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How to publish your first book?

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The 9 stages of Publishing Your First Book

- Writing
- Drafting
- Preparing the Book Proposal
- Submitting the Book Proposal
- Working on the Manuscript
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- Landing the Book Contract
- Working on the Final Manuscript
- Being an Author

Writing

- Write regularly

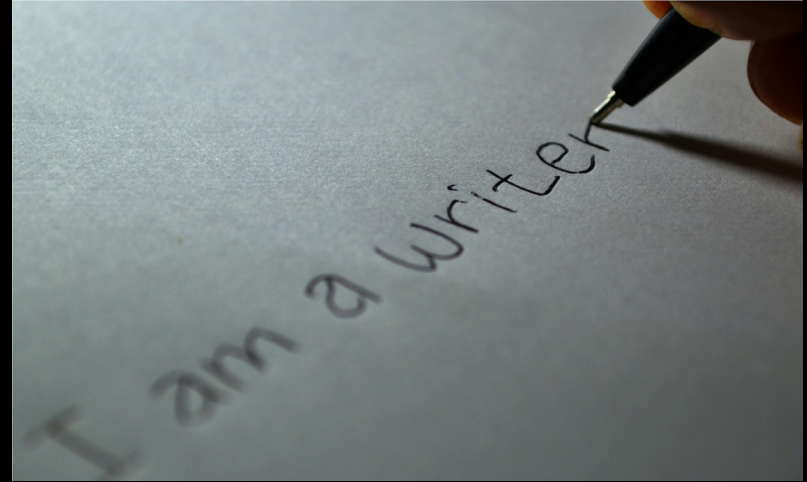
There is no ideal time for writing.
Don't wait for it.

- Go to conferences

Discuss your work with scholars
in your field

- Write and publish articles

It will help to make your future
book proposal stronger.



Drafting

- Work on your book

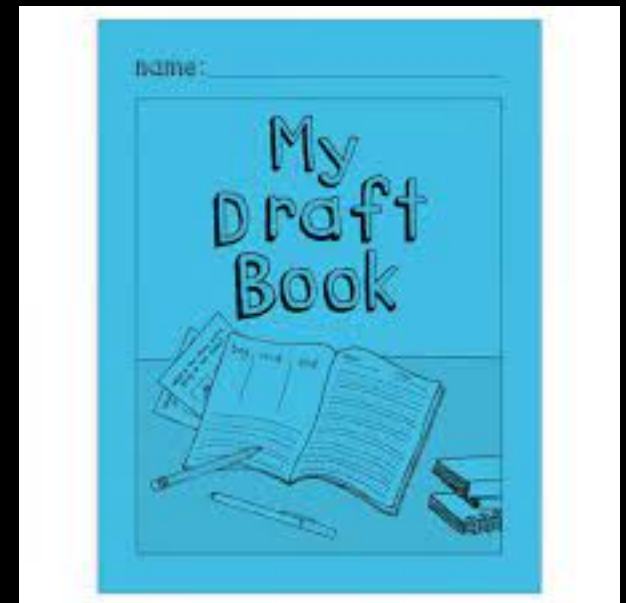
Don't submit your book proposal at this stage.

- Create deadlines

It's important to keep you moving forward (conferences also help).

- Do it regularly

There is no ideal time for drafting too.



Preparing a Book Proposal

- Reason to write the book
- Gaps in the market
- Existing books in the field
- Scope
- Level
- Extent
- Content

Submitting a Book Proposal

- Target the right presses (identify predatory presses)
- Interview recent book authors about presses
- Research your potential presses: Why your book should be published with them?
- Connect with editors
- Manage your emotions and wait: you may receive a decision within a week or a couple of months or years

Working on the Manuscript

- Work on the 2nd and 3rd drafts
- Ask your colleagues, senior scholars, also your friends and family members to read your draft

Submitting the Manuscript

- Manage your emotions and wait again: a review process from 8 weeks to a year or more
- Responding your reviewers

Book Contract

- Negotiate the date for submission of your final manuscript
- Discuss open access publishing options
- Request more author copies



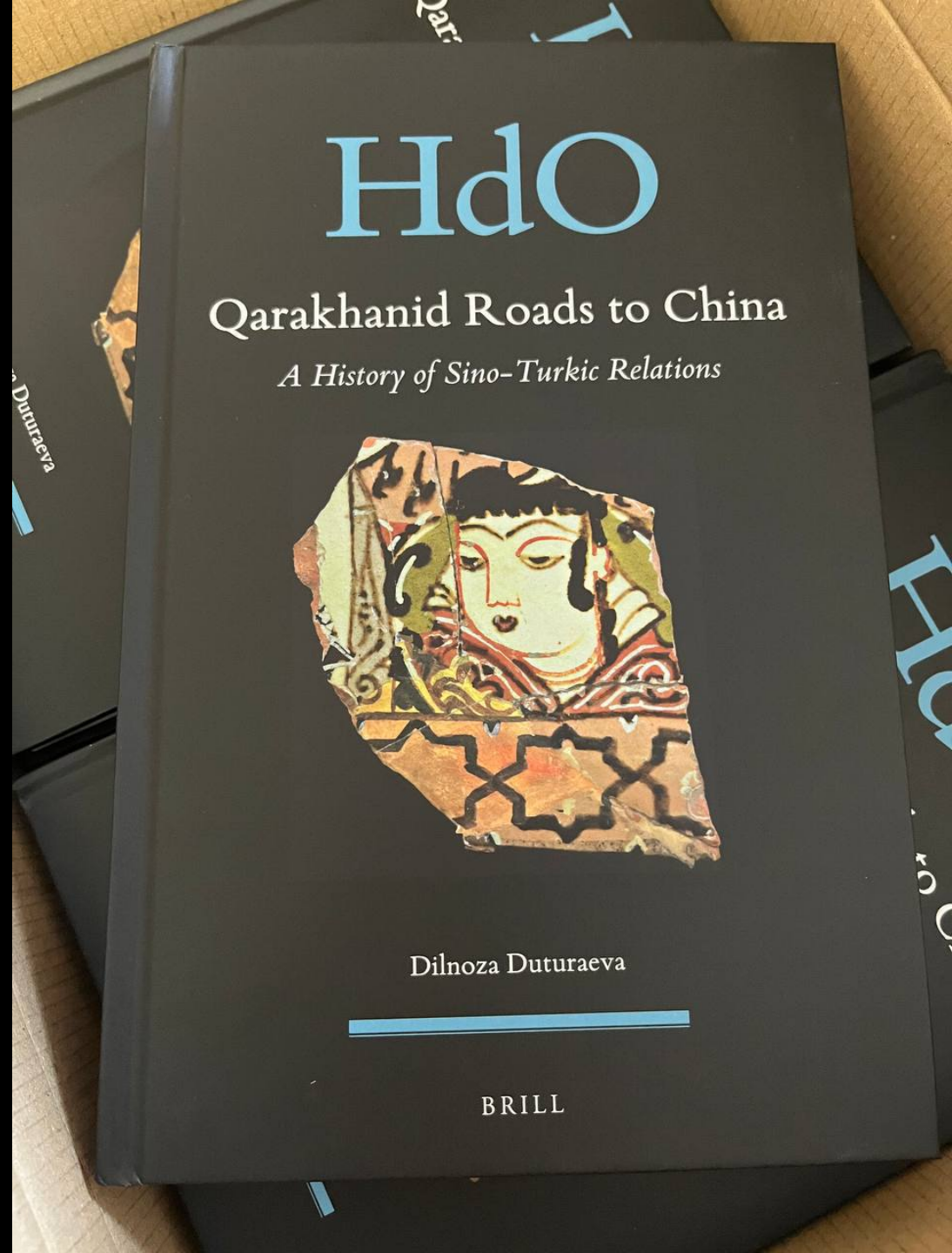
Final Manuscript for Publication

- Revise (if necessary)
- Edit
- Proofread
- Polish
- Secure permissions for images and think about the cover image
- Formatting
- Copyediting and checking proofs
- Prepare an index



Being an Author

- Continue marketing your book
- Give book talks
- Ask colleagues to review your book
- Apply for book prizes



Writing Tools and Resources

- <https://trinka.ai/>

This is an online grammar checker for academic and technical writing

- <https://www.ref-n-write.com/>

A tool for writing research papers and thesis, crossreferencing, paraphrasing and plagiarism checker

- <https://spinbot.com/>

Free text rewriting tool

- <https://paperpal.com/>

This is a subject-specific language suggestion that makes your writing better and faster

- <https://writefull.com/>

It helps you write, paraphrase, copyedit, generate titles and abstracts