

Thesis to Book

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Choosing a Publisher

- Good presses in your fields
- Specialized presses (e.g. topical, regional)
E.g. ISER Books, North Atlantic Studies
- Book series (selected examples from
among many in the slides that follow)

Book series: Mobilities



- **Explorations in Mobility**, with Berghahn Books

Edited by Gijs Mom, Mimi Sheller and Georgine Clarsen

http://www.berghahnbooks.com/series/expl_mobi

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- **Changing Mobilities**, with Routledge

Edited by Monika Büscher and Peter Adey

<http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass/groups/changingmobilities/index.htm>

Book series: Work/Labour



- **Travail et emploi à l'ère de la mondialisation**, with Presses de l'Université Laval

<https://www.pulaval.com/collections/travail-et-emploi-a-l-ere-de-la-mondialisation/90>

- **Labour in Canada**, with Fernwood

Edited by Stephanie Ross and Larry Savage

<http://cawls.ca/en/call-for-proposals-fernwoods-labour-in-canada-series/>

Book series: Regional Studies



- **Rethinking Canada in the World**, with McGill-Queen's University Press

Edited by Ian McKay and Sean Mills

<http://www.mqup.ca/browse-books-pages-46.php?filters=a%3A1%3A{i%3A2%3Bs%3A4%3A%224522%22%3B}&do=changeFilter>

- **Canadian Social History**, with University of Toronto Press

Edited by Gregory S. Kealey

[http://www.utppublishing.com/search.php?mode=search&sby_series=Canadian Social History Series](http://www.utppublishing.com/search.php?mode=search&sby_series=Canadian%20Social%20History%20Series)

Book Series: Policy/Law



- **Queen's Policy Studies Series**, with McGill-Queen's University Press
Edited by Keith G. Banting

<http://www.mqup.ca/browse-books-pages-46.php?filters=a%3A1%3A{i%3A13%3Bs%3A4%3A%222561%22%3B}>

- **Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History**, with University of Toronto Press

[http://www.utppublishing.com/search.php?mode=search&sby_series=Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History](http://www.utppublishing.com/search.php?mode=search&sby_series=Osgoode%20Society%20for%20Canadian%20Legal%20History)

Book Series: Policy/Law

- **Public Policy**, with State University of New York Press

<http://www.sunypress.edu/Searchadv.aspx?IsSubmit=true&CategoryID=6972>

Book Series: Statistics



- **Spatial Demography**, with Springer

Edited by Frank Howell and Jeremy Porter

<http://www.springer.com/series/13093?detailsPage=titles>

- **Population and Development**, with The University of Chicago Press

Edited by Richard Easterlin

<http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/series/PD.html>

Book Proposals



Follow instructions!

Examples:

<https://www.arts.mun.ca/iserbooks/publishing>

<https://www.pulaval.com/contact/soumettre-un-manuscrit>

<http://www.ubcpublishing.ubc.ca/company/ahgettingaccepted.html>

<http://www.utppublishing.com/publishSP.php?sectionID=6&subsectionID=3&pageID=1>

Book Proposals/Manuscripts



Consider editors and peer reviewers' perspectives

E.g.

<http://www.ideas-idees.ca/aspp/authors>

<http://www.ideas-idees.ca/sites/default/files/sites/default/uploads/asp/aspp-peer-review-report-en.pdf>

Revisions to Theses

Examples of common changes needed (writing craft):

- amount of detail
- organization
- linkages in the literature reviews
- repetition
- overly wordy in some cases, writing style

Revisions to Theses

Examples of common questions (the crux of the matter):

- Main objectives of the book? What is the point of the book?
- Who are you trying to reach as readers? Why would they want to read your book or assign it to a class?

Revisions to Theses

Examples of common questions (the crux of the matter continued):

- What would specialists (topical, regional, theoretical) get out of your book?
- What would non-specialists get out of your book? What does it contribute to thinking in a discipline, or to an interdisciplinary area of scholarship?

Funding (including Open Access)



If the publisher requires funding to support the publication of your book, which is common in Canada:

- Grants (make sure to include a budget line for books, if possible).
- Your university
- External sources

Funding (including Open Access)



Awards to Scholarly Publications Program, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (ASPP)

<http://www.ideas-idees.ca/aspp/authors>

Publication Grant, \$8,000

(usually quicker to first undergo peer review with a publisher)

Theses: must have “undergone substantial revision in order to sharpen the focus and enliven the language of the argument”

- English or French works
- Open Access policy: <http://www.ideas-idees.ca/sites/default/files/oa-aspp-policy-position-en.pdf>

Open Access Presses (examples) **on the move** partnership



- Athabasca University Press

<http://www.aupress.ca/>

- ISER Books

<https://www.arts.mun.ca/iserbooks/publishing>

- University of Calgary Press

<https://press.ucalgary.ca/openaccess>

- University of California Press (Luminos)

http://www.luminosoa.org/site/for_authors/

Translations



You might consider organizing a translated version of your book later on.

Awards to Scholarly Publications Program, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (ASPP)

<http://www.ideas-idees.ca/aspp/authors>

Translation Grant

\$12,000

Language of original: French, English, Canadian Aboriginal Language

Language of translation: English, French, Canadian Aboriginal Language

Resources (OA, online)



- Association of Canadian University Presses. 2017. Manuscripts Submission Guidelines.
http://www.acup.ca/?page_id=6
- European University Institute. 2017. “From PhD to Book”
<http://www.eui.eu/ProgrammesAndFellowships/AcademicCareersObservatory/CareerTips/FromPhDtoBook.aspx>
- Nick Taylor-Vaisey. 2008. “Thesis to Book: An Overview of the Issues,” *University Affairs* December 15, 2008.
<http://www.universityaffairs.ca/career-advice/career-advice-article/thesis-to-boo-an-overview-of-the-issues/>

Resources (books)



- Robin Derricourt. 1996. *An Author's Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. Princeton University Press.
- William Germano. 2005. *From Dissertation to Book*. University of Chicago Press.
- Eleanor Harman et al., eds. 2003. *The Thesis and the Book: A Guide for First-Time Academic Authors*, 2nd edition. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Resources (books)

- Karen Kelsky. 2015. *The Professor Is In: The Essential Guide to Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job*. Three Rivers Press. [From her blog “The Professor Is In”]
- Beth Luey, ed. 2007. *Revising Your Dissertation: Advice from Leading Editors*. Updated Edition. Berkeley: University of California Press.



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