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Master and PhD students receive training on research methodologies at UNESCO Beirut

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As part of its effort to enhance access to quality higher education and research in the Arab world, and its effort to promote access to Open Educational Resources (OER), UNESCO Beirut organized on 25-27 March 2019 a training seminar for students enrolled in Master and PhD programmes at universities in Lebanon, to improve their research and writing skills.

The training, which targeted 25 students, was conducted by the Arab Educational Information Network (Shamaa). Shamaa provides specialists and stakeholders free internet access to the educational studies produced in the Arab countries. It indexes peer-refereed articles, Master theses and PhD dissertations, books, reports and conference proceedings dated 2007 onward in Arabic, English and French. The database includes bibliographic information, abstracts and, when available, the full text of educational studies.

For three days, the participants acquired key skills and knowledge on the use of OER, in particular the Shamaa database and ERIC, the use of research tools such as Google Scholar and Google Advanced Search, quotations, indexing, and referencing. Participants were also trained on methodologies of research, writing skills, including writing abstracts for their papers/theses, and choosing key words for referencing their publications.

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