



Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing in the New Digital Environment

Organizers: Institute for Gender Studies at Tbilisi State University, Gender Studies Center at Ilia State University

Co-sponsor: American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC)

Dates: 4 June 2018

Venue: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Working Language: English

Institute for Gender Studies at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and Ilia State University invite faculty, MA and doctoral students to participate in the workshop on “**Academic Writing and Publishing in the New Digital Environment**” organized on June 4, 2018 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The workshop will be delivered by Professor Alisse Waterston, Presidential Scholar and Professor of Anthropology, City University of New York, with facilitators Maia Barkaia and Tamar Sabedashvili, Gender Studies Programme, TSU.

The aim of the workshop is to provide graduate students and faculty of Tbilisi State University and Ilia State University a deep understanding of the state of scholarly journal and book publishing today, and to assist participants in developing skills and strategies for writing both peer-reviewed journal articles and books, and new, public forms of digital scholarship that is in dialogue with non-academic as well as academic audiences. Toward these goals, the workshop will familiarize participants with current publishing processes and outlets. For academics today, to successfully publish requires familiarity with the larger context of contemporary scholarly publishing that has in recent years undergone enormous shift. These changes have direct impacts on scholars who seek to publish and accordingly, to advance their careers in the academy. To successfully publish also requires familiarity with diverse epistemological, methodological and compositional (writing) approaches in contemporary scholarship, as well as knowledge of topics of current debate in leading journals. Knowledge and awareness of these issues will lead to more conscious choices about the fit between a scholar’s work and the publishing venues available.

The workshop will involve identifying specific exemplary articles to be analyzed and explored for key elements, including writing style, framing a research question, and conceptual, methodological, and analytical innovation, and “workshop” (draft, share, critique, revise) participants’ own writing and peer-reviewing efforts.

The workshop will consist of four segments: (1) The state of scholarly publishing: obstacles and opportunities; (2) Writing and publishing scholarship: rationales, goals, and approaches; (3) Towards writing and publishing; (4) “Work-shopping” a written piece.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Minimum requirements for eligibility:

- Represent the following social science or humanities fields: anthropology, history, sociology, political sciences, gender studies, journalism, psychology;
- Be an MA or doctoral student or have PhD degrees in abovementioned field
- Have English-language proficiency

Applicants must submit the following set of documents:

- Application form
- Statement of Interest in English. Please explain your specific interest in publishing and what you hope to get out of the workshop
- Short (2 page) CV in English with the contact details of one reference.

The applications must be submitted in one combined file (MS Word or PDF) no later than May 4, 2018 via following e-mail address: genderinstitute@tsu.ge

In the subject line of the e-mail, please indicate: “Workshop on Academic Writing and Publishing.”

The successful applicants will be notified by May 10, 2018.

For additional details, please contact us via: genderinstitute@tsu.ge or m.barkaia@css.ge

The event is co-sponsored by American Research Institute for the South Caucasus (ARISC). ARISC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical or mental disability, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, or status as a covered veteran.