

# Plagiarism and ETDs: Confronting the Reality

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## **Abstract**

Increasingly, instances of plagiarism are being discovered in PhDs. The unearthing of plagiarized texts often ripples through the institution affecting departments, administrators and students. A variety of mechanisms to proactively address plagiarism have been put in place, from academic honesty pledges signed by students to plagiarism detection software instituted by the university. This session will review how a selection of institutions in North America and Europe are addressing this thorny academic problem, and relay lessons learned.