

Which journal should I publish in?

5 COMMON QUESTIONS TO THE PUBLISHING ADVICE SERVICE
...AND HOW TO ANSWER THEM

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- Look at the journals you have cited
- Does your department have a journal list?
- Keyword searching in Scopus, Web of Science
- Don't forget DOAJ
- Check for signs of quality – editorial board, peer review
- What are your priorities? High IF / quick turnaround / open access



What do I need to know about my book contract?



- Does it match what you discussed and agreed with your editor?
- Up front payments vs royalties
- Responsibilities: index, 3rd party copyright, managing authors if an edited book
- Other permissions and restrictions
- Marketing plans
- You can negotiate! Payments, deadlines, paperback vs hardback



Can I keep the copyright in my work?



- Sometimes
- Usually the details of the licence are more important
- What do you want to do with the work, and could it be covered by a copyright exception?



Can I publish my student work?



- Yes
- Generally students own the copyright in their essays and dissertations
- Be aware of 3rd party copyright, ethics



How do I respond to reviewers' comments?



- Read comments carefully
- Don't respond immediately
- Group similar comments together and respond to each group
- Thank reviewers
- Write your cover letter to the editor

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