

Write.

Review.

Publish.

for ICEGOV
community

Concept Note

INTRODUCTION

Academic publishing, also referred to as scholarly communication, is the foundation of academia and research. It encompasses a wide range of activities, including reading, writing, reviewing, and editing. While this process is demanding, a set of auxiliary mechanisms can play a crucial role in supporting researchers at different career stages, particularly junior colleagues.

In this context, the United Nations University – Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV) has decided to organize ***Write. Review. Publish. — Webinar Series on Academic Publishing*** aimed at sharing experiences and insights from esteemed colleagues and editors working in the fields of information and communication technologies (ICTs), information science (IS), public administration (PA) and other related and complementary fields.

OBJECTIVES

General Objective

The main objective is to support researchers, particularly junior colleagues, in navigating the academic publishing and peer-review processes by providing practical insights, editorial perspectives, and experiential knowledge from experienced scholars and editors.

Specific Objectives

- Share editorial experiences and insights into how academic submissions are evaluated.

- Provide guidance on how to develop academic articles, including the narratives and processes behind successful publications.
- Improve participants' understanding of how to conduct constructive and effective peer reviews.
- Enhance writing competencies through practical advice and real-world examples.
- Foster interaction and dialogue between participants and experienced academics through dedicated Q&A sessions.

ACTIVITIES

The initiative consists of a structured series of **eight webinars** planned throughout 2026 and organized around three main thematic sub-domains:

- Editorial experiences and insights
- Developing academic articles and the stories behind publications
- Conducting peer reviews

Each session will feature an experienced academic or editor, combining presentations with interactive discussion and dedicated time for questions and answers.

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE

Webinar #1 – 20 January 2026

Webinar #2 – 3 February 2026

Webinar #3 – 3 March 2026

Webinar #4 – 7 April 2026

Webinar #5 – 5 May 2026

Webinar #6 – 2 June 2026

Webinar #7 – 7 July 2026

Webinar #8 – 8 September 2026

FORMAT

Online seminars (webinars) combining expert presentations with interactive Q&A sessions (participants and featured speakers).

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Members of the ICEGOV community
- Early-career and junior researchers
- Academics and peers interested in academic publishing, peer review, and scholarly communication.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZER

The United Nations University Operating Unit on Policy-Driven Electronic Governance (UNU-EGOV), is a policy-oriented think tank dedicated to Electronic Governance; a core centre of research, advisory services and training; a bridge between research and public policies; an innovation enhancer; a solid partner within the UN system and its Member States with a particular focus on sustainable development, social inclusion, and active citizenship.

The Operating Unit strives to cement its role as an international reference of excellence in this area, bringing together multidisciplinary and multicultural teams around complex problems and emerging challenges. It is a multidisciplinary organization of scholars interested in, and dedicated to, the study and examination of the development and impact of digital governance and government, in order to propose sound and impactful policy-driven research. EGOV fosters the use of digital technologies to enhance and support public operations and policies, citizen involvement and participation, develop sustainable cities, and provide inclusive public service.

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