

Open Access Policy of ILS

Preamble

Open Access stands for unrestricted and free access to quality-checked scientific information on the Internet. By removing technical, financial and legal barriers, Open Access helps to accelerate scientific innovation processes and improve the visibility of research results. This supports researchers in their research and publication processes and maximizes the benefits of publicly funded research.

The ILS is committed to Open Access and thus follows the "[Berlin Declaration](#) on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities" issued by the major German research organizations in 2003.

Recommendations for action

ILS scholars are free to choose a suitable medium for their publication. However, the ILS recommends that all employees submit their articles to open access journals. In particular persons with management functions (from project management to management board) should point out to employees that, if possible, publications should be published in open access journals.

When publishing in a restricted-access journal, the ILS recommends waiving the assignment of exclusive rights of use to the publisher and reserving a simple right of use for public access, as provided for in the guidelines of the [DFG](#) and other research funders.

Scholars are requested to re-publish all published, scientifically peer-reviewed articles in a suitable repository (green OA), insofar as this is possible. The secondary publication right is regulated in [Section 38 \(4\) of the German Act on Copyright and Related Rights \(UrhG\)](#).

ILS recommends using the "[Directory of Open Access Repositories](#)" to find out which repositories are available. Further information and recommendations can be obtained from the contact persons for Open Access at the ILS.

ILS recommends the use of free publication licenses that promote open access distribution (preferably [Creative Commons license](#): CC BY). Information on why greater restrictions are not conducive to the open access movement can be found in the [wiki](#) of the state initiative [openaccess.nrw](#) (only in German).

The funding regulations of many third-party funders allow funds for article processing charges (APCs) to be included in the project budget at the time of application. It is strongly recommended to make use of such possibilities when planning and implementing externally funded projects.

ILS scholars who work as reviewers, editors or publishers for scientific journals are asked to pay attention to the publishers' pricing policy towards users. This is accompanied by a request to work towards a better open access policy on the part of publishers, where possible.

Further information can be found here:

- [Berliner Erklärung | Max Planck Open Access \(mpg.de\)](#) (Berlin Declaration on OA)
- [Wiki of the state initiative openaccess.nrw](#) (text in German)
- [open-access.network](#) - Information platform for Open Access in Germany (text in English)
- [Directory of quality-assured open access journals, "Directory of Open Access Journals"](#) (DOAJ)
- [Overview of conditions for self-archiving journal articles in Open Access repositories](#) (Sherpa Romeo List on Publishers' copyright policies & self-archiving)
- [The DFG funding program Open Access Publishing - Report on the funding](#)

Funding

The ILS provides employees with funding options for publication fees for Open Access publication media.

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