

## About embargoes

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Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) has the obligation to publish a dissertation. According to regulations this must be done within three months after it was successfully defended. Therefore regulations allow an embargo period of three months. Because we learned that this is too short for some PhD's, we are prepared to extend that period to one or two years if needed. After two years, the dissertation will be published.

Embargo periods longer than two years require special permission from the Rector Magnificus.

In principle there should be no objection from a publisher that an article is also published as a chapter in a dissertation. The information is published in a different form than will be published in a journal. It should be enough to inform the publisher that the information is also in the dissertation.

Unfortunately, some publishers consider a chapter in a dissertation 'prior publication'. And they do not want to publish an article if there is 'prior publication'. Publishers may request that the chapter be made publicly available only after it has been published as an article. In that case it is possible to have a temporary embargo for a chapter that you want to publish as an article in a journal.

For an embargo we want to receive an additional 'embargo version' of the dissertation. An embargo version has the chapters removed that still have to be published (and which the publisher does not want published yet as part of the dissertation.)

The embargo version will be made public by EUR for the duration of the embargo. As soon as all chapters have been published, the embargo can be lifted, and the full version of the dissertation can be made public.

Chapters under temporary embargo need to be mentioned in the table on the consent form.

If you want to publish the full dissertation as a book it is also possible to get a temporary embargo. Then we also need an embargo version (because the EUR has an obligation to publish). This embargo version can contain the chapters at the front and the back (foreword, conclusions, etc.). And often chapter 1 is a more general chapter that doesn't need to be under embargo.

As a name for an embargo version two choices are popular. Examples:  
"Dissertation RT Hamlin embargo version" or "Dissertation C Banks without ch 5 and 6". Both make clear we are not dealing with the complete version.

In Hora Finita: The full version of the dissertation is uploaded under "2. thesis". The embargo version can be uploaded to Hora Finita as an 'additional file'. (Underneath "3. propositions".) A description can be added to give information about the file.

In short:

If you want a temporary embargo you have to supply the library with two versions of the dissertation.

1. a complete version for our archive.
2. an 'embargo version' from which all chapters have been removed to which the embargo applies. This version will be public for the duration of the embargo