

Workshop: Paper Tandem

Review Instructions

Overview

The review will be discussed in a 1:1 conversation with your tandem partner during the workshop. We allocate at least 20 min per paper. You may use the following guidelines¹ to analyze the paper and give structured feedback. Of course, you are free to choose another form and structure for your review. Please take notes to exchange them with your tandem partner after the event.

Guidelines

Step 1: Mirroring

- Does your expertise cover all aspects of the article? Please describe your background and what parts of the paper you feel comfortable to review
- Mirror the article: In your own words, describe the main aim of the article and why it is innovative.

Step 2: The science

- Do the Introduction and Abstract clearly identify the need and relevance for this research?
- Does the Methodology target the main question(s) appropriately?
- Are the Results clearly and logically presented, and are they justified by the data presented? Are the figures clear and fully described?
- Do the Conclusions accurately respond to the main questions the author posed? Do the Conclusions go too far or not far enough based on the results?

Step 3: The writing and formulation

- Is the manuscript's story cohesive and tightly reasoned throughout? If not, where does it deviate from the central argument?
- How are grammar and spelling in the manuscript?

Timeline

- 12.12.2025: Hand in your abstract and register for the Paper Tandem
- 27.02.2026: Hand in your paper draft
- 06.03.2026: You receive the paper draft of your tandem partner
- 30.03.2026: Prepare the paper review

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