

How to turn your thesis into a scientific publication

Milano University Press does not publish PhD theses, but it does consider scientific monographs based on PhD research. In this respect, if you want to publish a monograph based on your PhD research, you should keep in mind that theses and monographs differ in purpose and target audience.

A thesis is intended to demonstrate your ability to conduct and complete a research project using the appropriate methodology. On the other hand, a monograph aims to provide information and open up new perspectives in a certain discipline, enabling the author to explore and connect a variety of ideas in an innovative way.

Moreover, a thesis is addressed to its supervisor and the examining board, whereas a monograph is addressed to an international and considerably wider audience, which potentially includes the whole academic community and other types of readers.

To turn your thesis into a monograph, you should focus on the scientific objectives of your work and on your readers, paying attention to the tone of voice and the way arguments are presented.

If you want to rewrite your thesis into a monograph, you should first consult an expert in your field of interest, who could also be your thesis supervisor. This expert will co-sign the publication proposal, guide you in the rewriting process and help you prepare the table of contents, taking into account your core topics and target audience, in order to create an original work.

The monograph should represent a fundamental contribution to the relevant discipline, drawing attention to new findings on the topic and its development trends.

Useful tips

- Do not submit your proposal in a hurry, but structure your work effectively through a detailed table of contents.
- Examine the latest monographs on the research field of your interest, focusing on their structure and presentation.
- Create an updated bibliography on the topics covered by the monograph.
- Engage with professors and scholars who can give you constructive feedback on your ideas.
- Finally, consider whether your research topics would be better presented in a series of journal articles or chapters of collective works, instead of a monograph.

Once all these aspects have been considered, you can fill the [proposal form](#), have it co-signed by the expert and send it to redazione.milanoup@unimi.it.