



ABSTRACT WRITING WORKSHOP

KEY TAKEAWAYS

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MAKING A GOOD ABSTRACT

There is no ‘one size fits all’ approach: Every research project, every writing style, every journal that might print your paper is different and requires a certain format. Yet, bringing in a clear order and making sure the following components are recognisable can help you with writing a good academic abstract:

Background/justification: Which critical background or contextual information needs to be introduced to understand why this research was necessary? What is the knowledge gap?

Aim: How does this study complement what is already available in current literature? What is the intention or aspiration of this research?

Theoretical framework: Which structure holds or supports the theory of your research study? Which central concepts were applied in your study?

Methods: What kind of strategies, processes or techniques did the researcher apply in the collection of data or evidence for analysis? Here you can also add something about the study scope, population, and context (with whom and where did you apply these methods?)

Findings: What did your research project suggest, reveal, or indicate? If you have not yet finalized your study, you can indicate these as ‘preliminary findings’.

Conclusion: How did you interpret the results of your research in a way that it answers your research question/aim of the study?

Recommendations/implications for future research, policy and/or practice: What does your conclusion imply? What advice can you give based on your results to researchers, policymakers and/or practitioners? Ensure that your recommendations are specific (not too general) and follow from your conclusion.



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“*Instead of only looking at the significance of this research for further scientific studies, at Share-Net we invite you to also stress the societal relevance of your conclusion for policy and practice. We are very interested in learning how your research may benefit interventions and programmes by NGOs or what policymakers in the countries where you conducted your research can learn from your findings?*”

- **Ideal length:** For journal submissions, usually the ideal length of academic articles is 200 words. Because concise writing is challenging, for young researchers applying to the LRPP conference we accept submissions of 300 words max.
- **Use of pronouns:** For qualitative/ethnographic research abstracts you can use personal pronouns (writing from an I/we perspective) whereas for quantitative research it is usual to write objectively (“this study”).
- Do not use **acronyms** in your abstract! (e.g. instead of GBV write out gender-based violence)
- There is no need to use **literature references** in an academic abstract.
- **Graphic abstracts** visualise the main findings of a research project. You can find more information about graphic abstracts [here](#). For the Share-Net LRPP conference we do not accept graphic abstracts but request you to submit a written abstract.

PEER-REVIEWING DRAFT ABSTRACTS

As suggested in the abstract writing workshop, Share-Net will facilitate another round of peer-review between two young researchers once you have developed your abstracts further. You can sign up for the peer-review [here](#).

- Deadline to complete the forms to participate in the peer-review exercise (optional): **8th of August 2021**
- Matchmaking with peer reviewer: **10th of August 2021**
- All signed up participants commit to submit their feedback to the assigned peer: **24th of August 2021**

SUBMITTING YOUR ABSTRACT

- Read the full call for abstracts [here](#).
- Please fill in your details and upload your abstract via this [link](#).
- We strongly encourage young researchers to apply who conducted research on SRHR and GEWE in one of the SNI country hub contexts (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Colombia, Ethiopia, Jordan and the Netherlands); submissions regarding global, comparative, non-country specific or other international study contexts are also welcome.
- Abstracts can be submitted in Arabic, Dutch, English, French or Spanish. Where necessary, during the conference there will be simultaneous translation in these languages available.
- Abstract submission deadline: **Tuesday, 31st of August 2021**
- Candidates will be notified by **Thursday, 14th of October 2021**



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