

Program

Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Journals*University of Banja Luka, 19-20 March 2026*Thursday, 19 March 2026

9.00 – 9.30

Introduction

Getting to know each other, esp. the research focus of the participants

09.30 – 10.30

Presentation of the Peer-Reviewed IOS Journals (incl. Q&A)

What they are; how they function: editorial policies and practices, peer-review process, book reviews, metrics, access etc.

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10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.00

Publication Strategies

Insights from the journal editors and exchange on experiences of the participants with publishing in peer-reviewed journals.

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

Hands-On Session: Research Questions

13.00 – 14.30

How to Formulate a Research Question

Conversation about disciplinary conventions; empirical basis; argument; etc.

The participants work then individually on refining their research questions in their abstracts.

14.30 – 15.00 Coffee Break

15.00 – 16.30

Presentation and Discussion of Research Questions

Discussing the research questions

Reading and commenting each other's abstracts as preparation for day 2.

16.30 – 17.00

Wrap up: Remaining Q&As from the first day

19.00 Dinner with the editors (facultative)



Friday, 20 March 2026

Hands-On Session: Abstracts

9.00 – 11.00

Rewriting + Polishing of the Abstracts

The editors work with the participants on their submitted abstracts.

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00

Presentation + Discussing of the Abstracts

The participants present their abstracts and discuss challenges and solutions together.

Ideally, the conversation will go towards actually submitting a research article to one of the two journals: What is needed? How to prepare a manuscript that will pass peer-review?

13.00 – 14.00

Concluding Discussion

Addressing remaining questions, Wrap-Up



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