

Departmental Seminar (Via Zoom)

Publishing your work in Nature Human Behaviour and other Nature Research journals

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Abstract

Nature Human Behaviour is part of the Nature Research Portfolio journals. Our aim is to publish research of outstanding significance into any aspect of individual and collective human behaviour.

The journal's scope is thematic rather than discipline-based, drawing from a broad range of disciplines that span the natural and social sciences, including (but not limited to) psychology, neuroscience, genetics, evolution, anthropology, sociology, economics, and political science. Our goal is to strengthen the visibility and impact of the disciplines that study human behaviour, promote interaction among disciplines, and support robust scientific practices. We strive to increase the global spread and diversity in our published content and in our pool of referees.

In this presentation, we will discuss the scope and aims of the journal, how it relates to other highly selective journals, including Nature and the Nature Research journals. We will also discuss the editorial processes at Nature Human Behaviour and the other Nature Research journals (including Nature, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Communications, and Scientific Reports): what do editors look for in the papers we want to publish, how we make decisions, and how to write a paper for submission to Nature Human Behaviour and other Nature Research journals.

About the Speaker

Marike's background is in cognitive neuroscience and cognitive psychology. Before moving to Nature Human Behaviour, Marike worked as a Lecturer in Psychology at Brunel University London. Along the way, she has been picking up degrees and research experience at the Ruhr-University Bochum (BSc Psychology), University of Otago (research experience), Maastricht University (MSc Neuropsychology), Max Planck Institute for Neurological Research (PhD research), Westfälische-Wilhelms Universität (Dr. rer nat.), and finally Oxford and the Université Paris Descartes (post-doc positions). Most of Marike's research centred on the question how we learn to behave adaptively in our changeable environment. How do we manage to pay attention when we need to, integrate information when it's useful, choose the right action to achieve our goals? And what makes us confident we know what to expect? She addressed this aspect of human behaviour combining neuroimaging and computational modelling.

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