



The Doctoral Debate

style guide for authors

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Articles can focus on any topic related to doctoral education, including structures, policies and practices or more broadly provide commentary on or analysis of doctoral education in Europe.

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Articles

Articles should be written with the intention of sparking a discussion, similar to opinion pieces found in newspapers or magazines. This means that they should be short (max. 800 to 1000 words), written for a broad audience and focus on bringing across one main message for readers to discuss.

The main message should be summarised in max. 50 words, clearly stating what is new or interesting for an audience working in doctoral education. Please note this summary will appear separately in an article list and should therefore be self-contained, similar to an abstract.

Author details

Please provide a short biography (max. 100 words). The biography should start with your full name, current position and institution. For example, “John Smith is Professor of Something at the University of Somewhere in Country.”

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Spelling

Please follow British English for spelling, grammar and punctuation.