

Diversifying your Research Agenda with Short Form Academic Publishing

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Overview

- Explain general features and goals of short-form academic publications
- Review emerging genres
- Discuss advantages and potential criticisms

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- More importantly, characterized by different focus and goals compared to long-form articles

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- Also consider how current circumstances force us to revise previous frameworks

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- Goal is to hypothesize the potential of new ideas in hopes of testing out these ideas further on

Emerging Short-Form Genres

- Several emerging genres in short-form publication
- Discuss a few genres, then explain structure and goals

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- Sets the foundation for full-length case studies

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- Review some advantages of short-form publishing while also discussing common criticisms

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- This can help you set the stage for full-length research in the future

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- Shorter pieces can quickly respond to real-world events (i.e., impact of COVID-19 on teaching)
- Require less time investment from reviewers

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- Teaching and other obligations may increase over a semester
- Might be able to establish writing time within smaller windows (i.e., winter break or spring break)

Criticisms of Short-Form Publishing

- Review potential criticisms
- Use criticisms to highlight flexibility of short-form publication (not chastise those who might be skeptical)

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- Short- and long-form pubs can be complimentary

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- Short-form pubs can undergo the same blind peer review process as traditional articles
- Peer responses can be more consistent in short-form pubs due to time commitments

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- Please consult the ORS Lab website for webinars and worksheets that discuss different writing strategies
- Resources dedicated to different research methods (qualitative, quantitative, and AI-assisted)
- Consultants available to discuss best practices for different research methodologies