Thesis to Book

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Academic Editor, ISER Books
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Book Series, Berghahn Books
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](http://www.berghahnbooks.com/series/expl_mobi)

- **Changing Mobilities**, with Routledge
  Edited by Monika Büscher and Peter Adey

[http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fass/groups/changingmobilities/index.htm](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
  
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](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
Book Series: Policy/Law

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

- **Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History**, with University of Toronto Press
  
Book Series: Policy/Law

- Public Policy, with State University of New York Press

Book Series: Statistics

- **Spatial Demography**, with Springer
  Edited by Frank Howell and Jeremy Porter

- **Population and Development**, with The University of Chicago Press
  Edited by Richard Easterlin
  [http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/series/PD.html](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.ubcpress.ubc.ca/company/ahgettingaccepted.html

http://www.utppublishing.com/publishSP.php?sectionID=6&subsectionID=3&pageID=1
Consider editors and peer reviewers’ perspectives

E.g.

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

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 Presses (examples)

- Athabasca University Press  
  [http://www.aupress.ca/](http://www.aupress.ca/)

- ISER Books  
  [https://www.arts.mun.ca/iserbooks/publishing](https://www.arts.mun.ca/iserbooks/publishing)

- University of Calgary Press  
  [https://press.ucalgary.ca/openaccess](https://press.ucalgary.ca/openaccess)

- University of California Press (Luminos)  
  [http://www.luminosoa.org/site/for_authors/](http://www.luminosoa.org/site/for_authors/)
Translations

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

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Translation Grant
$12,000

Language of original: French, English, Canadian Aboriginal Language

Language of translation: English, French, Canadian Aboriginal Language

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Resources (OA, online)

  http://www.acup.ca/?page_id=6

- European University Institute. 2017. “From PhD to Book”
  http://www.eui.eu/ProgrammesAndFellowships/AcademicCareersObservatory/CareerTips/FromPhDtoBook.aspx

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