

## ANALYSING GENRE: RESEARCH ARTICLE INTRODUCTIONS IN ECONOMICS

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### Abstract

This paper deals with genre analysis of research article (RA) introductions in economics. The starting point for the analysis was Swales' model from 1999. The analysis shows that, despite similarities with Swales' model, there are differences in economics RA introductions arising from the characteristics of the discipline. One of the crucial features of the analysed introductions is the division into four moves, rather than three proposed by Swales. There is a need to introduce a separate move 'Summarising previous research' as an indispensable move in this type of text in economics. In addition, 'Summary review' is seen as a third possibility in referring to previous research. Other moves seem to contain more steps than those in Swales' model. However, the analysis has shown that Swales' model is an important tool in analysing RA introductions, but that additional research is necessary to reveal their specific characteristics in different disciplines.

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