# White Rose University Consortium: College of Arts and Humanities

# Arts and Humanities Research Culture in Italy

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#### Conferences

In order to find calls of papers and conferences I recommend using the <u>Wikicpf</u> website which gives details about many events taking place at Italian institutions.

Like in UK institutions, students are expected to periodically attend conferences and present papers on their research. In addition, students can organise conferences within their department, usually with the help of their supervisors or the department (which often funds such events).

There does not seem to be a fixed allowance dedicated to conferences. PhD students can discuss with their supervisors which conferences they could attend as well as details regarding possible funding for travel and attendance expenses.

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# **Presenting and Publishing Research**

#### Presenting research

Departments try to periodically organise seminars, workshops and conferences and invite PhD students to organise and present papers during these events.

Procedures for giving presentations are the same as in the UK. PowerPoint slides are often used to accompany the presentation, but a simple talk without any other visual input is also accepted. Students are advised not to read directly their notes.

Sometimes departments offer courses that help students acquire presentation skills.

#### Publication of research

PhD students are invited to start thinking about publishing articles once they have had some research results. Note that having written publications is not required in order to pass the final viva.

Students are usually advised to publish in English-language journals in order to reach a wider audience.

Few Italian universities have their own publishing house. Here is a list of some that do:

- University of Florence
- <u>Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore</u> (Milan)
- <u>Università La Sapienza</u> (Rome)
- <u>Università Bocconi</u> (Milan)
- <u>University of Turin</u>
- University of Perugia

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### **Publication of PhDs**

Some universities/departments have their own publishing house and students are invited to submit papers to be considered for publication.

There are a few publishing houses that offer students the option to publish their PhD thesis:

- Gruppo Edicom
- <u>ilmiolibro.it</u>
- libreriauniversitaria.it
- Deinotera Editrice
- Edizioni Galassia Arte
- Casa Editrice Kimerik
- <u>Primio Internazionale Mario Luzi</u>
- greenbookseditore.it
- Editpress
- Edizioni dell'Orso
- <u>Cacucci Editore</u>
- Edizioni Scientifiche e Universitarie

#### Open access

Some universities offer the option to publish the final dissertation in the institution's online thesis database.

Furthermore, the <u>Tesionline</u> website claims to be the biggest database of Italian theses where theses can be published electronically for free.

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#### **Knowledge Transfer Activities**

If the topic of a PG student's research is likely to be of interest to people outside academia, the Department encourages the student to target non-academic audiences as well.

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# Web Links

Wikicfp - Database of conferences and call for papers (EN)

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