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Academic journals. A look from the editorial boards and the review procedures

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In this presentation I want to summarize the specific characteristics of academic journals, their problems and some of their internal processes such as editorial boards and review procedures. Within the broad landscape of publications, I will consider the different types that exist, the indexes and measurements (e.g. impact factor), their role and importance, as well as their advantages in contrast to other forms of publishing.

One of the objectives of this talk is to present a close look at publication processes and to offer a critical relation of what it means to be part of editorial projects at a national and international level. I will share some experiences from my cooperation with different academic journals in which I have participated in very distinct ways. Within this activities, I want to put a special emphasis on the online publication *iMex*.

Finally, I present suggestions and best practices to those who wish to publish texts in academic journals, considering all elements that favour the publication in this academic format.