PREDATORY PUBLISHERS: FIVE QUESTIONS
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Who and what are they?

- Companies who will try to take money/copyrights from authors of master’s thesis and try to turn a sales profit on them.
When can my work be targeted?

- After posting your master’s thesis online authors will be contacted by a predatory publisher to take claim of their work.
- Predatory publishers target people who are eager to publish their work, so if a mass or spam emails can be sent at the time of completion of academic writings.
Many publishers and companies work out of Europe, Asia, and the United States. They are publishing and editing companies that take rights to a student's work.
Why Avoid Them?

- The main reason to avoid a Predatory Publisher is because an author will sign away all their rights to a piece of work.
- By signing with a predatory publisher you lose your copyright to your work.
- A person who’s work is put out by a predatory publisher could lose credibility.
How can I spot one?

- If the publisher does not disclose all information about publishing
- If the publisher sends spam requests
- If they make claims that they are then best in the field even if they are relatively new
- If they have minimal copy editing
- If they publish papers that are non-academic
- If they publish many fields that are not normally published together
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