



The future is diamond.

**Join a growing international movement to build
community-led research infrastructure for journals.**

Call for investment – join our international collective of
libraries, scholarly societies, and non-profit publishers.



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Our Mission.

The Open Journals Collective (OJC) is an international collective of scholars, libraries, and university-based publishers. We believe that academic research should be available to all, with no author fees and no paywalls. Our mission is to build a sustainable future for academic journals by challenging the profit-making models of global corporate publishing and data systems.

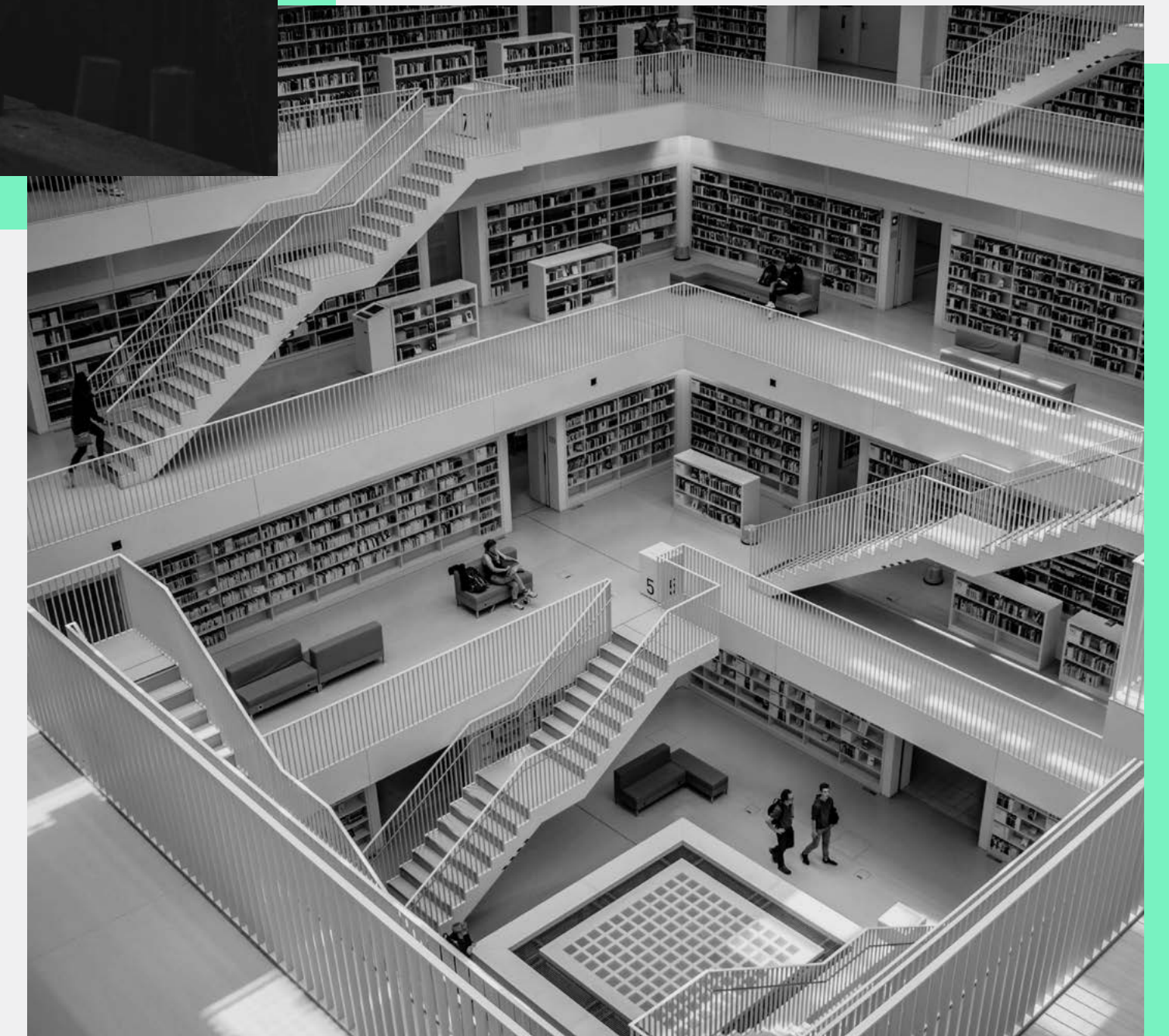
Launching in January 2026, OJC will offer collections of diamond open access journals in the arts, humanities and social sciences (AHSS), and science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Published by world leaders in university-based digital publishing, these collections offer libraries and funders the opportunity to support equitable research infrastructure for journals.

By joining OJC, libraries can invest in the long-term sustainability of non-profit university-based journals publishing. We have designed a scalable pathway to migrate journals away from commercial publishers and subscription models.

Titles can “flip” to diamond open access with the OJC, empowering libraries to cancel commercial journal subscriptions or walk away from Transformative Agreements.

Working together, libraries, academics, scholarly associations, and university-based publishers can build a fairer and more affordable journals publishing system.

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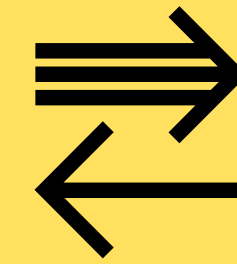


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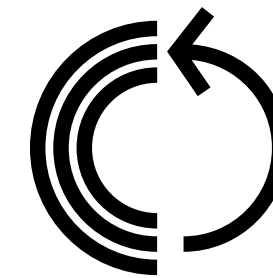
OJC is designed to raise collective investment for a transition to academic-led, non-profit diamond open access. Since our soft launch in March 2025, we have received a high volume of interest from libraries and consortia worldwide looking to become early supporters.



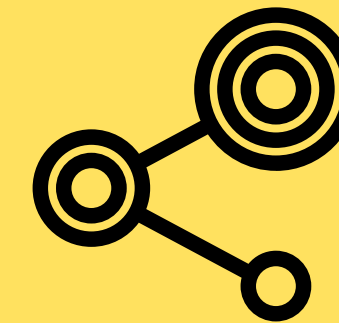
In 2026 (Year 1), we will **support diamond open access for c. 300 journals** in our 3 launch collections (Multidisciplinary, AHSS, & STEM) and **flip 50 journals** away from commercial and subscription models in the first 12 months.



01. We offer a viable alternative to commercial Transformative Agreements, giving back control to academic communities and their libraries.



02. We flip high-quality journals into our collections, ensuring an equitable and scalable transition to diamond open access.



03. We leverage our academic networks to move journals away from commercial publishing models and deliver savings for library budgets.

Journal Funding.

Library investment will be distributed to our journals through a series of funding payments that they can receive on an annual basis via a Journal Account on the OJC portal (journals joining OJC with their own publisher can nominate the publisher to receive and allocate this funding on their behalf).

These payments have been calculated following extensive stakeholder interviews with diamond open access publishers. This gives us a clear idea of how much it actually costs to publish a diamond open access journal, when there are no hidden profits or expensive commercial software providers.

OJC Collections.

We are offering 3 Launch Collections of c. 300 diamond open access journals. These include titles that launched as diamond open access journals, titles that migrated to a diamond model with their university-based publisher, and titles that resigned from commercial publishers to flip to diamond open access.

Science, Engineering, Technology & Maths (STEM).

- Agricultural Studies
- Algebra
- Animal Ecology
- Applied Mathematics
- Astrophysics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computational Neuroscience
- Computer Science
- Ecology
- Electronic Communications
- Environmental Sciences
- Epidemiology
- Geography

- Geology
- Geometry
- Health Sciences
- Hydrology
- Kinesiology
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Neuropathology
- Nanomedicine
- Nanotechnology
- Natural Sciences
- Nursing
- Organic Chemistry
- Ornithology
- Palaeontology
- Physics
- Public Health
- Public Policy Studies
- Sedimentology
- Software Development

- Ultrasound Studies
- Veterinary Medicine
- Volcanology
- Water Engineering
- Wildlife Conservation
- Zoology

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (AHSS).

- American Literature
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture & Architectural History
- Archival Studies
- Area Studies
- Asian History
- Asian Studies
- Black Studies
- British Literature
- Business & Management
- Business Librarianship
- Climatology
- Comics Studies
- Communication Sciences
- Computational Humanities
- Critical Animal Studies
- Critical Posthumanities
- Critical Theory
- Cultural Theory & Cultural Studies
- Curatorship Studies
- Dance & Choreography
- Design History
- Digital Humanities
- Digital Pedagogy
- Disability Studies
- Early Modern English Literature
- Early Modern History
- Economics
- Education

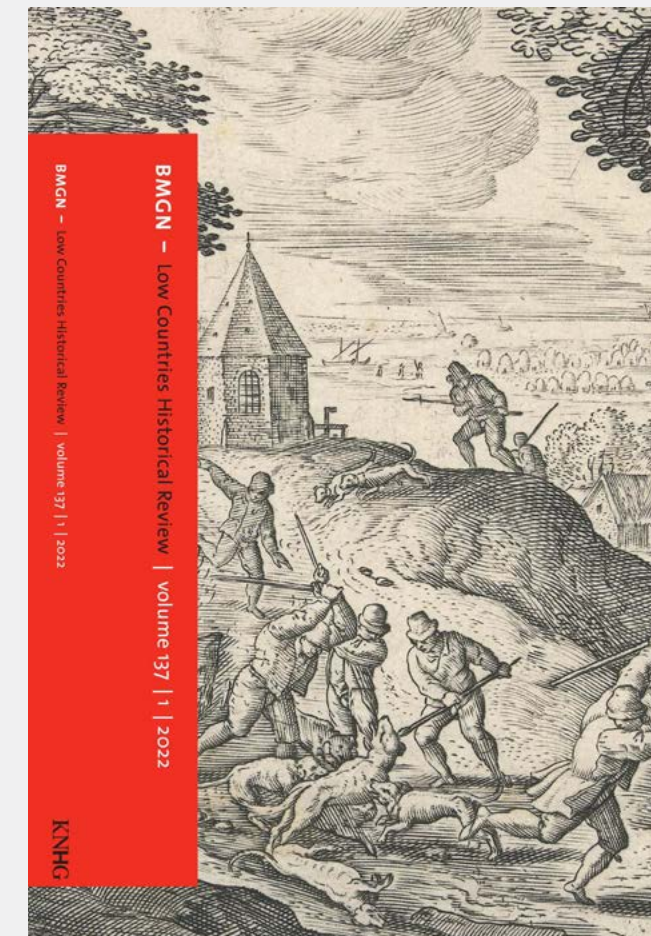
- Environmental Humanities
- Ethics
- Film & Media Studies
- Game Studies
- Gender & Sexuality Studies
- German Literature
- History
- Indigenous Studies
- Infrastructure Studies
- Intellectual History
- International Relations
- Irish Literature
- Labour Studies
- Landscape Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Law & Legal Theory
- Liberal Arts
- Library Information Sciences
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Martial Arts
- Medical Humanities
- Medieval Studies
- Modern & Contemporary Poetry
- Museum Studies
- Music & Performing Arts
- Musicology & Sound Studies
- Peace Studies
- Performance Studies
- Performing Arts
- Philology
- Philosophy
- Political Economy

- Political Philosophy
- Political Science
- Political Theory
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Public Humanities
- Quaker Studies
- Queer Theory
- Religious Studies
- Renaissance Studies
- Science & Technology Studies
- Social Policy & Social Work
- Sociology
- Theatre Studies
- Theology
- Urban Studies
- Utopian Studies
- Videographic Criticism
- Visual Arts
- Waste Studies
- Water Studies

To see all the journals included in the OJC Launch Collections, visit:
openjournalscollective.org

Collection Highlights: Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences.

OJC journals in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences (AHSS) Collection are owned and run by vibrant research communities and scholarly associations. Some titles date back a century or more and have substantial archives.



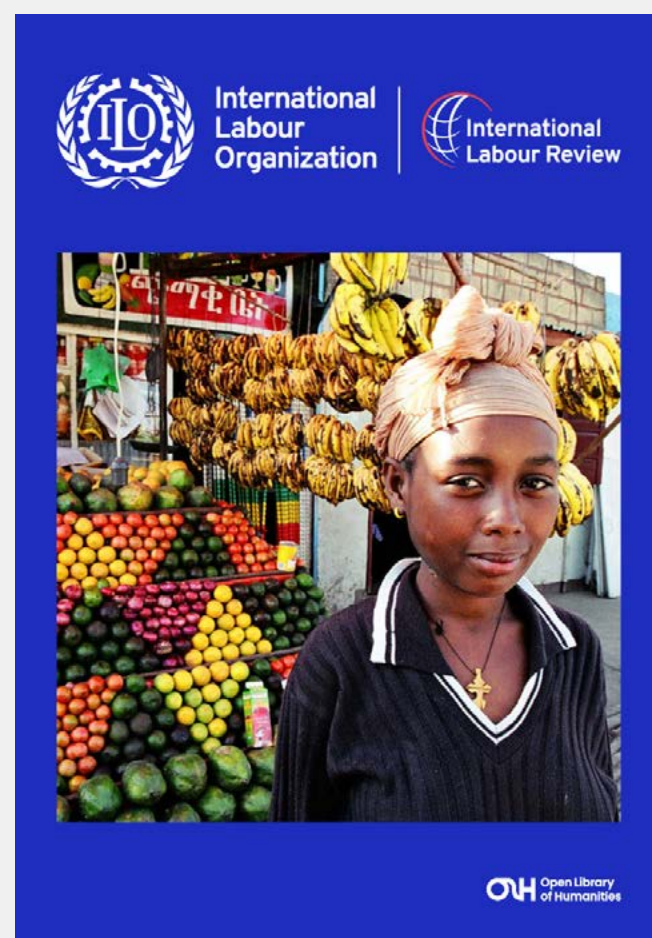
Low Countries Historical Review,
Royal Dutch Historical Society



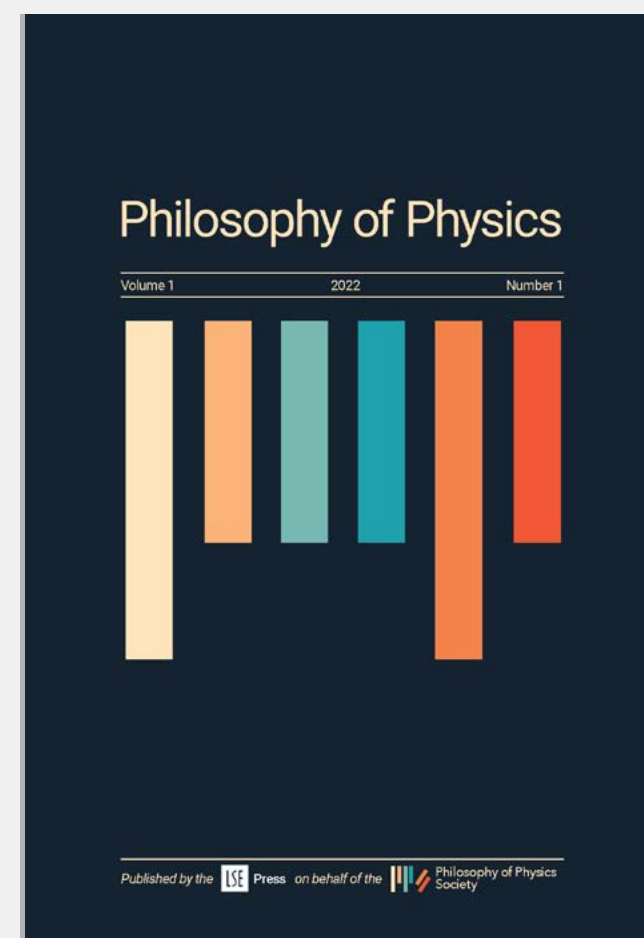
International Journal of Disability and Social Justice, Pluto Journals



Critical Education, Institute for
Critical Education Studies



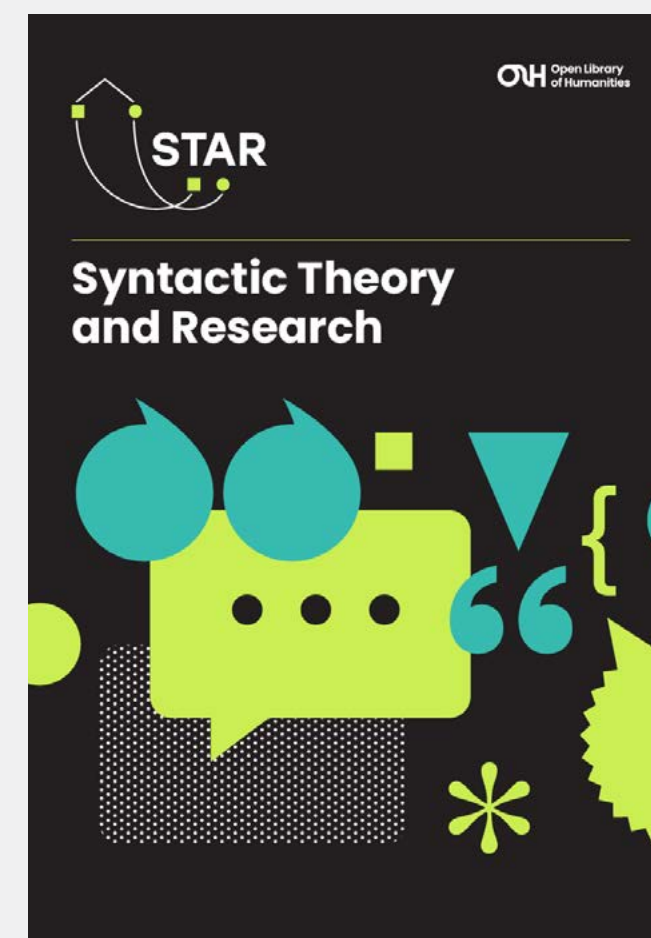
International Labour Review, Open
Library of Humanities



Philosophy of Physics, LSE Press



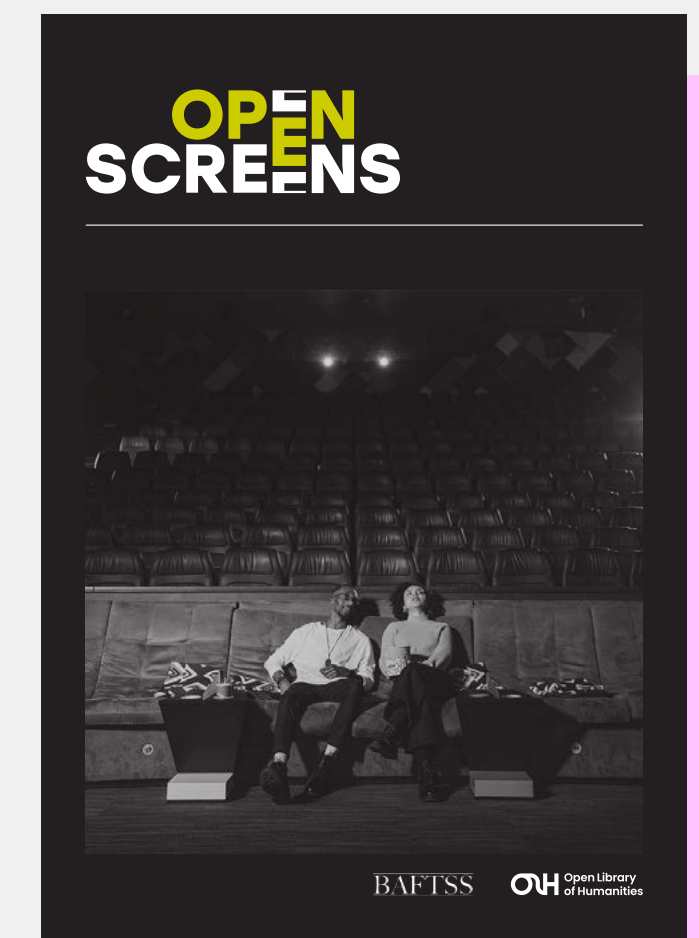
HIMALAYA, Edinburgh Diamond,
University of Edinburgh



Syntactic Theory and Research,
Open Library of Humanities



Medicine Anthropology Theory,
Edinburgh Diamond, University
of Edinburgh



Open Screens, Open
Library of Humanities

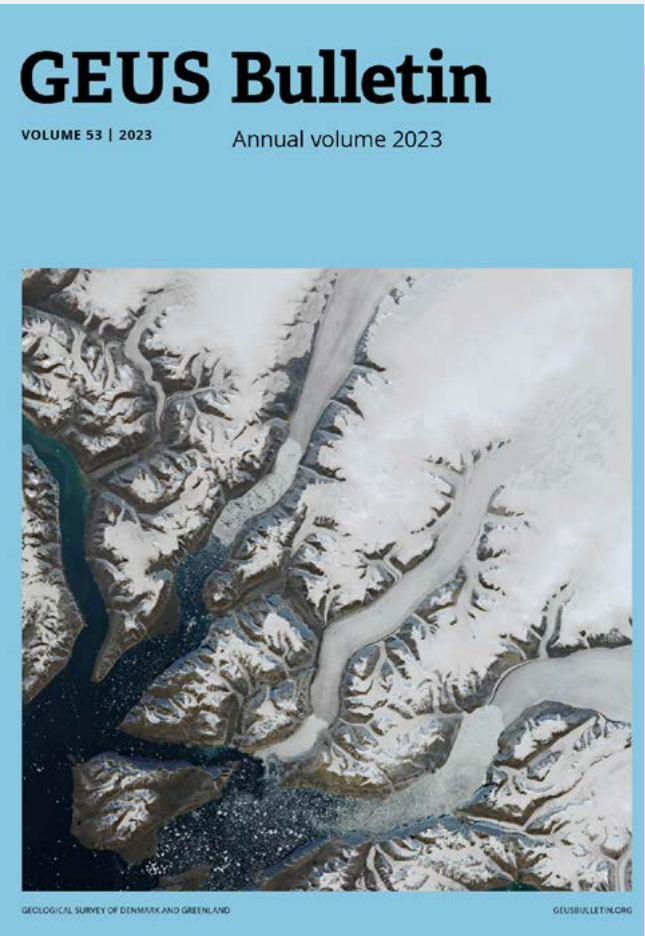


Collection Highlights: Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths.

OJC journals in the Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Collection date back decades. Many titles have been community-owned and -run since the early days of the Internet and proudly assert their editorial independence.



Global Health: Science and Practice, Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs



GEUS Bulletin, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland



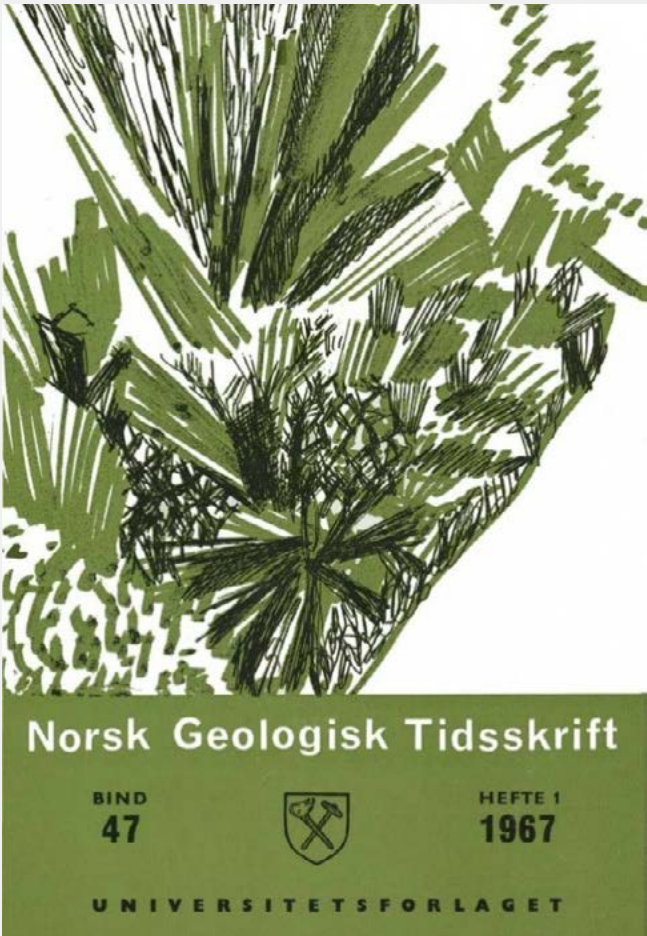
South African Journal of Science, African Journals Online



Canadian Medical Education Journal, University of Calgary



Sedimentologica, Library of the University of Geneva



Norsk Geologisk Tidsskrift, Geological Society of Norway



UCL Open Environment, UCL Press



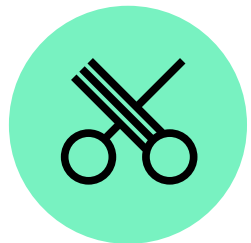
Volcanica, Presses universitaires de Strasbourg



Advances in Perioperative Care, UCL Press

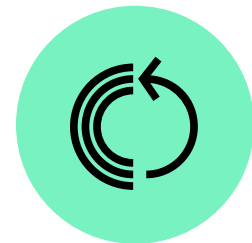
Journal Flipping.

OJC is designed to build its journal collections through an ambitious journal flipping programme.



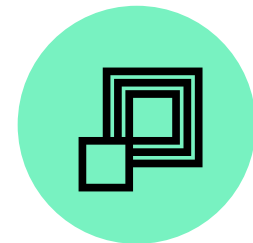
Publishing cutting-edge research.

We publish leading academic journals that are openly available - free to read, published with no embargos, and with no author payments. We believe that high-quality research should be available to all.



Giving back to research communities.

We work closely with libraries and funders to support the transition from a profit-driven commercial publishing model to a community-governed publishing model. All funds are invested in our journals and the research communities that make them possible.



Building a sustainable future for academic journals.

Our expertise as university-based publishers places us at the heart of the academic community. We provide a sustainable future for academic journals, providing financial, legal and technological support.

Here's how it works:

- 01. OJC advocates find journals** looking to move away from their commercial publishers to a diamond open access model.
- 02. Journal editors apply to join OJC** and their applications are evaluated by a Journal Applications Committee.
- 03. OJC's Journal Applications Committee** evaluates applications.
- 04. If successful, the journal can join OJC** and publish independently or partner up with an OJC publisher.
- 05. OJC technical partners support migration** and setting up the new journal site.

OJC places control over journals back in the hands of academic editors. We will not “own” the journals that join our collections and can offer support for editors looking to establish their own legal structures to protect journals from commercial acquisition.

Journal Funding & Revenue Distribution.

Package & Band	Journal Size	No. of articles p/year	Annual Funding Allocation
Package A (full fat) Full support for journals with no funding or income.			
1	Tiny	10	£7,500
2	Small	25	£10,500
3	Medium	50	£19,200
4	Large	100	£26,000
5	Very Large	500	£46,000
Package B (semi-skimmed) Partial support for journals with minimal funding or income.			
1	Tiny	10	£6,000
2	Small	25	£9,000
3	Medium	50	£17,700
4	Large	100	£24,000
5	Very Large	500	£43,000
Package C (skimmed) Top-up support for journals with established funding or income.			
1	Tiny	10	£5,000
2	Small	25	£7,000
3	Medium	50	£9,350
4	Large	100	£12,500
5	Very Large	500	£24,500

The packages are indicative of the revenue distribution of funds raised by the OJC across all journals within its collections. The OJC Funding Committee, which is composed of library members, will decide how funds are allocated each year.

Journal Applications.
From January 2027, journals can apply to join OJC. There are 3 routes to joining:

01.
Journals can apply to join OJC independently as self-published titles, supported by OJC publishing & professionalisation services.

02.
Journals can apply to join OJC with their current publisher / scholarly association.

03.
Journals can apply to join OJC and state in their application that they are looking to partner with a current OJC publisher.

In applications where journals apply to join with their current publisher (No. 2) OJC will evaluate whether their publisher is mission-aligned and conforms to OJC’s eligibility criteria.



OJC Publishing & Professionalisation Services.
OJC will draw on the sector-leading skills and services of its members to provide publishing and professionalisation services for new journals joining the collective that need to improve their performance. This includes access to tech support, reduced rates for DOI minting, indexing, archiving, preservation, and discoverability memberships via OJC, support for writing journal and publisher policies, and access to a rapidly growing academic community.

We will provide documentation, training events, and regular community meet-ups for OJC members.

Community Structure.

OJC is leading a growing academic movement.

If we are serious about tackling our broken system of journals publishing, we need to do more than simply move titles away from commercial publishers. We need to redesign the entire architecture of knowledge dissemination and accreditation.

This involves replacing profit-making indicators of prestige, removing our titles from commercially-owned databases, which track citation indexing and set the parameters for merit and influence, and building better alternatives.

Our task is ambitious, yet achievable.

Journal Support.

Our core team at OJC will support journals applying to join the collective, accessing professionalisation support, and managing their funding payments. Each journal will be given its own OJC account to receive payments. Payments will be contingent on journals reporting each year to show how they have spent their funds, using accounting software that tracks payments and allows for financial transparency.

Library Hub.

OJC's community structure is designed to begin this important work. Our Library Hub will house usage data for all OJC journals so that libraries can make evaluation-based investment decisions. Librarians will be able to download reports for their institutions drawing on data provided by ROR, the global, community-led registry of open persistent identifiers for research organizations.

Community Hub.

Our Community Hub will bring journal editors into contact with one another. This will integrate with Knowledge Commons, the open network for scholarship and academic communities, which is a Founding Member of OJC.

As our Community Hub grows, we can start building alternatives to prestige that are community-governed rather than commercially driven. These include OJC journal awards and rankings.

Community Governance.

Modelled on the Open Book Collective's governance structure, OJC will give its members full control over the running of the organisation. OJC Directors and their staff (the core team) will be accountable to an elected Board of Trustees, as well as a General Assembly of Members. This is designed to empower a community of independent and mutually reliant organisations.

By building a strong collaborative network, we protect bibliodiversity and build resilience against emerging threats (financial, political, and cyber-based).

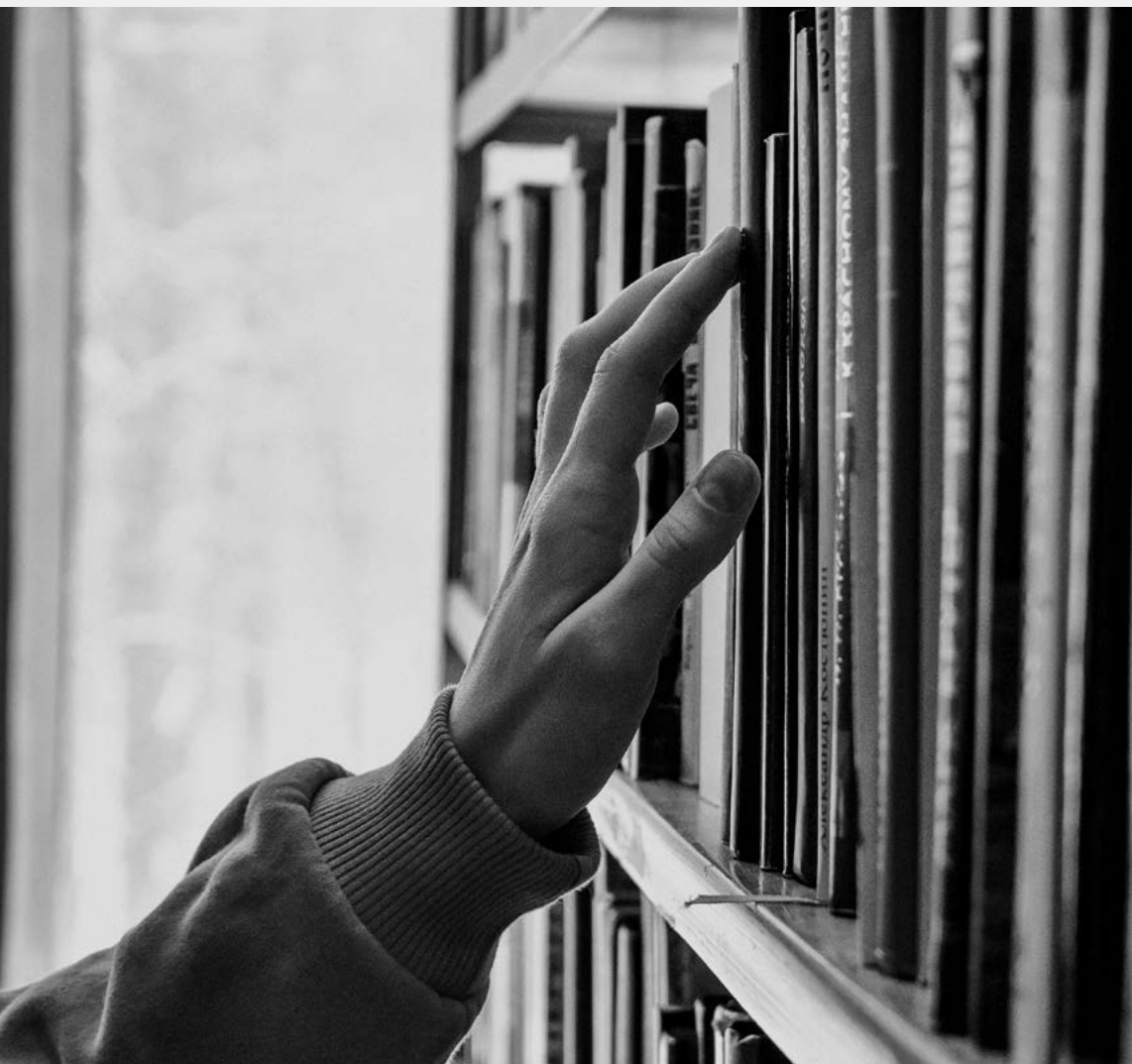


Library Memberships.

We are launching with 3 collections.
Choose your membership level in USD, GBP, and EUR.

- 1. The Multidisciplinary Collection.**
- 2. The Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Collection.**
- 3. The Science, Engineering, Technology & Maths Collection.**

Each collection is available at a Standard Membership and Higher-Tier Membership rates. Standard Memberships are banded by university size (FTE).



Our fees are banded, based on country and size of institution. Library members are also given the opportunity to voluntarily support us at a higher membership rate, tiered into Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

Memberships are available on a three-year, two-year or one-year renewable basis. US members can join via CRL / NERL. UK members can join via Jisc’s Licence Subscriptions Manager. Consortial discounts are available.

Institution size is based on the Jisc banding methodology in the UK and the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education in the US.

US Dollars pricing - Multidisciplinary Collection - Consortia

	2026	2027	2028
Standard membership.			
Large (10,000 FTE +)	\$48,369.04	\$49,819.86	\$51,314.09
Medium (5,000-9,999 FTE)	\$31,175.10	\$32,110.96	\$33,073.34
Small (up to 4,999 FTE)	\$18,035.73	\$18,577.22	\$19,134.40
Higher-tier membership.			
Bronze	\$72,360.00	\$72,360.00	\$72,360.00
Silver	\$96,480.00	\$96,480.00	\$96,480.00
Gold	\$120,600.00	\$120,600.00	\$120,600.00
Platinum	\$144,720.00	\$144,720.00	\$144,720.00

US Dollars pricing - AHSS Collection - Consortia

	2026	2027	2028
Standard membership.			
Large (10,000 FTE +)	\$33,858.33	\$34,873.90	\$35,919.87
Medium (5,000-9,999 FTE)	\$21,822.57	\$22,477.67	\$23,151.34
Small (up to 4,999 FTE)	\$12,625.01	\$13,004.06	\$13,394.08
Higher-tier membership.			
Bronze	\$50,652.00	\$50,652.00	\$50,652.00
Silver	\$67,536.00	\$67,536.00	\$67,536.00
Gold	\$84,420.00	\$84,420.00	\$84,420.00
Platinum	\$101,304.00	\$101,304.00	\$101,304.00

US Dollars pricing - STEM Collection - Consortia

	2026	2027	2028
Standard membership.			
Large (10,000 FTE +)	\$24,184.52	\$24,909.93	\$25,657.05
Medium (5,000-9,999 FTE)	\$15,587.55	\$16,055.48	\$16,536.67
Small (up to 4,999 FTE)	\$9,017.87	\$9,288.61	\$9,567.20
Higher-tier membership.			
Bronze	\$36,180.00	\$36,180.00	\$36,180.00
Silver	\$48,240.00	\$48,240.00	\$48,240.00
Gold	\$60,300.00	\$60,300.00	\$60,300.00
Platinum	\$72,360.00	\$72,360.00	\$72,360.00

OJC Board Members.

The following individuals sit on the OJC Boards and have helped design our Launch Collections, community governance structure, library membership fees, and journal flipping programme.

Founding Members.

- Open Library of Humanities
- Directory of Open Access Journals
- Open Book Collective
- Knowledge Commons

OJC Publishers' Board.

- John Atkinson, Press Manager, University of Westminster Press.
- Professor J.C.M. Baeten, Fellow, Centrum Wiskunde & Informatica (CWI), Research Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science in the Netherlands, and President of MathOA, Mathematics in Open Access.
- James Baker, Professor of Digital Humanities and Director of the Digital Humanities programme, University of Southampton, UK.
- Joanna Ball, Managing Director, Directory of Open Access Journals.
- Ian Caswell, Journals Manager, UCL Press.
- Jason Colman, Director, Michigan Publishing Services, University of Michigan Library.
- Jessica Dallaire-Clark, Senior Coordinator, Open Access Development, Érudit.
- Jocelyn Dawson, Director of Journals, University of Pennsylvania Press.

- Professor Caroline Edwards, Executive Director, Open Library, of Humanities.
- Philippa Grand, Head of Publishing, LSE Press.
- Catherine Mitchell, Director of Publishing, Archives and Digitization at California Digital Library, University of California.
- Professor Johan Rooryck, Co-coordinator of the European Diamond Capacity Hub, PI on the EU-funded ALMASI project, and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Diamond OA journal Glossa: a journal of general linguistics.
- Sophi Tranchell, Pluto Journals.
- Charles Watkinson, Director, Michigan University Press.
- Sofie Wennström, Stockholm University Library, and Chair of LIBER's Open Access Working Group.
- Dr Jan Willem Wijnen, Programme Manager of open journals.nl, the Dutch diamond open access publishing platform managed by the KNAW Humanities Cluster.
- Dr Mark C. Wilson, Visiting Professor, at Smith College (USA), and Founder of the Free Journal Network.
- Rebecca Wojturska, Open Access Publishing Officer, Edinburgh Diamond.

OJC Library Board.

- Theo Andrew, Scholarly Communications Manager, University of Edinburgh.
- Chris Banks, Former Director of Library Services, Imperial College London and Honorary Research Fellow, University of Manchester.
- Andrew Barker, Director of Library Services, Lancaster University.
- Peter Barr, Associate Director - Collections and Digital Transformation, Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Curtis Brundy, Dean of University Libraries, University of Massachusetts.
- Galadriel Chilton, Dean of the University Library, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- Ratna Dhaliwal, Collections Librarian, University of Saskatchewan.
- Laura Hanscom, Head of Scholarly Communications & Collections Strategy, MIT Library.
- Patrick Hart, Curator, at the National Library of Scotland.
- Matthew Kingcroft, Open Research Manager (Open Access and Publishing), University of St Andrews.
- Danny Kingsley, Director of Library Services (Information), Deakin University.
- Matthew Kopel, Open Access and Intellectual Property Librarian, Princeton University.
- Sharla Lair, Senior Strategist, Open Access and Scholarly Communication Initiatives, Lyris.
- Yuan Li, Director of Open Scholarship and Research Data Services, Harvard University.
- Bethany Logan, Associate Director, Library (Library, Culture and Heritage), University of Sussex.
- Samuel A. Moore, Scholarly Communication Specialist at Cambridge University Library,

- Affiliated Lecturer at Cambridge Digital Humanities and a College Research Associate at King's College Cambridge, University of Cambridge, and PI of Materialising Open Research Practices in the Humanities and Social Sciences (MORPHSS).
- Louise Otting-Geevers, Collection & License Manager, TU Delft Library.
 - Jane Saunders, Associate Director, Content and Discovery, University of Leeds Library.
 - Sarah Thompson, Assistant Director, Content and Open Research, University of York.
 - Lidia Uziel, Associate University Librarian for Research Resources & Scholar, University of California, Santa Barbara.
 - Wilhelm Widmark, Library Director, Stockholm University.

Publishing Members.

The following publishers, networks, and university departments are already confirmed as OJC Publishing Members at launch. They support the journals included in OJC's Launch Collections.

- Aberdeen University Press
- African Journals Online
- Center for Digital Humanities, Princeton University
- Critical Public Health Network
- Edinburgh Diamond at the University of Edinburgh
- Érudit
- eScholarship Publishing at the California Digital Library
- Free Journal Network
- LSE Press
- MathOA
- Michigan Publishing, University of Michigan
- Open Library of Humanities
- Open Press TiU, Tilburg University
- Pluto Journals
- Stockholm University Press
- UCL Press
- University of Pennsylvania Press
- University of Westminster Press



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