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What is Open Access (OA)?

Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions

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“Local is lekker,
but Worldwide is
better - Open
Access will take
your Research
there!”

Erica van der Westhuizen
Department of Library and Information Service, Veterinary Science library



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“Open Access opens new worlds for new generations. Not only easier accessibility to, but also the immediate use of the latest knowledge assure better quality of life and new possibilities in all study fields. In the different disciplines of Religion and Theology Open Access will help to open up new paradigms and horizons in the endeavour to create a better world.”



Prof Dirk Human
Department of Old Testament and Editor: *Verbum et Ecclesia*



What is an Open Access journal?

Open access journals are scholarly journals that are available online to the reader without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself

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Prof. P.A. Brynard
School of Public Management and Administration (SPMA)

“We are almost in 2010 and eventually open access becomes part of our life and research. How long will it take human kind to realize that we should move beyond information, knowledge and research? Open Journals not only have a social responsibility, but a global responsibility. Aspirations and achievements of new researchers can only be strengthened by Open Journals.”



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"The opportunity to pursue scholarly activities in a free and unfettered manner is crucial to the development of knowledge based societies. One means of achieving this is through open access to scholarly material, particularly for scholars from poorly resourced developing countries. In addition, OA can make the work of scholars from these countries more widely accessible in both the developed and developing worlds. "



Prof Robin M Crewe
Vice-Principal: Research and Postgraduate Studies



What is Open Access (OA)?

OA is free, immediate, permanent, full-text, online access, for any user, web-wide, to digital scientific and scholarly material, primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals

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“Open access increases authors’ visibility and provides equal access to all users irrespective of means.”

Dr. Gerrit Stols
Senior lecturer: Department of Science, Mathematics & Technology



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“At every level of society, power is underpinned by knowledge. Open access publishing raises fundamental questions about where knowledge is produced, and who has access to it. Particularly in our globalized world, open access publishing could become a powerful tool to widen the public domain. Dare we hope that in light of its potential to disrupt conventional patterns of scholarly publication and transform the readership of scholarly research, open access publishing will invest research in the humanities and social sciences with new boldness, vitality and relevance?”

Neil Roos

Associate professor: Director of Postgraduate Studies



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Prof Theo JD Bothma
Head: Department of Information Science

“Open access publishing through interoperable institutional repositories provides researchers with an excellent platform to showcase their research publications to the world. Exchange of research information is greatly enhanced and this may have a huge impact on especially the developing world. Open access publishing therefore requires that publishers, researchers and readers carefully rethink current scholarly publishing models. “



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“Every young person (scholar) now has a free sword with which to open the oyster that will reveal all the treasures of the world: stories, fables, non-fiction, data, philosophies, poems, plays, life histories ... Open access gives every young person a sword to open the oyster that will change his or her life. Our country desperately needs knowledgeable young people and scholars that can give it the edge in a competitive world.”



Prof Johan L Beckmann

Head: Department of Education Management and Policy Studies



What is Open Access (OA)?

OA means that any individual user, anywhere, who has access to the Internet, may link, read, download, store, print-off, use, and data-mine the digital content of that article

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“Knowledge and ideas are the new currency of exchange. Those who are excluded from the economy are deliberately impoverished and those deliberately excluded, deliberately disadvantaged. Who would want to be an agent of impoverishment? Open Access in the world of ideas is the agency of the equitable distribution of the new wealth of ideas.”

Prof Roger Fisher
Department of Architecture



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“Knowledge is power - scientifically spoke. It is essential for all of us to have access to information in order to gain this knowledge. I believe Open Access will provide this access to information.”



Prof Danie Auret
B rated NRF researcher Department of Physics



What are the benefits of Open Access for students?

- It makes assignments easier: no more worrying about library subscription
- Everyone has access: students, academics but also patients looking for treatment of diseases or a businessman looking for the information on the latest developments in his field

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Prof Phil J Botha
Department of Ancient Languages

“Significant advances in knowledge can only be attained if researchers have immediate access to almost everything that has been published on a particular subject, especially the most recent contributions. Open Access is a quantum leap towards attaining this goal.”



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“I support Open Access because it enables all researchers, particularly those in Africa to keep track of the latest research developments in Phytomedicine.”



Prof JN Eloff

Department Paraclinical Sciences and Programme Leader: Phytomedicine programme

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“Open access is the most effective way for researchers to keep abreast of international research. OA means more readers and recognition for the researcher. It provides more impact for each article. I support it wholeheartedly.”

Prof BL (Banie) Penzhorn
Department of Veterinary Tropical Diseases



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“I support open access because it is important that any researcher anywhere is able to get the latest findings in his or her field without any hassle when needed to push the boundaries of knowledge; open access is breaking down all barriers to the latest developments in specialist fields and I am 100% in support of this.”



Dr Patricia Smit
Head: Research Support



What are the benefits of Open Access for academics?

- It advances research
- It enhances the visibility of research
- It increases the readership of your work
- It provides a one-stop access to your publications
- It stimulates research partnerships
- It leads to easier research reporting

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Mr Dhesigen Naidoo
Director: Department of Research and Development Support

“Open access is key to a more universal dissemination of research products to a range of audiences and stakeholders. It has huge potential for a wider and quicker uptake of new knowledge to better inform policy, develop and activate solutions for community development to eradicate poverty, to entrepreneurs to develop smarter products and services to create new and enhance existing industrial platforms to create sustainable livelihoods and improve our competitiveness. Open access is a key empowerment tool.”



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"If we truly believe that access to knowledge and education is a fundamental human right we should support open access journals."



Prof. Adelia Carstens
Head: Department of Humanities Education



What can I do to support Open Access?

- Use OA research
- Share your work and gain more exposure
- For research articles visit

<http://repository.up.ac.za/upspace/handle/2263/121>

- For theses and dissertations visit

<http://upetd.up.ac.za/UPeTD.htm>

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“It has become commonplace to state that the world has become a global village. Networking, the global economy, the information era, knowledge workers joining hands and learning from each other are standard concepts wherever one travels. I believe open access is a pivotal instrument that can help us, citizens of the global village, to realize the dream of creating a better informed and knowledgeable society.”

Prof Kobus Maree
Extraordinary Research Professor : Department of Education Management and Policy Studies



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“To be a winner, you have to think like a winner!” - Donald Trump.

To be a winner in the academic environment, you have to use Open Access material.”



Dr JJR de Villiers

Senior lecturer: Department Science, Mathematics and Technology Education



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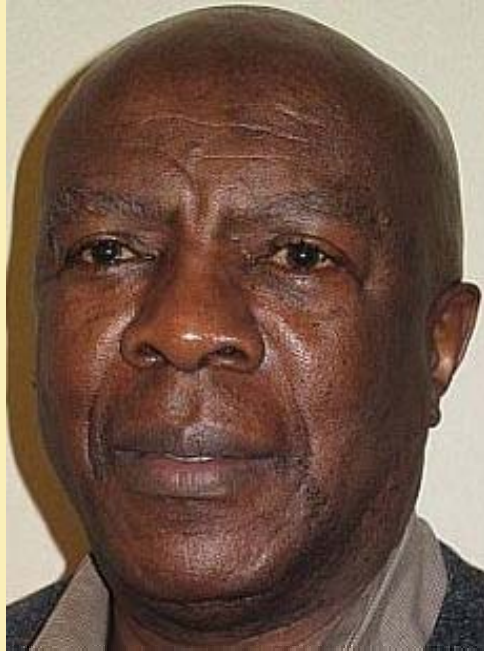
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“Knowledge is the global currency of our times; it gives us the purchasing power to enjoy life’s many wonderful gifts. Without it, we are reduced to nothingness. Thankfully, Open Access has opened the doors to an incredibly vast wealth of knowledge which is there for us to exploit without charge. What a fabulous moment in human history. *Wa lala wa sala*”

Prof Mokubung Nkomo
Extraordinary Research Professor : Department of Education Management and Policy Studies



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“Open Access is the solar energy version of scholarly communication: we are still a long way from general acceptance but the potential is enormous for an exciting future when everybody will have access to the research literature. I definitely want to be part of it!”



Monica Hammes
Assistant Director Open Scholarship & Quality Assurance,
Department of Library Services, UP



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“Researchers in developing countries face many challenges; one being the availability of (financial) resources to gain access to information. The consequence is the potential limitation on the research work that can be undertaken in these countries. Open Access addresses this challenge directly and levels the platform for researchers from all countries to collaborate meaningfully.”



Prof Alan Brent
Graduate School of Technology Management



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Prof Venitha Pillay

Associate Professor : Department of Education Management and Policy Studies

“I support open access! Open access opens up vistas of knowledge at the click of a button, it saves trees, it saves time, it saves money, it takes knowledge out of the ivory tower and puts it in the hands of anyone who chooses to use it!”



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“The prohibiting high cost of commercial academic journals has a very negative impact on knowledge production in the Global South. It seriously handicaps academics from the South in producing decent research and often marginalizes them in the global academic discourse. Open Access has the potential of remedying this situation. It gives global exposure to knowledge produced in the Global South and also allows academics from all over the world to gain access to knowledge that they otherwise might not have been able to afford. That is why I encourage academic institutions to make their research accessible to the global academic community through their open repositories.”



Prof Deon Rossouw
Head: Dept of Philosophy
Faculty of Humanities



There are two primary vehicles for delivering OA to research articles:

- OA journals : see AOAJSA - the new list of accredited open access journal (South Africa)

<http://www.library.up.ac.za/aoajsa.htm>

- OA repositories : see UPSpace

<https://www.up.ac.za/dspace/>

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" The adoption of the Open Access Mandate by the University in 2009 is an important step. It has been shown that articles made available through Open Access, (OA) and in institutional Repositories are cited twice as much (Stevan Harnad, 2006). We are convinced therefore, that the OA Mandate will contribute immensely towards the attainment of this objective by the University."



Robert Moropa
Director: Department of Library Services

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Elsabé Olivier
Open Scholarship Manager, Department of Library Services, UP

“Open access places research from the “haves” in the hands of the “have nots”. It is a win-win situation – readers can access research without barriers (especially those from developing countries) and it maximizes researcher impact. I believe that researchers should take control over the dissemination of their research and publish in open access journals. To this end the University of Pretoria’s Library Services launched its list of Accredited Open Access Journals (AOAJSA). This list will be an invaluable source for researchers in South Africa:

<http://www.library.up.ac.za/aoajsa.htm> Use it and spread the word!”





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