

## POSTGRADUATE AFFAIRS OFFICE 2018 PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

### KEY TO VENUES

CSR Chalsty Seminar Room, Olive Schreiner Building (Law School), West Campus  
 ECR1 Electronic Classroom 1 – Floor 1, Wartenweiler Library, East Campus  
 ECR2 Commerce Library Electronic Classroom 2 - (Inside the Commerce Library) next to the Tower of Light, West Campus  
 ECR3 Engineering Library Electronic Classroom 3, Gold Fields Engineering Library, Ground Floor, Chamber of Mines Building, West Campus  
 GCH Graduate Centre Seminar Room - South West Engineering Building, East Campus  
 LSM Life Sciences Museum, Oppenheimer Life Sciences Building  
 MMC Multimedia Centre, Floor 2, Wartenweiler Library, East Campus  
 PTHSB Phillip V. Tobias Health Sciences Building, Parktown, Johannesburg  
 SHB5 Senate House Basement Lecture Theatre 1, Senate House Basement 1, Senate House, East Campus  
 WCR Wartenweiler Conference Room - Floor 4, Wartenweiler Library, East Campus  
 WWC - Wits Writing Centre, Wartenweiler Library, Ground Floor, East Campus

### IMPORTANT:

Workshops take place between Feb/March through to October every year - Some workshops are repeated in 2018 but not all.  
 Programme changes happen - please check workshop dates and times before you set out.  
 Please book for your workshops and please cancel if you cannot make it.  
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WORKSHOP TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE	LECTURER	DESCRIPTION
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### FEBRUARY

STARTING TO THINK ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH	28 February 14.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Lorena Nunez-Carrasco	This workshop is intended to support post-graduate students at all levels who have had little or no previous experience of doing empirical research but who are already working towards formulating a research topic. Much of this session will be devoted to an introduction of the key terms used in the writing of the research proposal. Participants should come out of the workshop with a broad understanding of the nature of academic inquiry in the social sciences and humanities, as well as a set of strategies for deciding what questions they want to address in their research and how to conceptualise and plan the research itself.
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### MARCH

RESEARCH WORKSHOP FOR PhD STUDENTS - HUMANITIES	1 - 2 MARCH 09:00- 16:00	GCH	Dr Ian Moll	This workshop takes place over two days, and is designed to provide students with a broad preliminary engagement with the epistemological and other theoretical grounds on which they make decisions about the formulation of their research questions and associated research designs. It is not a 'methods workshop', but rather one concerned with methodology, conceived as the overall conceptual or theoretical framework within which specific research methods/techniques are located
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CONSTRUCTING AN ARGUMENT	08 MARCH 9.30-13.00	WCR	Prof Michelle Williams	The ability to weigh evidence and present an argument in relation to existing knowledge and theory is crucial for research writing. This workshop will enable students to understand the necessity for their thesis or dissertation to contain an overall argument in relation to the research questions. The workshop will focus on what an argument is and what distinguishes a well-made argument.
CITATION AND WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COPYRIGHT LAW AND PLAGIARISM	9 March 9.30-12.00	WCR	Dr Victor De Andrade, Ms Denise Nicholson	This workshop aims to provide opportunities for students' improved writing and justification of argument in their academic writing by familiarising them with the do's and don'ts of copyright, legal commitments, limitations and exceptions, and use of electronic material. It also gives an overview of plagiarism and why referencing is important. The second part of the workshop provides information about the justification of the students' point of view in academic writing. The APA method is used as a referencing example to illustrate the level of accuracy which is necessary in referencing for research writing. Students who use other styles of referencing, e.g. Harvard, Law style, Vancouver, etc. will also benefit from the discussions and resources provided in this workshop.
ON CHOOSING A QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHOD	12 March 2.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	This workshop will take the form of a description of a number of common methods of doing qualitative, empirical research including: Action research, Case study research, Discourse analysis, Ethnography and Thematic content analysis. It will pay particular attention to the differences between these approaches, pointing out why each is suitable for answering research questions of a particular kind and for analysing particular types of data. This session will not cover any of these approaches or methods in detail and students are advised to follow up their attendance at this workshop with attendance at other workshops in the series. A table summarising the different characteristics of the qualitative research methods discussed in the workshop will be provided to the participants.
STARTING OUT: FINDING A RESEARCH TOPIC AND WORKING TOWARDS YOUR PROPOSAL- SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES	13 MARCH 09:30-11:30	WCR	Prof Jasper Knight	This workshop is suitable for those just starting out on their research, including Honours, Masters and PhDs, and those who are writing their proposals. The workshop deals with how to find a research topic, the research statement, aims, objectives, methods and methodologies, and how to frame your research in a wider context.
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	13 March Part 1: 9.00-13.00 Part 2: 13.00-17.00	ECR3	Ms Maryna Van Den Heever & Pinky Matai	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as the e-Wits catalogue, electronic resources, LibGuides, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2: Zotero: a free bibliographic reference manager tool. This workshop will introduce some of the key functions of Zotero such as: installing Zotero, adding citations to your Zotero library, organizing and managing your citations, creating a bibliography, and using the Microsoft Word plug-in to easily insert citations from Zotero into your documents.
PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS	15 March 09.15-13:00	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	This workshop will begin with a discussion of the importance of a good research proposal to the entire research process. The initial discussion will also refer to the differences and similarities between what could be called the empirical and the theoretical-interpretive research traditions and the implications this distinction has for the writing of the proposal. Thereafter the workshop will cover some of the key components of the empirical Social Science research proposal in particular including the Introduction, Aim(s), Rationale, Research Questions, Theoretical Orientation (or Conceptual framework) Literature Review and Methodology. Guidelines providing a suggested structure for the proposal will be given to workshop participants. 

<b>SCIENCE: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	15 MARCH PART 1 09:30-13:00	ECR1	Ms Salomé Potgieter & Ms Rachel Louis	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal and LibGuides, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. It will also focus on high-level research and publication resources and advanced information finding using discipline specific databases
<b>SCIENCE: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	16 MARCH PART 2 09:30-13:00	ECR1	Ms Salomé Potgieter & Ms Rachel Louis	Part 2 will focus on using ZOTERO to manage references.
<b>INTERPRETING TURNITIN REPORTS</b>	19 MARCH 09:30-10:30	WCR	Ms Denise Nicholson	This session will assist postgraduate students to interpret Turnitin Reports for plagiarism detection purposes and/or for reviewing journal articles. Some people believe that the percentage in the report indicates the percentage of plagiarism in the student's work, but this is incorrect. Attendees will learn how to interpret a Turnitin report, how to discern whether extracts are plagiarised or whether Turnitin has picked up common words, hyperlinks and other extracts which make up the similarity index. This presentation will also show how Turnitin can be a learning tool to improve referencing skills. Supervisors and researchers are also welcome
<b>ZOTERO</b>	23 MARCH 9.30-11.30	ECR1	Ms Thuli Dhlamini	This hands-on workshop, will introduce you to Zotero, a free, open source alternative to reference manager systems such as EndNote and Refworks. Zotero allows you to easily save bibliographic details, comments, indexing terms, and direct links to webpages, word documents, and even articles that are in library subscription databases. You will be shown how you can use Zotero to integrate your references into your research in many citation styles using Microsoft Word.
<b>TOWARDS AN OUTCOMES-BASED APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING AND REPORTING THE RESEARCH STRATEGY, DESIGN, PROCEDURE AND METHODS FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS</b>	27 MARCH 09.00-12.00	WCR	Dr Kambidima Wotela	Presenter: Dr Kambidima Wotela Tailored for masters and doctoral students, this workshop provides a general overview of the methods chapter and the importance of following procedure when reporting. Further, to avoid this chapter reading like several reproduced textbooks, we propose an explicit and alternative way of reporting the research strategy, design, procedure and methods, validity and reliability, as well as methodological limitations. Overall, we provide for how students can demonstrate understanding of research techniques and how they justify their selection based on researches that have actually applied these techniques in an empirical study.  Resource material <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321489582_Towards_an_Outcomes-Based_Approach_to_a_%27Research_Strategy_Design_Procedure_and_Methods%27_Chapter_for_Business_and_Public_Administration_Research">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321489582_Towards_an_Outcomes-Based_Approach_to_a_%27Research_Strategy_Design_Procedure_and_Methods%27_Chapter_for_Business_and_Public_Administration_Research</a>

## APRIL

<b>STARTING OUT: FINDING A RESEARCH TOPIC AND WORKING TOWARDS YOUR PROPOSAL- SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES</b>	04 April 09:30-11:30	WCR	Prof Jasper Knight	This workshop is suitable for those just starting out on their research, including Honours, Masters and PhDs, and those who are writing their proposals. The workshop deals with how to find a research topic, the research statement, aims, objectives, methods and methodologies, and how to frame your research in a wider context.
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<b>COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	04 April Part 1: 13:00-17:00	ECR2	Ms Xoliswa Xanko and Catherine Dreyden	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest
<b>COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	05 April Part 2: 13.00-17.00	ECR2	Ms Xoliswa Xanko and Catherine Dreyden	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest
ETHICS IN RESEARCH AND APPLYING FOR ETHICS CLEARANCE: NON-MEDICAL, MASTERS, PHD AND STAFF	18 APRIL 09.30-11.30	WCR	Prof Jasper Knight	This workshop covers why ethics is important in research and how to apply for ethical clearance through university structures before you start your research. It also deals with the practical issues of conducting research using social science methodologies. This workshop will be of use to anyone who is dealing with human subjects in their research project, including Honours, Masters, PhD and staff.
PUBLISH, PREDATORY, PERISH	19 APRIL 09.30-11.30	ECR3	Ms Maryna Van Den Heever	This workshop will examine what exactly a “predatory publisher” is in the academic world, why they exist, and why they should be avoided, and will provide some strategies for investigating a publisher or journal to see if it is reliable.
PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS	20 April 9.00-16.00	WCR	Prof Ivan Hofsjajer	Designing your research. In this workshop the participants will be taken through the stages of writing a research proposal which can withstand scrutiny. The presentation of the workshop will be from an engineering point of view and engineering design methods will be applied. The participants will be expected to write and should come prepared to do so. The workshop has a morning and afternoon session and at the end the participants should have a written outline of their research proposal.
ETHICS IN RESEARCH AND APPLYING FOR ETHICS CLEARANCE: NON-MEDICAL <b>STAFF ONLY!!</b>	25 APRIL 09.30-11.30	WCR	Prof Jasper Knight	This workshop covers why ethics is important in research and how to apply for ethical clearance through university structures before you start your research. It also deals with the practical issues of conducting research using social science methodologies. This workshop will be of use to any supervisor/staff who is dealing with human subjects in their/ their students research project/s, including Honours, Masters, PhD and staff.

## MAY

PROJECT MANAGEMENT	04 May 9.30-12.30	WCR	Dr Ute Schwaibold	This workshop provides practical advice and guidance on how projects of any size or type can be effectively managed at postgraduate level. Aspects to be covered include how to plan a project, forecast for time, cost (funding) and resources, assess and manage risk such as unplanned changes in methodology, and most importantly preventing project creep and meeting project deadlines.
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WRITING FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT EGRF	09 May 11.00-12.30	WCR	Ms Waheeda Bala and Yolanda Davids	Many postgraduate students need to apply for funding for their studies. There are many donors who offer funds but it is very important that the application process and details are correct and intellectually exciting. This workshop will guide you on how to complete the application so that you have a winning chance. You must have the buy-in of your supervisor and of the people that you nominate as referees. It is a team effort. Attend the workshop and learn these tips.
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	09 May Part 1: 09:30-12:00 Part 2: 13:00-15:00	ECR1	Ms Nkelemeng Leseiyane	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest
CONVERTING RESEARCH INTO PUBLICATIONS	10 MAY 9.00-12.00	WCR	Prof Sumaya Laher	This workshop will focus on equipping students with the skills necessary for converting their research into articles for publication. Students will be introduced to the publication process and the decisions involved in this. Identifying the most appropriate journal, publishing in accredited versus non-accredited journals, following author guidelines and understanding peer review processes are some of the aspects that will be discussed. The workshop will cover issues associated with selecting appropriate information from the research for inclusion in a journal article. The format and structure of a journal article will also be discussed.
CHOOSING AND USING RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS (Qualitative research)	11 May 13.00-15.00	GCH	Prof Mzikazi Nduna	A coherent relationship between instrument, data and analytic method is imperative for any good research project. This workshop will explore the main research instruments likely to be used when conducting a qualitative study. These include different types of interviews, the focus group and the vignette. The presenter will discuss the characteristic features of each of these instruments, focusing on their powers and limitations in relation to the types of data they are able to gather and the types of data analysis methods they are therefore able to service.
INTRODUCTION TO DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS	15 MAY 9.00-12.00	WCR	Prof Sumaya Laher	This workshop will provide an introduction to basic analysis of quantitative data. Students will be given brief input on coding, entering and cleaning data. Following this, concepts such as univariate, multivariate, bivariate, independent and dependent variables and the scales of measure (nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio) will be clarified. Students will be introduced to measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode) and measures of spread (range, variance, standard deviation). The importance of calculating these descriptive statistics will be discussed. Students will also be introduced to the concept of internal consistency reliability and Cronbach Alphas. SPSS printouts will be used to practically illustrate all analyses discussed in the workshop
INTRODUCTION TO INFERENCE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS	17 MAY 09.00-12.00	WCR	Prof Sumaya Laher	Attendance at the descriptive statistical analysis workshop is a pre-requisite for this workshop. In this workshop, students will be introduced to the concept of hypothesis testing. Assumptions regarding the use of parametric and non-parametric tests will be briefly discussed. Students will then be introduced to a range of univariate statistics, namely, t-tests, ANOVA's, ANCOVA's, Chi2, correlation and regression. SPSS printouts will be used to practically illustrate all analyses discussed in the workshop. Students will also gain the skill to select appropriate information from the printouts.

ZOTERO	18 May 9.30-11.30	ECR1	Ms Thuli Dhlamini	This hands-on workshop, will introduce you to Zotero, a free, open source alternative to reference manager systems such as EndNote and Refworks. Zotero allows you to easily save bibliographic details, comments, indexing terms, and direct links to webpages, word documents, and even articles that are in library subscription databases. You will be shown how you can use Zotero to integrate your references into your research in many citation styles using Microsoft Word.
WRITING FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH SUPPORT EG NRF	23 May 11.00-12.30	WCR	Ms Waheeda Bala and Yolanda Davids	Many postgraduate students need to apply for funding for their studies. There are many donors who offer funds but it is very important that the application process and details are correct and intellectually exciting. This workshop will guide you on how to complete the application so that you have a winning chance. You must have the buy-in of your supervisor and of the people that you nominate as referees. It is a team effort. Attend the workshop and learn these tips
CLM Writing Retreat: for CLM PhDs	29 - 31 MAY All day	WCR	Professor Cathi Albertyn, Drs Susan Benvenuti & Yvonne Reed	Email na-iem.dollie@wits.ac.za for information
NOW YOU HAVE TO PUBLISH: TAKING YOUR FIRST STEPS	31 May 9:30-11:00	WWC	Ms Denise Nicholson	This session will discuss Authors' rights, including moral rights, within the SA Copyright law. It will provide various tips and helpful information on how to start publishing, accredited journals and predatory publishing practices, key factors to look out for when publishing and ranking of authors in journal or book publications. Attendees will receive useful resources to assist them when publishing
<b>JUNE</b>				
ACADEMIC WRITING STYLE: THE QUEST FOR CLARITY AND MEANING	27 June 9.30-12.30	WCR	Mr Peter Alkema	Peter is currently doing a PhD, has a Masters in Engineering, published his first book in 2014 called "Woodworking for Everyone" and blogs about IT Leadership. The workshop will cover the importance of writing in Plain English and the different writing elements of planning, drafting, introducing and revising your report. Also learn how to tell your story clearly by judging and improving your style through improved sentence design principles. Most of the content will be based on elements of chapters 13, 14, 16 and 17 of "The Craft of Research, 3rd Edition" (Booth et al, 2003) which would be advisable to read beforehand and bring to the workshop if possible. This postgraduate workshop will be live broadcast over Periscope which is a peer to peer video streaming app for your smartphone; you do not need to register if you are remote viewing. Once you have downloaded the app, follow Peter Alkema and check for a live broadcast at the start time of the workshop; it is advised you view while on wifi and you can SMS / Whatsapp Peter with any questions on 0832868517.
<b>JULY</b>				
<b>SCIENCE:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	19 July Part 1 9:30-13:00	ECR1	Ms Salomé Potgieter & Ms Rachel Louis	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal and LibGuides, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. It will also focus on high-level research and publication resources and advanced information finding using discipline specific databases
<b>SCIENCE:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	20 July Part 2 09:30-13:00	ECR1	Ms Salomé Potgieter & Ms Rachel Louis	Part 2 will focus on using ZOTERO to manage references.

WRITING AN ABSTRACT	26 July 14.00-16.00	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	A good abstract is an important part of any proposal, research report, dissertation or doctoral thesis and is a component upon which external examiners often place a great deal of emphasis. In addition, being able to write a good abstract is essential if you wish to present your research at a conference because the organizers often choose papers on the basis of the quality of the abstracts submitted. In this workshop guidelines for the writing of a successful abstract will be presented and discussed.
CITATION AND WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COPYRIGHT LAW AND PLAGIARISM	26 July 9.30-12.00	WCR	Dr Victor De Andrade, Ms Denise Nicholson and Ms Priscilla Gerrand,	This workshop aims to provide opportunities for students' improved writing and justification of argument in their academic writing by familiarising them with the do's and don'ts of copyright, legal commitments, limitations and exceptions, and use of electronic material. It also gives an overview of plagiarism and why referencing is important. The second part of the workshop provides information about the justification of the students' point of view in academic writing. The APA method is used as a referencing example to illustrate the level of accuracy which is necessary in referencing for research writing. Students who use other styles of referencing, e.g. Harvard, Law style, Vancouver, etc. will also benefit from the discussions and resources provided in this workshop.

## AUGUST

STARTING OUT: FINDING A RESEARCH TOPIC AND WORKING TOWARDS YOUR PROPOSAL- SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES	01 AUGUST 09:30-11:30	GCH	Prof Jasper Knight	This workshop is suitable for those just starting out on their research, including Honours, Masters and PhDs, and those who are writing their proposals. The workshop deals with how to find a research topic, the research statement, aims, objectives, methods and methodologies, and how to frame your research in a wider context.
TECHNICAL REPORT WRITING FOR ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE STUDENTS	03 August 9.30-12.30	WCR	Dr Ute Schwaibold	Engineers and scientists are often more comfortable expressing themselves in numbers than in words, but can seldom avoid the need to develop technical report writing skills. This workshop focuses on the basics of technical report writing, with a particular emphasis on developing a clear report structure, presenting a logical flow of information and ensuring that the content included is relevant to the objectives of the report.
<b>ENGINEERING &amp; THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	07 AUGUST Part 1: 9.00-13.00 Part 2: 13.00-17.00	ECR3	Ms Maryna Van Den Heever & Pinky Matai	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as the e-Wits catalogue, electronic resources, LibGuides, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2: Zotero: a free bibliographic reference manager tool. This workshop will introduce some of the key functions of Zotero such as: installing Zotero, adding citations to your Zotero library, organizing and managing your citations, creating a bibliography, and using the Microsoft Word plug-in to easily insert citations from Zotero into your documents.
<b>HUMANITIES:</b> USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES	15 August P1- 09.30-12.00 P2- 13:00-15:00	ECR1	Ms Nkelemeng Leseyane	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest

<b>COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	15 August Part 1: 13:00-17:00	ECR2	Ms Xoliswa Xanko and Catherine Dreyden	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest
<b>COMMERCE, LAW AND MANAGEMENT: USING THE LIBRARY: EXPLORING E-RESOURCES</b>	16 August Part 2: 13.00-17.00	ECR2	Ms Xoliswa Xanko and Catherine Dreyden	The knowledge and skills to access and use e-resources underpin success in research and publication. Part 1 of the workshops will cover an introduction to research literature in the disciplines, information finding tools such as e-Wits, e-Journal portal, Subject Portals & inventories, and how to access materials that Wits Library does not have. Part 2 will focus on high-level research and publication resources, advanced information finding using discipline specific databases, using ZOTERO to manage references, and how to keep abreast with knowledge advances in subjects of interest
PRELIMINARY PROCESSING OF QUALITATIVE DATA	15 August 14.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	This workshop, which prepares for the workshop focusing on Thematic Analysis, suggests a method for processing the rich qualitative data arising from focus groups and interviews, for example. In the workshop participants will be taken through this preliminary method for processing qualitative data in order to facilitate the next step in the research process: that of analysis.
THEMATIC ANALYSIS: AN INTRODUCTION	23 August 14.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	One of the most common ways of approaching the analysis of qualitative research is to identify the most significant content in the data and organize this material into themes. This session will take the form of a demonstration of how Thematic Analysis could be approached using examples provided by past or current students
PUBLISH, PREDATORY, PERISH	21 August 09.30-11.30	ECR3	Ms Maryna Van Den Heever	This workshop will examine what exactly a “predatory publisher” is in the academic world, why they exist, and why they should be avoided, and will provide some strategies for investigating a publisher or journal to see if it is reliable.
WRITING HONESTY: ADDRESSING COPYRIGHT, PLAGIARISM AND CITATION ISSUES	31 August 09:30-12:00	WCR	Ms Denise Nicholson	This session will discuss the do’s and don’ts of copyright, and will give an overview of plagiarism, citation and referencing issues. It will highlight what students can and can’t do when using copyrighted material and the importance of crediting original sources used in their research. It will discuss quoting and paraphrasing and how to improve one’s writing skills. Lots of useful tips will be shared with attendees, as well as many useful resources to assist them in their research. All postgraduates should attend this important workshop.

## SEPTEMBER

ETHNOGRAPHY AND ETHNOGRAPHIC METHODS	05 SEPTEMBER 14.00-17.00	Cate Druce Lecture	Dr Hylton White	This session introduces ethnography both as a research method and as a particular way of writing about the things we study across the various disciplines in the humanities (in education, sociology, drama, media studies, anthropology, and many other fields). The first half of the session looks at the complex, often controversial history of ethnography as a genre in anthropology and more broadly in the humanities. The second half shifts to a concrete discussion of <a href="#">ethnographic methods and objects</a> .
FEBE Writing Retreat: Working on parts of the Thesis, Dissertation or Proposal	18-21 September All day	WCR	Prof Ivan Hofsjager	Email <a href="mailto:lucille.mooragan@wits.ac.za">lucille.mooragan@wits.ac.za</a> for information

INTERPRETING AND THEORISING YOUR RESULTS: HOW TO WRITE THE DISCUSSION SECTION OF A RESEARCH REPORT BASED ON QUALITATIVE DATA	20 September 14.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	Writing the discussion section of a research report, dissertation or thesis often presents particular difficulties because this process involves an understanding of how to use data, theory and literature together in order to critically analyse the research findings. This workshop will suggest some of the ways in which students can approach the analysis and writing up of qualitative data, such as that derived from interviews, focus groups, media texts or policy documents
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## OCTOBER

RESEARCH REPORT PLANNING AND WRITING FOR STUDENTS IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES	11 October 14.00-16.30	GCH	Prof Susan Van Zyl	Students often have difficulties with the planning and organization of their research reports or dissertations. Issues such as how and where to present, analyse and discuss their research findings, as well as the differences between these three processes, are often experienced as problems. In addition, it is often difficult to decide on the weighting of background or contextual material and how to restructure the literature review in the proposal in such a way as to make it articulate with the research findings. This workshop aims to assist Honours and Masters Students with the planning and writing up of their research, and will be particularly useful to students whose research is in the qualitative tradition
FEBE Writing Retreat: Writing a paper for publication	23-26 October - All day	WCR	Prof Ivan Hofsajer	Email <a href="mailto:lucille.mooragan@wits.ac.za">lucille.mooragan@wits.ac.za</a> for information
CLM Writing Retreat: for CLM Masters (dissertation) and PhDs	29 - 31 OCT All day	WCR	Professor Cathi Albertyn, Drs Susan Benvenuti & Yvonne Reed	Email <a href="mailto:na-iem.dollie@wits.ac.za">na-iem.dollie@wits.ac.za</a> for information