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**ACADEMIC LEGAL WRITING**  
**DATE: 7-8 June 2022**  
**Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen**

**Course description**

The course is designed for PhD students who have recently embarked upon their doctoral studies. It aims to assist PhD students in developing their academic writing skills. The course will address general issues on how to write a PhD thesis. It will also provide guidance on successfully preparing an article for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

The course will offer presentations by distinguished academics specialized in the field of law, who will address various aspects of academic legal writing.

**Course objective**

The main objective of this course is to equip PhD students with the necessary academic writing skills required for producing research pieces that meet highest scholarly standards. Participants will be advised on writing skills that are of vital importance when undertaking academic research in the field of law.

**Course format**

The two-day course is divided into two tracks: an **international track** and a **Nordic/Danish track**. It addresses the topic of preparing an academic piece for publication and includes group work exercises (abstract preparation). Within the international track all sessions will be in English, and in the Nordic/Danish track all sessions will be in Danish. The sessions in the international track (DAY 1), will address the issues of successfully handling the preparation of PhD dissertation and establishing an academic publishing portfolio, as well as building a publishing strategy for international peer-reviewed journals. The sessions in the Nordic/Danish track (DAY 2), will address publishing in Danish/Nordic peer-reviewed journals and how to develop a comprehensive (Danish/international) publication profile.

### **Intended learning outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- effectively apply academic writing techniques addressed during the course,
- recognize what is expected of them when preparing their final dissertations,
- recognize what the editorial panels of peer-reviewed journals are generally looking for in an academic article submitted for publication,
- critically analyse their own writing with particular attention paid to editing and proofreading,
- utilize recognised legal referencing systems.

### **Preparation:**

A compilation of reading material will be distributed to participants 3 weeks before the starting date for the course. Students should ensure that they have read and are familiar with the reading material by the start of the course.

Additionally, course participants are expected to submit a 250 words long article abstract to be presented and discussed during the group work session. The abstracts should be prepared in the language of instruction of the day(s) attended by the participant and sent to [phd@hrsc.ku.dk](mailto:phd@hrsc.ku.dk) by **25 May 2022** at the latest. The students should be prepared to give feedback on each other's abstracts (and not the underlying project).

Participants attending both days of the course, and seeking to obtain 2 ECTS points per day, shall submit two different abstracts, one in English and one in Danish, i.e. one for each of the days of the course, shall submit two different abstracts, one in English and one in Danish, for each of the days of the course. Please note that the two abstracts must be substantially different from each other. Translations of the same text will not be accepted.

Participants seeking to obtain an additional 1 ECTS point for a reflection paper – please, see information below.

### **Course information:**

**Venue:** University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Law, Njalsgade 76, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Room: 4A.1.68 (Building 4A, First floor, Room 68). A guide on how to find Campus is available [at our website via this link](#) and a map of [campus is available here](#).

**ECTS:** 2 ECTS points for full participation in each day of the course programme (Nordic/Danish track or international track), submitting the required written assignment(s) prior to the start of the course (see due date above) and reading the required material in advance. PhD students who take part in both tracks and submit two different written assignments will be granted 4 ECTS.

All participants can receive an additional 1 ECTS point for submitting a 450-550 words reflection paper by **29 June 2022** to [phd@hrsc.ku.dk](mailto:phd@hrsc.ku.dk). The paper should comment on implementation of writing guidance obtained at the course in the participant's PhD project.

**Registration:** No later than **15 May 2022**. [Please register via this link](#). *Please specify which track you wish to register for, or if you wish to register for both tracks.*

## COURSE PROGRAMME (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### DAY 1: International Track **(IN ENGLISH)**

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Arrival and registration</b> <i>Coffee, tea and croissants</i>
9:00 - 11:00	<b>Writing a Successful PhD Thesis and Publishing Academic Articles</b> Postdoctoral researcher Katharina Eva Ó Cathaoir Associate Professor Beatriz Martinez Romera
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Break</b> <i>Coffee and tea</i>
11:15 – 12:45	<b>Publishing Academic Articles in Renowned International Journals: Strategy Building</b> Professor WSR Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen
12:45 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>
13:45 – 15:15	<b>Group work (article abstract writing)</b> Professor WSR Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen Professor WSR Joanna Lam
15.15 – 15.30	<i>Te, kaffe og kage</i>
15.30 – 17.00	<b>Communicating (international) legal research to practitioners and the general public in the turmoil of the Ukraine war</b> Professor MSO Astrid Kjeldgaard-Pedersen

### DAG 2: Nordisk/Dansk spor **(PÅ DANSK)**

TIME	PROGRAM
8:30– 9:00	<b>Ankomst og registrering</b> <i>Kaffe, te, croissanter</i>
9:00 – 10:30	<b>Publicering i nordiske/danske tidsskrifter og udvikling af en bred publiceringsprofil (forskere perspektiv)</b> Professor Ole Hansen Professor Jens Elo Rytter
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Pause</b> <i>Te og kaffe</i>
10.45 – 12.45	<b>Publicering i nordiske/danske tidsskrifter (Redaktørers perspektiv)</b> Professor Jens Kristiansen
12:45 - 13:30	<b>Frokost</b>
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Gruppearbejde</b> Professor MSO Mikkel Jarle Christensen (tbc)
	<i>Te, kaffe og kage</i>