Handout: Choosing the right journal for publishing your research article
(Tuesday 13th December 2022, 2-4pm)

In this workshop, we discussed the factors you should consider and the factors you may want to consider when choosing the right journal for publishing your research article.

**Factors you should consider:**

- AIMS AND SCOPE OF THE JOURNAL
- FOCUS OF THE JOURNAL AND YOUR ARTICLE
- EDITOR/S AND EDITORIAL BOARD

**Factors you may want to consider:**

- Journal’s performance
  - Ranking of the journal
  - Impact factor – citation metrics
  - Timeline of the reviewing process
  - Acceptance rate

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Please see below some potentially helpful links regarding the topic of this workshop:

1. Advice from publishing agencies
   
   ‘What's the best journal for my paper?’ New tool can help (elsevier.com)
   
   Find the right journal (springeropen.com)
   
   Find Journal | Wiley
   
   Choosing a journal - Author Services (taylorandfrancis.com)
   
   Journal Author Gateway | SAGE Publications Inc

2. Careful consideration of the match between the focus of your article and the aim and purposes of the journal

   - Some journals are discipline-focused – for example, Sociology: SAGE Journals (sagepub.com)
   
   - Others are topic-oriented and interdisciplinary – for example, Global Networks - Wiley Online Library
   
   - Some journals are country/region focused – for example, Chinese Journal of Sociology: SAGE Journals (sagepub.com);
     Asian Journal of Social Science - Journal - Elsevier

It would be great if you could identify at least one journal in each of these categories for your work.

3. University of Southampton’s open-access journal finder tool:
   
   PublicJournalSeeker : University of Southampton (scifree.se)