

Refereeing Articles and Manuscripts for Academic Journals and Book-Presses

Let's face it: the daunting task of publishing, one that each and every one of us in this room not only will, but must face, is the experience of submitting our work to be "refereed" before it can be accepted for publication. Refereeing academic journal articles and book manuscripts is one of "the mechanisms by which knowledge communities vet and self-regulate their work," (Lee et al., 2013:2) and as such, it is meant to help ensure a high quality of the work that researchers in our discipline publish. The process, however, may not always seem to work this way, especially when we're trying to get our own work published—then it can seem as if we're being held back by arbitrary, or indeed, contrary forces. In my presentation today I wish to talk a bit about the process of academic refereeing and its value to our—or any—academic community; the tasks and responsibilities of a referee, for everyone who will one day be asked to serve in that capacity; and finally, some advice for future authors who will receive a referee's report and how one should deal with it.

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