

## RESEARCH SEMINAR

# Writing and publishing a 4\* paper: Possibilities, opportunities, and challenges

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### Abstract

The process of writing—of finding the time, of knowing how to pitch the paper, of developing a strong argument, and of supporting the argument with appropriate sources and data (if empirical)—in order to produce a paper of 4\* quality seems like an impossible task for many. Furthermore, the pressure to produce quality publications is an institutional requirement, often linked to probation, promotion, and “REF readiness”. Yet, most importantly, publication offers the opportunity to share researcher thinking and development with others, and contribute to a growing body of knowledge—an aim in itself that is both fulfilling and rewarding. In this presentation I will address the concerns and quandaries that writers face in developing the paper, and then in responding to reviewers, and then, what to do in the face of rejection. The presentation will also provide an opportunity for attendees to share their own experiences and strategies with the aim of establishing a writing support network.

### About the Speaker

Prue Holmes is Professor, and Director of Postgraduate Research in the School of Education, Durham University, United Kingdom. She researches and supervises postgraduate students in the areas of intercultural and international education, languages and intercultural communication, and intercultural dialogue. Prue has also taught English language and intercultural education in higher education in China, Hong Kong, Italy, and New Zealand. She is co-investigator on the Erasmus+ project “Resources for Interculturality in Chinese Higher Education” (RICH-Ed). She chairs the *International Association of Languages and Intercultural Communication* (IALIC) and co-edits the Multilingual Matters book series *Researching Multilingually*.

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