

#### **Writing and Publishing Your Thesis**

### PhD Symposium Series 2013

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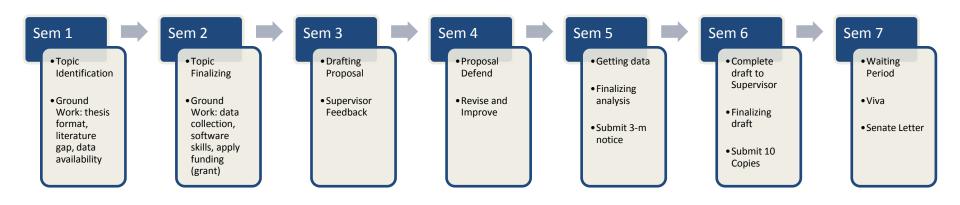
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# **Completing your PhD on time**



# **Understanding Refereed Journals**

- There are various ranking and reference list to differentiate which are the good ones and which are the average ones.
- Main player have their own ranking system:
  - US: JCI (ISI): tier 1, 2, 3
  - UK: ABS-2010
  - France: ESSEC-2013, FNEG-2013, AERES-2012
  - Germany: VHB-2011
  - Australia : ABDC-2013
  - SCImago Journal & Country Rank; http://www.scimagojr.com
  - Anne-Wil Harzing; http://www.harzing.com
  - Scopus
  - many more...

#### • Do your university or country has their own prefer list?



# What is ISI and Scopus?

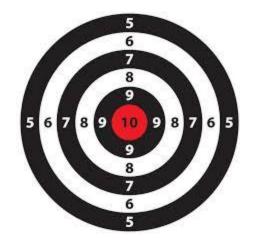


The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) was founded by Eugene Garfield in 1960. It was acquired by <u>Thomson Scientific & Healthcare</u> in 1992, became known as **Thomson ISI** and now is part of the Healthcare & Science business of <u>Thomson Reuters</u>. ISI offered <u>bibliographic</u> <u>database</u> services, including <u>Science Citation Index</u> (SCI), the <u>Social Sciences Citation Index</u> (SSCI), and the <u>Arts and Humanities Citation Index</u> (AHCI). All of these are available via ISI's <u>Web of</u> <u>Knowledge</u> database service. The ISI also publishes the annual <u>Journal Citation Reports</u> which list an <u>impact factor</u> for each of the journals that it tracks.

**Scopus**, officially named **SciVerse Scopus**, is a <u>bibliographic database</u> containing <u>abstracts</u> and <u>citations</u> for <u>academic journal articles</u>. It covers nearly 20,500 titles from over 5,000 international publishers in the scientific, technical, medical, and social sciences (including arts and humanities). It is owned by <u>Elsevier</u>.

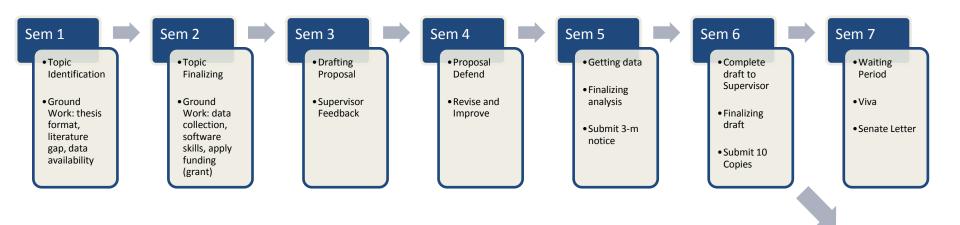
A study from 2008 compares <u>PubMed</u>, Scopus, <u>Web of Science</u>, and Google Scholar and concludes "PubMed and Google Scholar are accessed for free [...] Scopus offers about 20% more coverage than Web of Science, whereas Google Scholar offers results of inconsistent accuracy. PubMed remains an optimal tool in biomedical electronic research. Scopus covers a wider journal range [...] but it is currently limited to recent articles (published after 1995)

# So, WHAT IS YOUR TARGET?



# ISI, Scopus, A\*, A, B, C, cited, indexed, or ...?

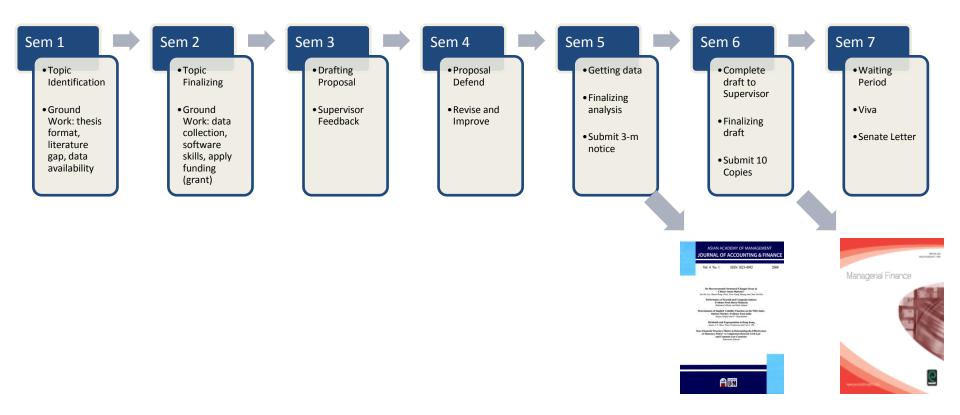
# Publishing from Thesis Type 1: Acceptable Quality: Scopus



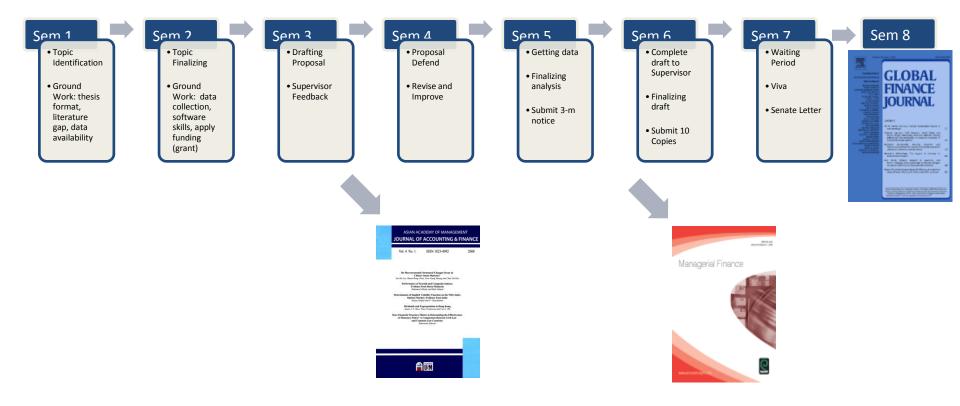
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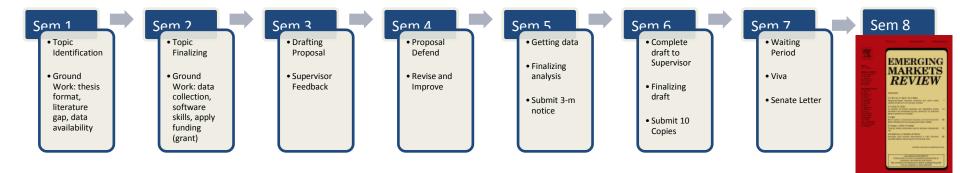
# Publishing from Thesis Type 2: Average Quality: A Few Scopus



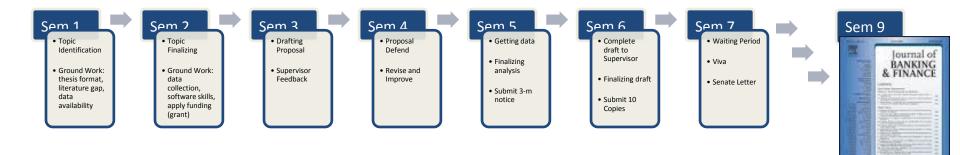
# Publishing from Thesis Type 3: Distinctive Quality: ISI and Scopus



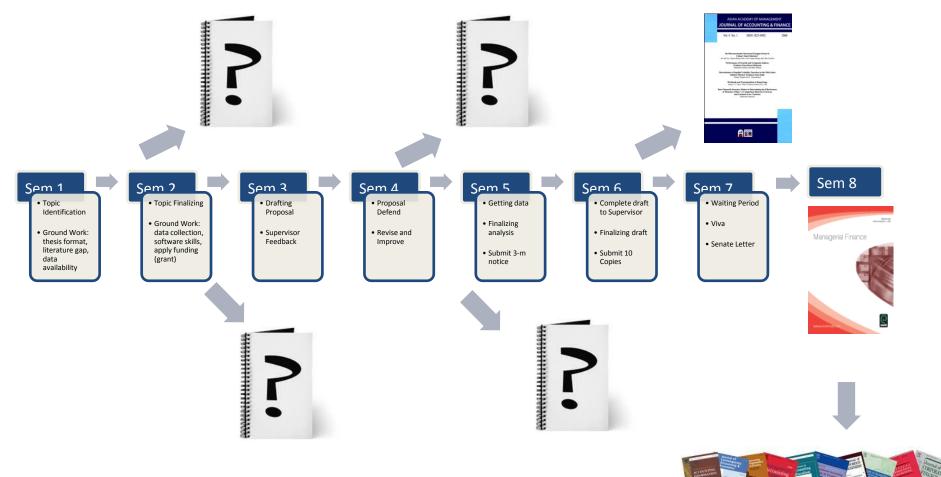
## Publishing from Thesis Type 4: Impressive Quality: High Impact Factor ISI



# Publishing from Thesis Type 5: High Quality : A\*/Tier1 ISI



# Publishing from Thesis Type X: Abnormal in Quantity





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### Publishing from Thesis My experience



### What if you have a new or unknown Journal?

#### **Rule of Thumb - Select Top Publishers**

<u>Elsevier</u>	MIT Press
Wiley Blackwell	Oxford University Press
<u>Springer</u>	Cambridge University Press
Taylor & Francis Journals	University of Chicago Press
Palgrave Macmillan	M.E. Sharpe Publishers
World Scientific	Berkeley Electronic Press journals
SAGE	American Economic Association
Emerald Group Publishing	American Finance Association









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**SAGE** journals

### **Outline of a PhD Dissertation**

1. Motivation	<ul> <li>Why the topic is worth investigate?</li> </ul>
2. Problem statement	<ul> <li>What problem is the paper trying to solve and what is the scope of the work?</li> </ul>
3. Literature Review	<ul> <li>What have others done and what did they miss?</li> </ul>
4. Methodology	<ul> <li>How you investigate the problem?</li> </ul>
5. Results	<ul> <li>What is your findings?</li> </ul>
6. Conclusions	<ul> <li>What implications does your findings imply?</li> </ul>

### **Outline of a Journal Manuscript**

- 1. Title
- 2. Author(s)
- 3. Abstract
- 4. Keywords

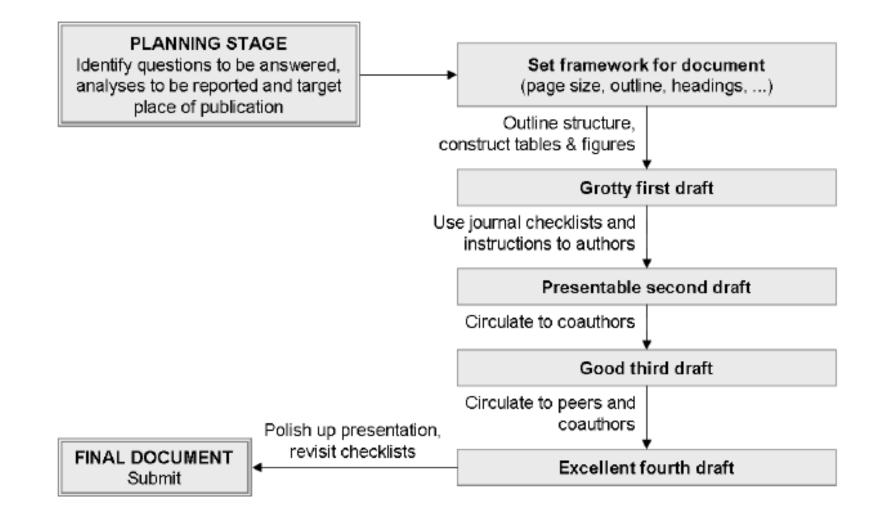
Make them easy for indexing and searching! (informative, attractive, effective)

- 5. Main Text
  - Introduction & Literature Review (optional)
  - Methodology
  - Results & discussion
  - Conclusion & Policy Implications
- 6. Acknowledgement
- 7. References
- 8. Supplementary materials

# Manuscript Checklist

Manuscript checklist	
	Spell check has been performed.
	Text is left justified.
	The numbers in the Abstract are consistent with the numbers in the Results.
	The Results section report of the measurements described in the Materials and
	Methods section
	Read the manuscript aloud to yourself. Does everything read smoothly? Is it
	easy to understand? Does something sound odd in terms of language,
	presentation, facts, or context?
	The manuscript addresses the "So what?" question? (Why should anyone care
	about this paper?)
	Limitations are discussed at the end of the discussion.
	The study answers the question posed in the introduction.
	The manuscript is consistent (e.g., the abstract, introduction, results,
	discussion, tables, and figures are internally consistent).
	The conclusions are supported by the data?
	The conclusion in the abstract is the same as the conclusion in the discussion.

# Preparing a good manuscript



# **Before Submission**

Read as many times as possible

Understand the style and quality of the papers (of your specific area) that published in that journal

Remember to follows the *Instructions for Authors* 

If affordable, seek a professional editing service to edit your final draft

Get ready for Journal Submission Fees, ranging from \$50-\$500

Take care of the ethical issues if relevant

# Authors instruction

#### • Elsevier

http://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-financial-economics/0304-405X/guide-for-authors

- Taylor & Francis <u>http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=hbhf20&page=instructions</u>
- Wiley-Blackwell

Internal: <u>http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1475-6803/homepage/ForAuthors.html</u> External: <u>http://www.afajof.org/details/page/2870711/Submissions.html</u>

#### • Springer

Specific: <u>http://www.springer.com/business+%26+management/finance/journal/11156</u> General: <u>http://www.springer.com/authors/journal+authors?SGWID=0-154202-12-417499-0</u>

#### • Emerald

http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/journals/author\_guidelines.htm?id=jaar

# **Tips for Authors**

• Elsevier

http://www.elsevier.com/journal-authors/home

- Taylor & Francis <u>http://journalauthors.tandf.co.uk/</u>
- Wiley-Blackwell

http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/how\_to\_get\_published\_e nglish.pdf

- Springer
   <u>http://www.springer.com/authors/journal+authors/helpdesk?SGWI</u>
   D=0-1723213-12-817305-0
- Emerald

<u>http://www.emeraldinsight.com/authors/guides/promote/what\_ed</u> <u>itors\_want.htm?part=1</u>

# Sample Articles

- <u>http://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-financial-economics/0304-405X/guide-for-authors</u>
- Taylor-Francis R
- Willy-Balckwell
- Springer
- <u>http://www.emeraldinsight.com/products/jou</u> <u>rnals/author\_guidelines.htm?id=jaar</u>

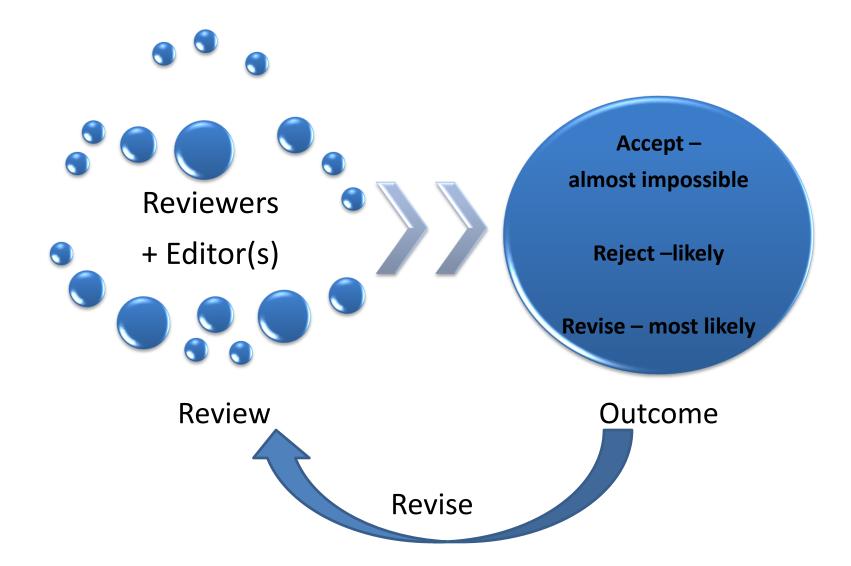
# What Else After Submitting?

# Believe me, this is just a start!

 Most likely, you will not get accepted from the first submission, you can expect 2-3 submission if got luck Remember to keep a good record of your research process

 You will need to work again on this paper only after 6 month, or after 2 year.

### **Peer Review Process**



# **Final Tip**

Before submitting and article make sure it is a clean paper, because:

You do not want the Editors and Reviewers to get frustrated

It might also makes YOUR life easier – you might not want to revisit the research again

# **Publication Tips for PhD candiate**

Be Truth: you have to do your homework solidly – understand your literature, compare your paper with the literature

Be Focus: commit your thesis into a well-crafted manuscripts. This is worth than submitting a few half-boiled papers.

Be Patient - Even very valuable manuscripts may be rejected, rejection rate for Tier 1 journal is > 90%. So if get rejected, don't despair, try another avenue or revise your manuscript.

### **Final Attention**

International ethics standards prohibit multiple / simultaneous submissions. Editors can detect - DO NOT gamble !

No one gets it right at the first time! Three Golden rules: Write, write, and re-write...

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