEX 2 PROCEDURE ON THE USE OF LITERATURE IN IPCC REPORTS

• This annex is provided to ensure that IPCC process for use of literature is open & transparent. In the assessment process, emphasis is to be placed on assurance of quality of all cited literature. Priority should be given to peer-reviewed scientific, technical & socio-economic literature if available.

• It is recognized that other sources provide crucial information for IPCC Reports. These sources may include reports from governments, industry, & research institutions, international and other organizations, or conference proceedings. Use of this literature brings with it an extra responsibility for author teams to ensure quality & validity of cited sources & information.

• In general, newspapers and magazines are not valid sources of scientific information. Blogs, social networking sites, and broadcast media are not acceptable sources of information for IPCC Reports. Personal communications of scientific results are also not acceptable sources.
2.7. What is noted and cited?

- **ISSC & UNESCO**: review of peer-reviewed literature that is included in the **Social Science Citation Index**
- **Dominance of English language literature**
- **IPCC**: usually **only peer-reviewed literature is citable** (articles/books) although some accepted initially only articles listed in SCOPUS (Elsevier)
- **Change 2015 ff.**: Also literature in other languages (?)
- **More scholars from developing countries** to be involved
- **Formal Requirements to get globally noted**
  - Publish in English in books/journals with an ISBN/SSBN, with a publisher, city and date & listing in Library of Congress
  - Publish in peer-reviewed publications which are indexed, usually in the SSCI and which have a high impact factor
3. IPCC Requirements:

Peer-Reviewed Literature: Chapter on Africa

– Chapter 12: on human security
  • Coordinating lead authors: W. N. Adger (UK), Pulhin (Philippines)
  • Lead authors: Barnett (Australia), Dabelko & Levy (USA), Hovelsrud (Norway), Oswald Spring (Mexico), Cogel (South Africa)

– Chapter on Africa
  • Coordinating lead authors: Niang (Senegal), Ruppel (Namibia)
  • Lead authors: Adrabo (Egypt), Essel (Ghana), Lennard, Padgam (South Africa), Urquhart (USA)
4. Requirements of Social Citation Index and Book Citation Index

- The Citation Indexes are compiled by Thomson & Reuters (British/Canadian private company) that also compile a ranking of universities: Web of Science

- Social Science Citation Index (SSCI): High requirements and hurdles
  - English language,
  - Peer reviewed,
  - 3 years 25 articles per year

- Book Citation Index:
4.1 Thomson & Reuters: Indexing & Ranking

WHAT IT DELIVERS

- Coverage of over 12,000 journals
- More than 148,000 proceedings from the most significant conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions worldwide
- Coverage as far back as 1900
- Coverage of over 30,000 editorially selected books
- Cover-to-cover indexing
- Cited reference and chemical structure searches
- Author identification tools
- Analysis capabilities and visualization tools
- Direct links to full text and library holdings information

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Access the highest quality, curated, multidisciplinary content
- Pinpoint subject-specific and regional research
- Search grant activity and funding acknowledgements
- Discover the most relevant research to inform your work
- Find high-impact articles and proceedings
- Discover research ideas as they are first presented, before they are included in journals
- Detect emerging trends that help you pursue successful research and grant acquisition
- See where top researchers are publishing and presenting findings
- Identify potential collaborators with significant citation records
4.2 Book & (Journal) Social Citation Index

Completing the Research Picture: Book Citation Index in Web of Science

Discovery Starts Here

Web of Science and the Web of Knowledge Platform

Inclusion of scholarly books maximizes the benefits of powerful citation navigation features available within Web of Science and Web of Knowledge.

Authoritative, Peer-Reviewed Journal, Conference, and Book content.

Times Cited

2003

2007

2008

2011

Conference Proceedings Citation Index™
- 1990 to present
Fully indexes over 148,000 conference titles in the Sciences and Social Sciences with 12,000 conferences added annually

Science Citation Index Expanded™
- 1900 to present
Fully indexes over 8,500 major journals across 150 disciplines

Social Sciences Citation Index™
- 1900 to present
Fully indexes over 3,000 social sciences journals, covering the most significant social sciences discoveries from all of the 20th century.

Arts & Humanities Citation Index®
- to 1975 to present
Fully indexes over 1,700 arts and humanities journals, as well as selected items from over 250 scientific and social sciences journals

Index Chemicus® – 1993 to present
Contains over 2.6 million compounds

Current Chemical Reactions® – 1986 to present, plus INPI archives from 1840 to 1985
Contains over one million reactions

Book Citation Index – 2005 to present
Indexes over 50,000 editorially selected books with 10,000 new books added each year
4.3 Social Citation Index

http://ip-science.thomsonreuters.com/cgi-bin/jrnlst/jloptions.cgi?PC=SS

SOCIAL SCIENCES CITATION INDEX

- Find a specific journal by title, title words, or ISSN
- View a list of all journals
- View a list of all journals covered in a specific category
- View a list of all journal coverage changes (added or dropped)

Here you should start with the search of journals for your research

- Area Studies (66)
- Environmental Studies (99)
- Planning & Development (55)
- Political Science (161)
- International Relations (84)
- Women’s studies (40)
4.4 Peer Review

- **Peer review** is the evaluation of work by one or more people of similar competence to the producers of the work (peers). It constitutes a form of self-regulation by qualified members of a profession within the relevant field.

- Peer review methods are employed to maintain standards of quality, improve performance, and provide credibility. In academia peer review is often used to determine an academic paper's suitability for publication.

- Scholarly peer review is the process of subjecting an author's scholarly work, research, or ideas to the scrutiny of others who are experts in the same field, before a paper describing this work is published in a journal. Peer review in its current form is relatively recent; the journal *Nature* instituted formal peer review only in 1967. The work may be accepted, considered acceptable with revisions, or rejected.

- Peer review requires a community of experts in a given (and often narrowly defined) field, who are qualified and able to perform reasonably impartial review.

- Although generally considered essential to academic quality, and used in most important scientific publications, peer review has been criticized as ineffective, slow, and is often misunderstood (anonymous peer review and open peer review).

- Publications that have not undergone peer review are likely to be regarded with suspicion by scholars and professionals (lower rank, or gray area literature).
4.5 Peer Review Procedure & Process

Usually, there are two or three referees for a given article.

- These referees each return an evaluation of the work to the editor, noting weaknesses or problems along with suggestions for improvement.

- Typically, most of the referees' comments are eventually seen by the author; scientific journals observe this convention universally. The editor, usually familiar with the field of the manuscript evaluates the referees' comments, her or his own opinion of the manuscript, and the context of the scope of the journal or level of the book and readership, before passing a decision back to the author(s), usually with the referees' comments.

- Referees' evaluations usually include an explicit recommendation of what to do with the manuscript or proposal, often chosen from options provided by the journal or funding agency. Most recommendations are along the lines of the following:
  - to unconditionally accept the manuscript or proposal,
  - to accept it in the event that its authors improve it in certain ways,
  - to reject it, but encourage revision and invite resubmission,
  - to reject it outright.
4.6 Styles of the Review

• In "double-blind" review, which is more common in the humanities than in the hard sciences, the identity of the authors is concealed from the reviewers, and vice versa, lest the knowledge of authorship or concern about disapproval from the author bias their review.

• Single-blind review is strongly dependent upon the goodwill of the participants, but no more so than double-blind review with easily identified authors.

• A conflict of interest arises when a reviewer and author have a disproportionate amount of respect or disrespect for each other.

• When conflicts are reported, the conflicting reviewer can be prohibited from reviewing and discussing the manuscript, or her review can instead be interpreted with the reported conflict in mind; the latter option is more often adopted when the conflict of interest is mild (ancient professional connection, family relation).
4.7 Peer Review Requirements & Criteria

• Requirements:
  – Abstract., Keywords
  – Text, Bibliography, Biography, Abbreviations

• There are many Peer Review Criteria: (see: internet!)
  – Problem Statement, Conceptual Framework & Research Question
  – Reference to the Literature and Documentation
  – Relevance
  – Research Design
  – Instrumentation, Data Collection and Quality Control
  – Population and Sample
  – Data Analysis and Statistics
  – Reporting of statistical analyses
  – Presentation of results
  – Discussion and Conclusions: Interpretation
  – Title, Authors, and Abstract
  – Presentation and Documentation
  – Scientific Conduct
4.8 My own peer review criteria for my two peer-reviewed book series

Criteria of peer review:
• sophistication
• conceptual clarity
• readability
• conceptual
• theoretical
• empirical
• innovative

Recommendations:
• unconditional acceptance: directly to language editor
• minor modifications and improvements
• major modifications and improvements
• rejection

Comments:
5. Assessment of IPRA’s Publication Record

- **Gray Area Literature**: Self publication: not listed/not cited
- **World Cat**: World catalogue: Most books from University presses in developing & threshold countries are not listed
- **Symposia volumes**: low recognition (not peer reviewed)
- **Suggestions**:
  - Publication in peer reviewed journals and books that are globally cited
  - Publications that are available in libraries/book stores
5.1 IPRA’s Publishing Profile (1964-2014)

IPRA Studies in Peace Research


• Low publishing profile (1966-1985)
  – First 10 conferences (20 years): proceedings with different publishers
  – Only first six on IPRA website
• 1985-2006: Occasional Proceedings
• Leuven: Building Sustainable Futures (Deusto University Press, 2009)
• Five Proposals for IPRA’s visibility:
  – Enhance scientific quality: peer review
  – Improve scientific visibility: major global publisher (higher price, better marketing)
    • Self-Publishing (low visibility)
    • Small National Publisher (marketing)
    • Global publisher (high visibility)
  – Improve scientific accessibility: also Ebook with global access for everybody
  – Aim at open access books: permanent free access: require a financial sponsor
5.2 Scientific Excellence & Scientific Publishing

- One of IPRA’s problems has been for a longer time: lack of high level scientific quality (lower scientific reputation):
- Many young people & established peace researchers with resources (e.g. from Scandinavia, Germany, UK) are not coming to IPRA but go annually to ISA & other professional disciplinary conferences
- Many peace scholars publish in peer reviewed journals/books
- Lack of funding & permanent secretariat

Three Proposals:
- IPRA must enhance scientific quality of its presentations
- IPRA must again become an attractive place for quality discussions & innovative often unconventional, multidisciplinary value-oriented thinking on what peace means today & what key challenges are
- IPRA presentations should result in high quality publications in peer reviewed journals & books
6. Publication in Peer Reviewed Journals & in Peer Reviewed Books

Publication in Peer Reviewed Journals

– Blind: reviewer knows the author but authors does not know the reviewers
– Double blind: reviewers do not know the names of the authors
– Overcome dominance of Northern reviewers:
  – Involvement of African scholars in the review process
– Publication in peer-reviewed journals. Overcoming hurdles
– Economic constraints: Access to peer reviewed scholarship: High prices of publication and of access fees
– Open access journals: high entry fees
– Free open access journals that are sponsored by countries and scientific societies
– Overcoming the hurdles for African scholars

Publication in Peer Reviewed Books

– Thomson & Reuters Book Citation Index
– Availability in World Cat
7. My Role, Function & My Vision: Give more Global Visibility to High Quality Scholars and Scholarship from the Global South

• My Role and Function
  – Editor of three English language book series published by Springer
  – Publication as four versions
    • As books (HESP: hardcover, ESDP, PSP: soft cover)
    • As electronic books (Springer Ebooks, Amazon kindle version)
    • As electronic chapters (SpringerLink)
    • As my copies to readers of libraries that subscribe

• My Vision: Give more Global Visibility to High Quality Scholars and Scholarship from the Global South
  – Springer: the largest of one of the three largest global scientific publishers
  – Conditions: No publication fee; global recognition; authors’ copies; low honorarium
  – Preferred Series: ESDP
    • Peer-review, Small books: 30,000-70,000 words
    • Fast publishing with coloured illustration at no additional cost
7.1 Scientific Publishing: 3 Springer Book Series

Publishing Experience with many national & international publishers:

- Ballinger books (1983), disappeared
- IPRA Series of SDC: published by AFES-PRESS (low/no demand)

Since 1996, 1997 with Springer-Verlag (Heidelberg):

1. Hexagon Series on Human, Environmental Security and Peace (HESP), since 2003 (peer reviewed)
2. SpringerBriefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace (ESDP) Series, since 2012 (peer reviewed)
3. SpringerBriefs on Pioneers in Science and Practice (PSP) Series, since 2012 (to honour the lifelong achievement of leading scholars of any discipline, Nobel laureates & policymakers of any country)
7.2 Commonalities of all 3 Book Series

- **Earth Sciences** at Heidelberg Publishing office

- **Versions of the publications:**
  - **Printed book** (hardcover: Hexagon; softcover: ESDP, PSP)
  - **Electronic book** (ESDP, PSP: with coloured illustrations)
  - All chapters are individually available at SpringerLink

- **4500 subscribers globally of Earth Sciences package**
  - Free download for all readers of subscribing institutions
  - MyCopy: one copy at 25$/€ for readers of subscribers up to 12,000 pages

- **Open Access books**: free global download (require a fee that depends on series and pages): HEX 9
7.3 Hexagon Series on Human, Environmental Security and Peace (HESP)

- All texts are **anonymously peer-reviewed**.
- So far **nine edited handbooks**: 450-1872 pages
- These volumes have high chapter download rates:
  - **Vol. 3, 4 & 5 of the Hexagon Book Series** had since their online publication until 31 December 2013 a total of **157132 chapter** download requests. During 2013 alone a total of **109324 chapter** downloads.
- **Translations**: Chinese (3 books), Greek (J), Spanish (bk) & Turkish (J, bk)
- **Themes**: environment & security (1,3-5), water (2,7), migration (6,9), climate change & security (8), sustainability transition & sustainable peace (10)
  - **Springer**: <http://www.springer.com/series/8090>
  - **Editor**: <http://afes-press-books.de/html/hexagon.htm>
7.4 Hexagon Series: Volumes I-X

- **Vol. 10**: Brauch, Oswald, Spring, Grin, Scheffran (Eds.): *Sustainability Transition & Sustainable Peace Handbook.*
- **Vol. 11**: G. Selim: Egypt (PhD) (2015)
7.5 Hexagon Series in Internet

Website of publisher:
- http://www.springer.com/series/8090

Springer Link:
- http://www.springerlink.com/content/978-3-642-28626-1

Website of the editor:
- Volume 3, 4 and 5 of the Hexagon Book Series represent the Global Environmental and Human Security Handbook for the Anthropocene (GEHSHA), 2008-2011. These three volumes had until 31 December 2012 a total of 47,612 chapter download requests.

Website of each book
7.6 **SpringerBriefs in Environment, Security, Development and Peace (ESDP) Series**

- All texts are **anonymously peer-reviewed**; word limit: 70,000 words
- Goal: **more voice & visibility** for quality research from **global South**.
- So far 20 volumes: June 2012- August 2014: 18 published.
- Authors from Singapore (vol. 1-2, 10), Germany (3, 12), Egypt (4), France (5), Mexico (6, 12, 13, 14), Turkey (7, 8), Malaysia (vol. 9), Switzerland (11), Thailand (15-18), UK (vol. 19) and USA (vol. 20, 12) [14 vol. from global South]
- Five Subseries:
  - **ASEAN Studies (ESDP-AS):** 4
  - **Mediterranean Studies (ESDP-MeS):** 3
  - **Migration Studies (ESDP-MiS):** 5
  - **Peace and Security Studies (ESDP-PSS):** 2
  - **Sustainable Development and Sustainability Transition Studies (ESDP-SDST):** 0
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• 4 Social and Environmental Vulnerability in a River Basin of Mexico

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• 6 Lum: Transforming Consciousness through Peace Environmental Education

• 7 Yamane: Building Peace by Rebuilding Community

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7.8 SpringerBriefs on Pioneers in Science and Practice (PSP) Series

- **Goal:** Honour life-long achievement of scholars and practitioners (policymakers).
- Sept. 2012-August 2014: so far **28 vol.** & **24 vol.** are published.
- Pioneers so far: Arthur H. Westing (1,14), Johan Galtung/Dietrich Fischer (5), Dieter Senghaas (6), Chad Alger (7, 8,9), Carl Friedrich von Weizsäcker (21-25), Betty A. Reardon (26-27), NP Gleditsch (29) Morton Deutsch (30,31), Kelman (32), Elise Boulding (46-49). Peace research: 22 of 49 volumes
- **Authors are from:** USA: 1,14, 7-9, 19, 26-27, 30-34, 37-40, 49-49, Mexico (2-4, 10-12), Norway/Switzerland (5), Germany (6,14-15, 18-25, 28), Egypt (16-17), India (35), Brazil (43-45), Netherlands (50-52)
- Springer: <http://www.springer.com/series/10970>
- Three Subseries:
  - **Nobel Laureates (PSP-NL):** Paul J. Crutzen
  - **Texts and Protocols (PSP-TP)**
  - **Policymakers (PSP-PM):** Helmut Schmidt
8. My Suggestion Given Existing Constraints and Hurdles

– Overcoming financial hurdles:
  • Lack of resources of most African universities to get access to major peer reviewed books and journals
  • Low income of scholars at these universities: Northern book prices and access to electronic sources are unaffordable to most scholars

– Publish in peer-reviewed, globally recognized journals and books at no cost:
  • Open access journals and books without fees (pressure of UK, EU) [to reach an audiences of other African scholars and without costs to the author]
  • Journals or book without a publishing subside [to publish globally without costs for the author]

– Aim at co-publishing
  • To support African publishers and university presses and low book prices for African universities and scholars (national, west or all African market only)
  • To publish globally (use global distribution network)
8.1 Difficulties

- Regional & language concentration: USA, UK, Canada, Australia (English language countries, many indexed journals are there, dominate the boards of journals, and probably also the reviewers.

- Regional dominance: in journals, citations & reviewers (high university ranking)

- Deliberate Chinese strategy: to move towards open access English language journals (see rapid increase of open access journals from P.R. of China (Springer)

- But be careful there are many faked journal offers by criminals on the internet, check SSCI first

- Access is more difficult, especially for young scholars!
8.2 Recommendations

• Many submissions may not be submitted to peer review due to language problems (poor English)
• There is a rejection rate by most journals that differs due to the focus and attractiveness
• Reviewers may not have time to fully understand the argument of an article or book.

Before you submit your text I suggest:
• Ask a native speaker to improve your language
• Make sure that all formal requirements are met
• Rejections are normal: You do not lose your face!
• If you receive many suggestions, resubmit it taking recommendations into account (sometimes same reviewer has sec. look)
• Reviewers have often different opinions and assessments.
8.3 Conclusions & Suggestions

Short-term
- **Select relevant indexed journals**, study submission requirements, past articles, authors etc. (if the publish only articles by scholars from NA/W. Europe you may not choose this journal (regional bias).
- **Follow closely their formal requirements** (English, citation style, Chicago [US] vs. Oxford Style [British English] manual)
- **Have your submission language edited by a native speaker** at Chula

Medium Term:
Prepare a peer-reviewed, indexed English language hosted open access journal of ASEAN or Thai Political Science Administration
- **Global recognition**: English & peer-reviewed
- **SSCI** (3 years, 25 English articles per year)
- **Open access journal**: electronic & free access (higher potential citation): expensive for authors (1000$/€, article) / institution
- **Hosted scientific journals**: (about 1/10 of cost): My proposal
8.4 Starting a Strategic Process

• Goal: enhance global recognition of Chula’s social science research (Political Science Faculty)
• Thus: upgrade research component of university rankings: English publications/citations
• Encourage publications in indexed (SSCI) journals:
  – Assist in language editing
  – Assist in fees for open access journals
  – Financial stimulus & recognition within faculty
• Develop ASEAN/Thai hosted Open Access journal
  – Chulalongkorn University as the producer
  – Springer publishers: hosted science journals
Part II: Training & Discussion

A. Basic Questions
– What is your goal?
– What do you want to achieve?
– Whom do you want to reach?
– What is your audience, nationally or internationally?
– Will peer-review help you to achieve your goal?

B. Where and with Whom to Publish?
– Locally, nationally, regionally in Africa or globally
– Online (blogs, national, regional websites) or in print?
– In scientific journals?
– In scientific books?
C. How to Write a Good Scientific Paper?

– Abstract
  • Analytical and concise
  • What is the scientific approach, thesis and result

– Text
  • Introduction
    – What is your research question?
    – What is your theoretical approach?
    – Which methods are you using?
    – What is the structure of your chapter?
  • Main Text
    – Must be clearly structured
    – Research question as guideline for argumentation
    – Theoretical approach, hypothesis
  • Conclusion
    – Summary of the argumentation
    – Contribution to the research questions

– Review
  • Acceptance without changes: very rare
  • Major modifications (no rejection)
  • Minor modifications (no rejection)
  • Rejection

– Revision of the text
  • Analyse and systematize the reviewer’s comments
  • Draft a reply letter (if requested)
  • Try to reflect the comments in the text
D. How to Write and Sell a Good Scientific Book?

– How to Find a Major Global Scientific Publisher?
• Make your own research of the most cited publishers in your area
• Select the three to five major publishers
• Send them a well-formulated letter with convincing attachments
  – Your CV or brief biography
  – Your major English international publications
  – A concise outline of your project with a list of contents
  – References who are internationally known

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• Be patient as reviewers are not paid for their work
• Read carefully the reviewers’ comments and try to implement them
• Many publishers will request a careful language editing by a native speaker and an implementation of their respective book style in your final revised manuscript prior to submission.
E. How to Get Published?

– What do you want to achieve and what is your goal?
  • Global and/or local audience

– Lack of African publishers with distribution network

– Free online open access publishing (Google?)

– With small international niche publishers
  – Of PhD thesis (against a fee), little marketing, recognition

– With major international publishers
  – Of articles or book chapters
  – Of books?

– How to get my paper accepted
  • Pass a peer review process (quality control)
  • Different rejection rates (journals, books, invited books)
E.1. Publishers in the Social Sciences

• US Libraries often list only US publishers:
  – An Assessment of Publisher Quality by Political Science Librarians
  – crl.acrl.org/content/61/4/313.full.pdf

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  - Books: between 30.000 and up to 70.000 words
  - No publication fee by publisher for copyediting, layout and printing
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  - Soft cover
  - Electronic book
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- Dr. Schwarz and Dr. Brauch make decision whether offer is relevant & promising of ESDP or subseries

- **Preconditions:**
  - Original and previously unpublished in English
  - Must be in good English to allow a peer review process

- **Peer review process (double blind): authored/ed. books**
  - Authors may suggest up to 10 reviewers (other univ.)
  - Round 1: potential reviewers: abstract & list of contents
  - Round 2: 3-5 reviewers are given the text: 2-3 usually review after 1-3 months (unpaid work)
  - 4 alternative recommendations
  - Send all reviews anonymously to authors with recommendations (including language editing that must be arranged and paid by the authors, institute)
E.7 Decision making process (2)

- Minor or major revisions are proposed by reviewers.
- Authors respond/implement revisions in 1-2 months.
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- Proofreading and approval by the author is needed!
E.8 Proposal: Who is the Audience: Copublication in English (local & global)

– In African students, policy makers, societal groups
  • By a local publisher

– In English for global recognition & citation
  • By any global Scientific Publisher

– Locally and globally: Affordability and global recognition
  • Publication & distribution at local prices (in local languages)
  • Publication as peer-reviewed book by Springer (in English):
    • Benefits:
      – Wide global recognition, free download for subscribers of Springer packages
      – Few subscribers in Africa for economic reasons

– Cooperation between Local Press (low price) & Major International Publishers (high visibility)

– Create international, peer-reviewed journals that have a global distribution and recognition
  • Open access (high costs): Local production
  • Hosted Journal by Major Global Publishers
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  – Printed books (hardcover, softcover, publishing on demand
  – Electronic books (with major lists, e.g. SpringerLink)
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• Marketing
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  – Networks

• Distribution
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