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# The end of the monograph? Changing publication strategies in the social sciences

Early Stage Researchers' Day  
at the Faculty of Social Sciences

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# Early Stage Researchers' Day at the Faculty of Social Sciences

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Doctoral and postdoctoral candidates contribute substantially to the research outputs of every excellent faculty. At the same time, supporting early stage researchers is a priority investment in the future. In this spirit, the Early Stage Researchers' Day at the Faculty of Social Sciences aims at making the research of doctoral and post-doctoral candidates visible. In addition, it provides an opportunity to discuss issues that are relevant for this group across social science disciplines. This year's event addresses publication strategies in the social sciences.

## Research by early career scholars in the age of bibliometrics

It is undisputed that social scientists need to publish research results in relevant peer-reviewed scientific journals when pursuing an academic career. When is the best time to start publishing as an early stage researcher and where? What are the pros and cons of writing a thesis by journal publication or, conversely, of writing a monograph? How do changing publication strategies affect the preparation of a habilitation thesis? And, what if a career in academia is not the primary objective?

This year, the Early Stage Researchers' Day at the Faculty of Social Sciences addresses these and further questions by bringing together senior scientists, postdoctoral researchers, doctoral candidates and representatives from research funding agencies. In a panel discussion, they will debate their experiences from different perspectives. They will also critically address the fact that publication strategies vary considerably across and even within social science disciplines.

Moreover, the Sowi-Doc.Awards 2019 will be awarded during this event. Early stage researchers of the Faculty of Social Sciences will present their ongoing or completed doctoral research in a poster exhibition. The participants are invited to a small reception after the event.

# Programme

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17:00 [Welcome address](#)

**Hajo Boomgaarden**

Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

**Birgit Sauer**

Vice-Dean for Career Development and International Affairs,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna

**Tatjana Thelen**

Deputy Director of the Doctoral Studies Programme Social Sciences,  
University of Vienna

17:15 [On the diversity of publication cultures in the social sciences](#)

**Ulrike Felt**

Head of the Department of Science and Technology Studies, University of Vienna

17:30 [Panel discussion](#)

**Ayşe Çağlar**

Deputy Head of the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology,  
University of Vienna

**Petra Grabner**

Head of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,  
FWF Austrian Science Fund

**Jörg Matthes**

Head of the Department of Communication, University of Vienna

**Bernhard Riederer**

University assistant (postdoc) at the Department of Sociology,  
University of Vienna, and researcher at the Vienna Institute of Demography,  
Austrian Academy of Sciences

Moderator: **Markus Wagner**

Vice-Dean for Research and Infrastructure, Faculty of Social Sciences,  
University of Vienna

18:45 Break

19:00 [Presentation: Sowi-Doc.Awards 2019](#)

19.30 [Poster exhibition: Thesis by publication or monograph?](#)

[Small reception](#)

# The Faculty

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The **Faculty of Social Sciences** was established as an independent organisational unit in 2004 and is one of the largest faculties of the University of Vienna. The Faculty is committed to the principle of combining research and teaching. Research activities cover a broad array of topics and include both basic and applied research. The Faculty is a place of tertiary and continuing education, giving students the opportunity to specialise in a wide range of disciplines and thematic areas. Students of the Faculty of Social Sciences study in bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of political science, social and cultural anthropology, journalism and communication studies and sociology. In addition, the Faculty offers a master's programme in Gender Studies, as well as master's and doctoral programmes in the fields of nursing science, development studies, and science and technology studies.

The development and design of doctoral programmes in social sciences are a central aspect of the Faculty's teaching and research focus. These programmes help the Faculty play and continue playing a significant role, both in its region and in a pan-European context. The doctoral programmes in social sciences aim at providing young academics with an education that enables graduates to be competitive in the research labour market.

The **Graduate Centre of the Faculty of Social Sciences** (GZ SOWI) is a service centre aimed at supporting and strengthening continuing education, and promoting networking of early stage researchers at the Faculty. It organises tailor-made workshops and information events for doctoral candidates and early postdoctoral candidates, and, once a year, the Early Stage Researchers' Day.

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