

## **Avoiding Predatory Publishers and Conferences**

### Content

This one-hour workshop investigates the widespread issue of predatory publishing and its cousin, the predatory conference, and informs researchers about the tactics of the perpetrators and the reach of the problem. We will also discuss what really qualifies as “predatory” and what tools are most suited to avoid the pitfalls. This will involve taking a closer look at the way academic publishers do business and the reliability of so-called blacklists. Lastly, we will weigh the consequences of working with predatory publishers and event-organizers and what recourse – if any – there is if we fall prey to them.

During the workshop, participants will look at various sites and mails to assess their intention and worth. They will also check some lesser-known journals with the help of assessment tools. The goal of the workshop is to furnish participants with enough practice and references so they can make quick, informed decisions about inquiries from unknown sources.

### Learning Objectives

After the workshop, participants will know how to judge unsolicited inquiries for a publication or participation in a conference.

### Individual Feedback

During and after the workshop, the instructor will be happy to provide further information on any issues raised.

Instructors            [Dr. Andrea Hacker](#), University Library Bern

Language              The presentation will be in English, during discussions English and German are welcome.

Date                     12.05.2020, 14.00–15.00

Location                University Main Building, Hochschulstr 4, room 331

### Target Audience

PhD candidates and Post-docs of all subjects

### Requirements

Participants should bring their own laptop; they will be working online.