

## Handout: Choosing the right journal for publishing your research article

(Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Open access agreement with the university

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 \(scifree.se\)](#)