Research Papers: From Design to Publication
This course presents the academic publishing journey from structuring the paper, designing a research question, and core structural components (methodological, empirical, theoretical), to the use of databases for bibliographic searches and the selection of “the right” journal for submission, to academic paper drafting and, finally, to addressing journal editors and referees. Focus will be on the distinctive character of a research paper, highlighting the differences between academic research and other typologies like policy reports and monographies. Students will receive an introduction into writing for an international journal, focusing on standards and requirements. Secondly, the course will explore how to utilize tools to build a robust and well-focused literature review, suggesting strategies to find useful and relevant references. Thirdly, the course will explain the academic journal process, including an overview of the complete double-blinded peer review process. Academic ethics, as well as basic copyright issues to be considered when submitting papers, will be introduced. The course will be taught by the course convenor Prof. Alessandra Faggian with lectures by Dr. Giuseppe Carta and Dr. Margherita Grazioli. The course is compulsory.