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• "Scientific societies navigating the storm: how open science is transforming the scholarly publishing landscape"

Daniela Hahn

 "Open Science: Navigating Trends, Challenges and Opportunities"

Alessio Bolognesi

• "Evolution of Publishing"

Peter Kraker and Cristoph Arthofer

 "Open Science: Navigating Trends, Challenges and Opportunities"



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NEW, EQUITABLE BUSINESS MODELS – PLOS, AIP PUBLISHING



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PUBLISHING



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OPEN SCIENCE ADVOCACY – PLOS, AIP PUBLISHING



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"Society publishers are at a crossroads. The current trajectory — declining revenues, increasing volumes, growing technological complexity, and abandonment of independent publishing — is unsustainable for many

OLGANIZATIONS Oads: New Evidence of an Accelerating Crisis - Rob Johnson, Research Consulting





Fractured global priorities

Perverse research incentives

Article-based economy

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Geopolitical uncertainty; attacks on science

A complex storm system...



Fractured global priorities

Changing with the times: our evolving approach to open access

Shaping our Open Access approach amid a complex, evolving open research landscape, supporting authors to best suit their local context



Article

In 2022, the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) announced our ambition to transition all of our RSCowned journals to open access (OA) within the next five years. This ambition made us the first chemistry publisher to publicly commit to a fully OA future,

Since then, we embarked on a global programme to engage with our community and to understand the ways in which we could collaboratively build a fully OA future, overcoming local challenges and supporting stakeholders to adapt to open access. Based on the conversations we had across the world and in response to shifts in the global research landscape, we are evolving our OA strategy. Rather than a universal transition to 100% open access by 2028, we are moving toward regionally tailored approaches to OA and models that support diverse pathways to openness, based on local needs, funding landscapes, and infrastructure.

One size does not fit all

Royal Society of Chemistry update on their open access commitment







Small non-profits responding to global needs

- EU/UK Open Science forward
- China/India mixed approaches
- Latin America/Africa community-driven infrastructure, Diamond
- US unclear...?





Global conversation driven by one region

- EU driving global policy (sometimes w/o consultation)
- Publishers rushing to compliance; Simplest solution – Gold OA
- More articles = More \$\$
- Quality/rigor at risk (esp with AI)
- Perverse incentives



Research assessment paradigm is inherently flawed.

"There is also concern that scientists seeking to build their reputation will **focus solely on increasing their** *research output* and impact, since these are the factors on which assessment systems are based. The worry is that this creates false incentives that cause the focus to drift away from quality assurance and compliance with good research practice."



"Reputation and research assessment in academia - <u>a brief introduction</u>"

<u>Dr. Jasmin Schmitz, Deputy Head of Department of Open Science, Head of PUBLISSO: https://www.publisso.de/en/</u>





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Science and Nature, two leading science journals, have revealed a growing problem: an alarming rise in fraudulent research papers produced by shady paper mill companies. This wave of fake studies is creating a major headache for the academic world, putting the integrity of global academic research at risk.

We must break the link between

publisher revenue and article volume

Volume-driven publishing pushes up costs and threatens research integrity. We



Article-based economy



International Science Council

News and publications

Why overpublication?

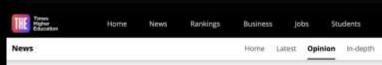
On the science side, we suggest that this explosive trend is driven by individual and institutional competitiveness. On the commercial side we suggest that it is driven by academic demand (due to the above factors) and profit-seeking in an already lucrative market. The insistence of publishers to increase the rate of publication in their journals has led to the wholesale resignation of those Editorial Boards (Koley, 2024) that have resisted commercial demands to publish ever more papers. The commercial business model has

the rise of so-called "predatory publishing" - the production of papers for their ith little scientific merit and low editorial standards (IAP Report, 2022). 'Paper urning out papers and flooding publishing system with bogus articles 024). Interestingly, the paper mill articles often look as good as credible ticles, only line-by-line scrutiny can reveal the "tortured phases[1]" used in fake tables and figures. The practice of selling authorships has also become

widespread. Editorial boards are being infiltrated with non-credible academicians in some journals (Besser, 2024). Moreover, practices such as artificially boosting citations to make researchers' profiles more attractive are now common practice (Catanzaro, 2024). Unfortunately, no credible and widespread action has so far been taken by the academic community.

The Wiley/Hindawi scandal

A recent scandal has exemplified the unstructured nature of science publishing, where publishers operate under their own rules with no significant constraints from the science community. Wiley & Sons have just decided to suspend the Hindawi journal portfolio, which











need new agreements with healthier incentives, says Anna Vernon Published on July 22, 2025 Last updated July 22, 2025

Anna Vernon

As funding tightens and universities reevaluate what counts as impactful research, the urgency of reforming scholarly publishing and its costs has become overwhelming.





Research fraud as a criminal enterprise

Criminal science publishing gangs – a new world of crime...

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criminal science publishing gangs damage the genesis of knowledge technology—a call to action to restore trust

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What is the power of criminal science publishing gangs?

Criminal science publishing gangs—formerly known as "paper mills"—are fraudulent ousinesses producing fake scientific papers with false content. We decided to use the former term because the latter one was inspired by a fantasy novel (Byrne and Christopher 2020). But we are not dealing with a fantasy novel. We are dealing with the reality of true crime.

Fraudulent science papers are produced by scientists who sell their services of writing ghost papers for customers who are presumably in urgent need to demonstrate their scientific output. Their aim is to generate—or polish—their "scientific standing" to personally gain job promotions and increase their "credibility." Criminal science publishing gang products are sold in many scientific disciplines and challenge the very foundation of trust and reliability of











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April 2024: EU RFP study on impacts of scientific fraud...

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Estimating the costs of research misconduct and the socio-economic benefit of research integrity

See the complete

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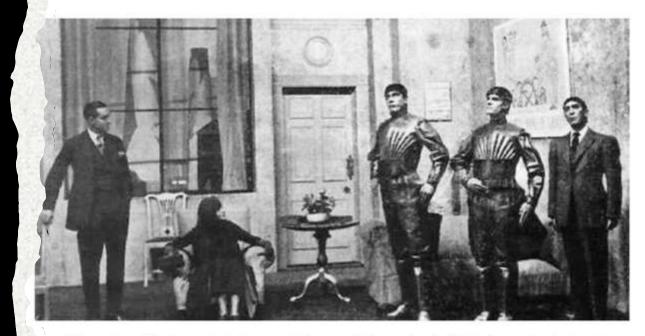


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ne Czech Play That Gave s the Word 'Robot'

Al is like any other tool...

It's promise for accelerating scientific discovery AND dissemination is huge but so are the risks Čapek's play "R.U.R." premiered in January 1921. Its influence cannot be erstated.





"The product of the human brain has escaped the control of human hands. This is the comedy of science,"

READING

JSCIRES, VOL 14, ISSUE 2, 2025

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High Costs, Long Waits, and Ethical Dilemmas: A Review of Challenges in Academic Publishing

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"Academic integrity is threatened by ethical issues like the improper use of Al tools, which also call into question the originality and creativity of research. This review draws upon insights from a curated body of recently published research papers to highlight structural injustices in academic publishing, their adverse effects on global research output, and the excessive pressure placed on faculty members to fulfill the requirements of accreditation agencies"



- 1. Chat first interaction
- 2. Mediated access
- 3. Speed vs. verification
- 4. New research behavior pathway





Natalia Manolo, CEO OpenAire, a pan-European open scholarly infrastructure provider. Speaking at the 2025 Open Science Fair at CERN this week



As an example...

ChatGPT 5 ~

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As a subject matter expert, I can query, question, verify, and eliminate responses that are incorrect or irrelevant.

But early career researchers, students, Gen Z users...they're less likely to "use but verify."

r data that look scientific but are false or unverifiable.

risks to the trustworthiness of science.

Integrity is at stake: If research becomes unreliable, the credibility of science suffers worldwide.

Here's a structured set of key points you can use for for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI). I've fr

2. Main Risks to Research Integrity

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a. Fabricated or Manipulated Content

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difficult and time-consuming.



"Here, we explore the risks of over-reliance on such automated tools, echoing potential threats to scientific integrity and a surge in low-quality publications, while also considering their potential role in the reproduction and verification of scientific findings. To address these challenges, we recommend the development of clearer guidelines and ethical standards for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in research,..."

"The Promise and Perils of Autonomous AI in Science" Junyi Gao, M.S and Ewen M. Harrison, FMedSci. Published December 16, 2024, *NEJM* AI 2025;2(1)

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Federal Research Cuts Threaten U.S. Innovation and Leadership

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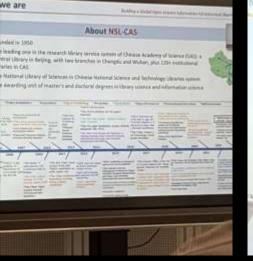
Geopolitical uncertainty; attacks on science

All the while...

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Restoring Gold Standard Science









All the while... other leaders are filling the void...

Jin Xie and Jinxia Huang (Open Science Research Center, National Science Library, Chinese Academy of Sciences) leading 2025 Open Science Fair workshop: "Fostering Global Collaboration in Open Science Infrastructure Sharing" with AIP OpenAire and other global UNESCO partners





Research institutions

- Research assessment paradigm slow to change
- Focused on securing grant funding
- Risk losing international student enrollment
- Higher ed under attack



Funders/policy makers

- Mandates with insufficient funding mechanisms
- No serious compliance tracking
- Grant assessment focused on traditional metrics



Publishers

- Increased cost in tools/service to support robust peer review, OA/OS
- Fighting zero sum game for marketshare
- Explosion of researcher/scientists to support



Scientific societies

- Rely on publishing as primary revenue stream
- Burdened with unwieldy governance structures
- Resistant to overtly "commercial" efforts
- Managed by members who are not necessarily financially focused



Libraries

- Prioritizes OA/OS/values but often with out funds
- Transactional approaches based on budgets
- Collective action challenges



Authors

- Driven by institutional/funder assessment priorities
- Deeply invested in journal/article paradigm
- Less interested in OA/OS for its own good
- Unaware of economics of publishing/library services
- Expect "one click" support from all stakeholders

How do we navigate a complex system of competing



How do we overcome these tensions?

Partnership / crossindustry collaboratio n

Business models

Tough decisions









Publishers working together to advance research integrity: a snapshot

Elected Council Members serve three-year terms and may be reelected for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Two cochairs serve offset two-year terms. Full details on the Council election processes, balancing criteria and procedures (updated in 2022) are available in the RDA Council Election Processes & Procedures document. Research integrity, open science best practice, metadata standardization

Crossstakeholder partnerships tackling collective challenges





Rosie Hicks CEO Australian Research Data Commons



Juan Bicarregui (co-chair)
Head of Data Division
Science and Technology Facilities
Council, UKIN



Maria Cruz Programme / Project Manager Dutch Research Council (NWO)



Wolfram Horstmann Director & CEO FIZ Karlsruhe – Leibniz-Institute for Information Infrastructure



Mikilke Tanifuji Deputy Director Research Center for Open Science and Data Platform (RCOS), National Institute of Informatics (NII)



Sara Garavelli Strategic European Engagement and Coordination Development Manager, CSC - IT Center für Science in Finland



Society publishers working together:

100% investment in funds back to science Only content that *adds* to scientific knowledge Research integrity *ahead of profit* Admit errors/correct them publicly

Institute of Physics Publishing (IOPP)
American Physical Society
American Institute of Physics Publishing
(AIPP)



More collaboration for sustainability...

"[We are like-minded NFT publishers who share the common ambition fo]r an orderly and sustainable transition to open scholarship and to improve the efficiency of the scholarly communication ecosystem for the benefit of researchers and society at large in a fair and sustainable way." ~Society Publishers Coalition https://www.socpc.org

Subscribe 2 Open is a collective action business model where publishers and libraries are in active dialogue to push toward open content while still maintaining institutional support for publishing cost.



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Complex business model landscape

- Subscriptions
- Hybrid journals
- Gold open access / APCs
- Diamond (sponsored) models
- Read and Publish agreements (RAP)
- Collective action models like PLOS Community Action Publishing and AIP Publishing's new AIP Fusion model

Publishers are trying different combinations of these models to find long term sustainable outcomes.



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- Libraries have negotiating principles
- Leveraging the purse strings to support mission/value driven publishers
- Demanding transparency and accountability from publishers

The nonprofits that consult with the library community on *models that are mutually* beneficial are the ones that will thrive.



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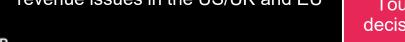
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Evolving strategies

- Growing push for scholarly societies to find alternative revenue streams
 - Product Innovation
 - Al Licensing
 - Acquisition or divestment
- Outsourcing technology, production, editorial or ALL publishing to 3rd parties
- Expanding global publishing footprint
- Cutting costs amidst immediate revenue issues in the US/UK and EU





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Executive summary

Society publishers play a unique role in the research landsc combining deep subject expertise with community-led qual standards. They build trust in the enterprise of science at a when it is in increasingly short supply.

Yet the scholarly publishing industry is in flux. Technological advances – from wides digitisation to artificial intelligence – combined with intensifying policy mandates for openness are fundamentally reshaping the landscape. For society publishers, this environment presents both significant challenges and strategic opportunities.

To understand how they are responding, Research Consulting surveyed 66 society publishers and validated findings through an interactive workshop with 40 industry representatives. Our findings reveal:

- Publishing remains core to societies' identity Nearly 80% of respondents conpublishing central to their mission, with most having published for over 50 year
- Print persists alongside digital Despite digital transformation, more than half societies maintain dual-format publishing, balancing innovation with tradition.
- Revenue pressures are mounting Since 2019, 56% of societies report declining journal revenues, with implications for their broader community activities.
- Scale confers resilience Societies publishing larger journal portfolios and mor diverse outputs demonstrate greater financial stability, while those with more I offerings face heightened vulnerability.
- Artificial intelligence presents a paradox AI ranked as both the greatest challe and the most significant opportunity, with societies seeking guidance on implementation and licensing.
- Open access creates volume without proportionate revenue 55% of societies content volume to grow faster than revenues, straining quality assurance proce
- Collaboration is increasingly essential Societies see collaborative approaches to tackling challenges including data integration, Al implementation, revenue di and the transition to open access publishing.



Top 5 Challenges	Top 5 Opportunities
Artificial intelligence and machine learning in publishing (n=33)	1. Artificial intelligence in publishing processes (n=20)
2. Competition from commercial publishers (n=25)	2. Collaboration between society publishers (n=20)
Library demands for open access and/or pricing reform (n=24)	3. Expanding into new markets or regions (n=18)
4. Government and funder mandates for open science (n=22)	4. Expanding open access offerings (n=15)
5. Research integrity management (n=16)	5. Enhanced author services and support (n=14)

[&]quot;Safeguarding the future of society publishing: Research-consulting.com
https://www.research-consulting.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Safeguarding-the-future-of-society-publishing-online.pdf

Now is the time for reinvention.

Society publishers will have to redefine what publishers do and the value we bring.







Daniela Hahn

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Advancing Diamond OA in Switzerland

Lessons Learned from the PLATO Project

Daniela Hahn, CoDOA/Consortium of Swiss Academic Libraries ICSTI 2025 Annual Conference, 19 September 2025

Agenda

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- 3 Ecosystem of Swiss Diamond OA Journals: Key Takeaways and Lessons Learned
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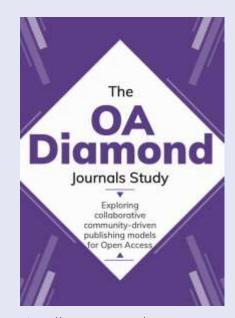
Setting the Stage

What is Diamond/Platinum Open Access?

Diamond/Platinum Open Access refers to a scholarly publishing model without fees for either authors or readers. It is scholar-led, community-owned and based on values of diversity and equity.

Advantages for researchers?

- Immediate and full open access without pay barriers
- Copyrights remain with authors
- Scholar-led initiatives without commercial interests
- Integration into local research contexts and international visibility



https://scienceeurope.org/ourresources/ oa-diamond-iournals-study/

PLATO Overview

Initiative to advance sustainable Diamond Open Access publishing in Switzerland

Objectives

- Analysis of the current landscape of Diamond OA journals in Switzerland
- Devising sustainable funding scenarios for Diamond Open Access journals in Switzerland
- Stakeholder Engagement and Community Building

Co-funded by swissuniversities (Programme Open Science I) and the Partner Institutions

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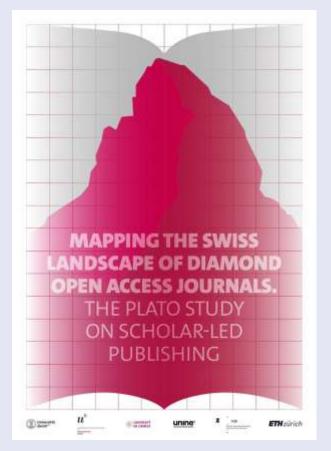
PLATO Study

Objective

- Overview of the Swiss ecosystem of Diamond OA journals, its scope, operations, business models and infrastructures
- Identification of challenges and opportunities of Diamond OA journals

Concept

- In collaboration with the Institute for Applied Data Science & Finance, Bern University of Applied Sciences
- Three parts: bibliometric, qualitative (interviews with editors) and quantitative (survey: authors, editors, hosting infrastructures)



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Ecosystem of Swiss Diamond OA Journals

Key Takeaways and Lessons Learned



In a nutshell

214 journals 60 (28.03%) are indexed in DOAJ Social Sciences: 45.33%
Arts & Humanities: 23.83%
Life Sciences: 20.09%
Physical Sciences: 4.21%
Technology: 4.21%
Interdisciplinary: 2.34%

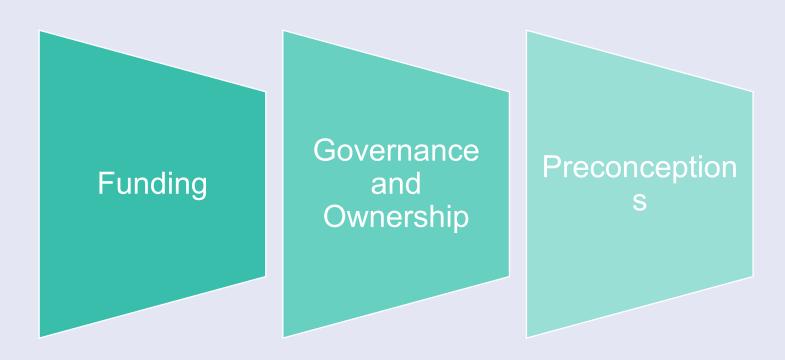
Almost 50% of journals are published by Higher Education Institutions (10% of those by universities of applied sciences and PHs) 17.76% by academic societies 10.28% by for-profit publishers

71% of journals publish <25 articles per year

English is most common publishing language (32.24%)
French 12.15%
German 10.75%
English/French/German 7.48%
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English/French/German/Italian 5.61%

50% of journals operate with less than CHF15'000.

In their operations, most journals mainly rely on volunteer/unpaid work.



Funding

Lack of sustainable funding options leads to lower confidence in long-term sustainability of journal operations (> 3 years).

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Preconception

In certain disciplines,
Diamond OA journals seem
to be sidelined because of
focus on impact factors,
despite increasing costs.

What are the opportunities?

Take back control over scholarly communication

Investment in a diverse, inclusive, and affordable science communication system

Shared hosting infrastructures as enablers of Diamond OA

What are the opportunities?

Take back control over scholarly communication

Publishing/Reviewing in and for the scholarly community

Investment in a diverse, inclusive, and affordable science communication system

Position Diamond OA as solid alternative to commercial publishing

Shared hosting infrastructures as enablers of Diamond OA

Increase investment in institutional publishing infrastructures to ensure high quality of support

Advancing Diamond OA in Switzerland

Recommendations from the PLATO Project



1. Strategic Investment of Public Funds

Establishing dedicated Diamond OA budgets at institutional levels and creating a collective national Diamond OA Consortium to collectively fund journals and institutional service providers, ensuring a transparent and equitable financial model.

1. Strategic Investment of Public Funds

2. Policy Integration

Aligning funding approaches with Switzerland's revised National Open Access Strategy (2024) to facilitate Diamond OA and ensure long-term viability and support.

- 1. Strategic Investment of Public Funds
- 2. Policy Integration
- 3. Building a Business Case

Kicking off a strategic process by a cross-functional group of stakeholders to monitor the scope of Diamond OA in Switzerland and creating a USP for Swiss higher education institutions to invest in Diamond OA and highlight return on investment.

- 1. Strategic Investment of Public Funds
- 2. Policy Integration
- 3. Building a Business Case
- 4. Institutional Collaboration

Expanding shared publishing infrastructures, pooling publishing services, expanding editor training and strengthening national and European partnerships (e.g., ALMASI, CRAFT-OA, EDCH, DIAMAS).

- 1. Strategic Investment of Public Funds
- 2. Policy Integration
- 3. Building a Business Case
- 4. Institutional Collaboration
- 5. Reducing Dependence on Commercial Publishers

Building researchers' trust in Diamond OA as a cost-effective alternative to APC-based models, increasing visibility, accessibility and societal impact.

What now?

CoDOA-CHereating a Sustainable Funding Scheme or Diamond Open Access through Institutional Collaboration in Switzerland

Objective:

Establish a National Diamond Open Access Consortium with the aim to fund scholar-led journal through a sustainable consortial funding scheme

Work Packages:

- Governance: Developing a Framework for the Consortium
- Evaluation Procedure and Quality Criteria: Defining Eligibility and Funding Criteria
- Financial Flows: Pooling and Distributing Funds
- Communication: Creating Visibility and Outreach

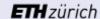
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...if you're a journal editor

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...if you're an institutional leader

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Evolution of Publishing

Workshop: "Open Science: Navigating Trends, Challenges and Opportunities"

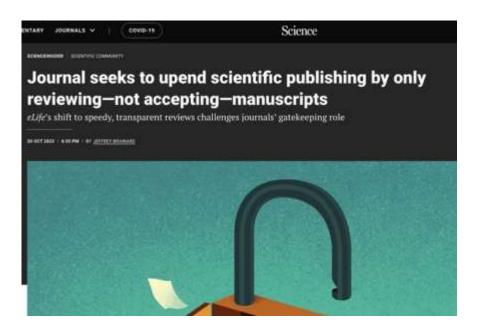
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Outline

- About eLife (1 slide)
- Changes
- Q&A



About eLife

- An independent non-profit led by scientists
- Public peer review and evaluation of preprints in the life and medical sciences
- Develops open-source platforms for review and dissemination of research



Changing the way research is reviewed, evaluated and communicated.





Changing not for the sake of it...





The current system is slow



The average time to publication is 9 months (human gestation)

The current publishing metrics are not reliable

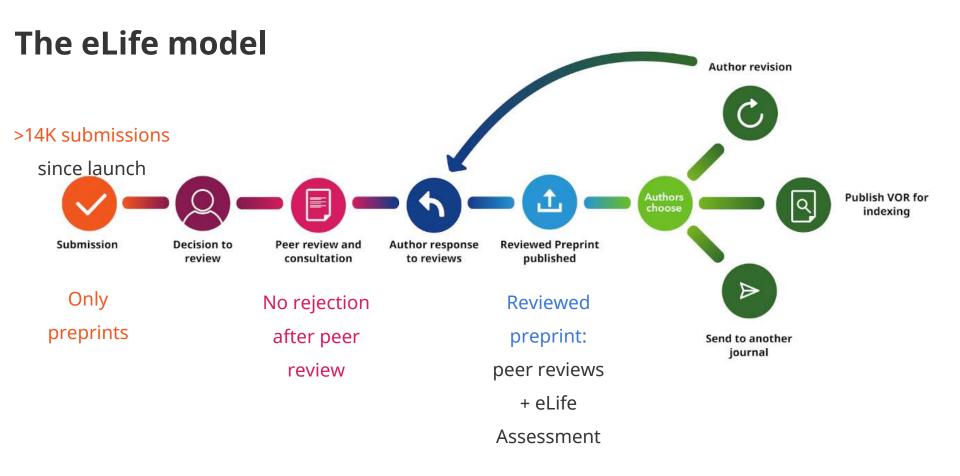


Impact factor or citations: ≠ article quality, yet misapplied in research assessment; gameable; proprietary/non transparent; distort incentives

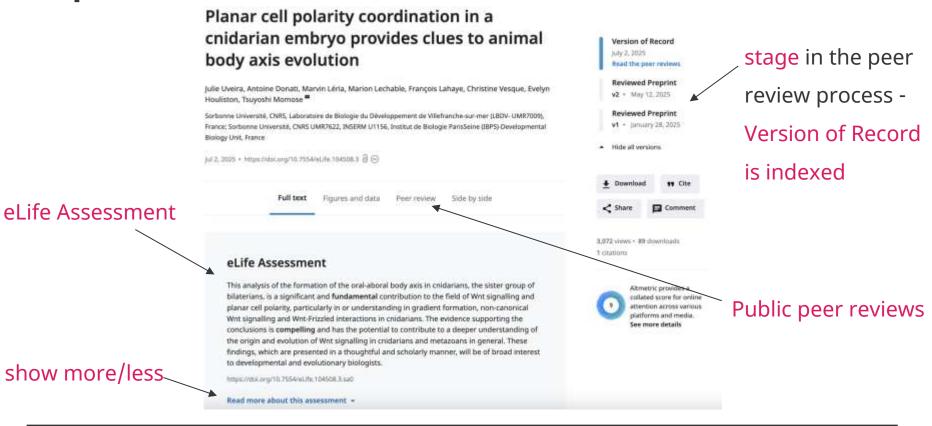
The current system does not fully leverage the value of peer review



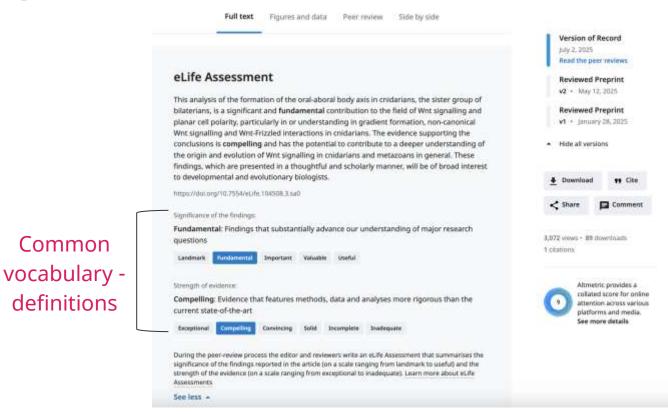
Peer reviews get lost when the paper is rejected, same paper often re-reviewed at different journals



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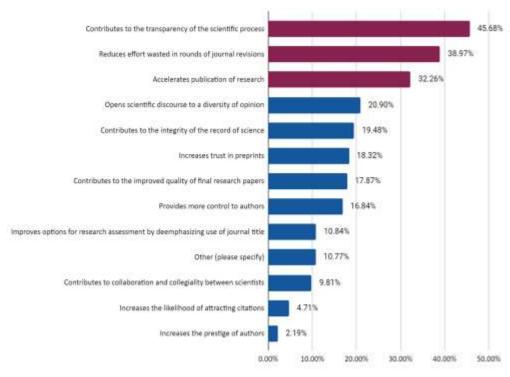
Implications

- Quicker (2,5X) access to peer reviewed science, including its limitations
- Transparency accountability -trust
- Research assessment based on the content of the article, not Journal name or journal-level metrics
- Authors are in control certainty of outcome avoids re-review of the same article at different journals

What do eLife authors think?

Top 3 key benefits:

- Accelerated publication
- Greater transparency
- Less effort wasted in rounds of revisions



"choose three" | n=1,550

Business models at eLife - for institutions and funders

- Uncapped scheme (unlimited publications; ongoing with MIT, Imperial College London, University of Sheffield, etc)
- Centralised scheme (centralised funding; ongoing with HHMI, Max Planck, Swedish National Library)
- Contribute to a more equitable and sustainable system: No financial barrier for authors
- Simplified logistics

A movement for change



































We must walk the talk

Change requires action.

It is a choice.

It is a shared responsibility.

What can we do? Options for funders, institutions and researchers

- Adopt article-level evaluation
- Support publishing that decouples quality assessment from Journal-level metrics (e.g. by new policies)
- Audit research assessment (accountability)
- Withdraw subscriptions to proprietary non-accountable commercial entities (e.g., Scopus and Web of Science)
- Invest in open non-proprietary infrastructure

Acknowledgement

Thanks to our founding bodies, our funders, eLife colleagues!

Thank you for your time!







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Supporting slides

eLife Assessments: common vocabulary

Significance of Findings	Strength of Evidence
Landmark: Findings with profound implications and widespread influence, which are likely to be of broad interest.	Exceptional: Exemplary use of existing and new methods that establishes new standards for a field.
Fundamental: Findings that substantially advance understanding of important research questions.	Compelling: High quality data and analyses, more rigorous than the current state-of-the-art.
Important: Findings with theoretical or practical implications for multiple subfields.	Convincing: Appropriate and validated methodology in line with current state-of-the-art, with good support for the claims.
Valuable: Findings with theoretical or practical implications for a subfield.	Solid: Uses appropriate methodology, with minor weaknesses.
Useful: Findings with focused importance and scope.	Incomplete: Methodology provides some support for the main claims with some limitations.
	Inadequate: Methodology does not provide support for the primary claims.

eLife Assessment: more examples

eLife assessment

This study presents a **fundamental** finding on how levels of m6A levels are controlled, invoking a consolidated model where degradation of modified RNAs in the cytoplasm plays a primary role in shaping m6A patterns and dynamics, rather than needing active regulation by m6A erasers and other related processes. The evidence is **compelling** and uses transcriptome-wide data and mechanistic modeling. However, it is possible that m6A-erasers will have roles in specific developmental contexts or conditions, so this model may not apply universally.

https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.100448.1.sa3

Read more about this assessment *

eLife assessment

This work introduces a Python package, Avian Vocalization Analysis (AVN) that provides several key analysis pipelines for segmentation, annotation, and visualization of zebra finch song. AVN can be used to predict the stage of song development, quantify acoustic similarity, and detect abnormalities associated with deprived auditory feedback or social isolation. The methods are solid and are likely to provide a useful tool for scientists aiming to automate the analysis of large datasets of zebra finch vocalizations.

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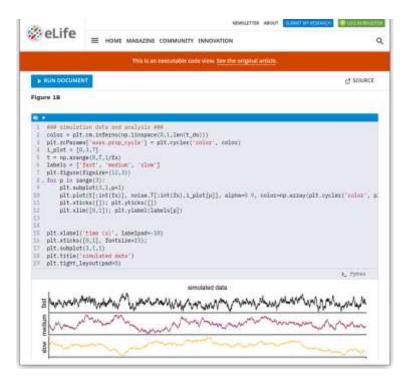
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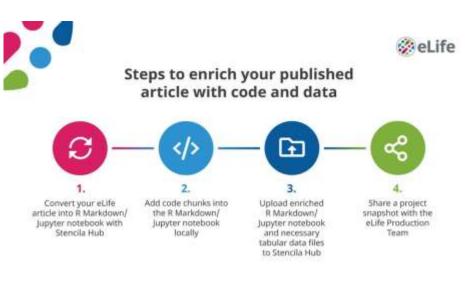
eLife model - the journey so far



more at: https://elifesciences.org/inside-elife/8947f033/the-elife-model-two-year-update

Executable Research Articles





Web of Science position

- Created a policy to exclude journals using this type of PRC model (policy <u>here</u>)
- Peer review as a binary process line to accept articles in a Journal
- No VoR for articles evaluated as "incomplete" and "inadequate" to keep the
 Impact Factor and fully indexed status

Scopus position

 Moved eLife from Journals Collection to the Preprints Collection, i.e., eLife output considered as if it never went through formal peer review

eLife position

- Do not accept articles in a Journal
- Transparent and rigorous peer review and assessment of already published research for its advantages
- Accept to lose fully indexed status and Impact Factor

"Incomplete" and "inadequate":

published without change in Journals fully indexed by

Web of Science

eLife:

first example of a Journal delisted by Web of Science for reasons other than research integrity issues

The concern

 Reliance on the IF and similar journal-level indicators for research assessment allows a single commercial indexer to decide what changes can be introduced into scholarly publishing and research assessment

Concern goes beyond eLife (others are operating PRC models, e.g., MetaROR,
 Lifecycle Journal, Rapid Reviews Infectious Diseases, Biophysics Colab etc.)

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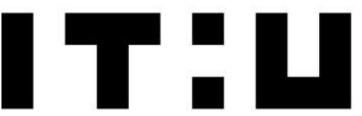






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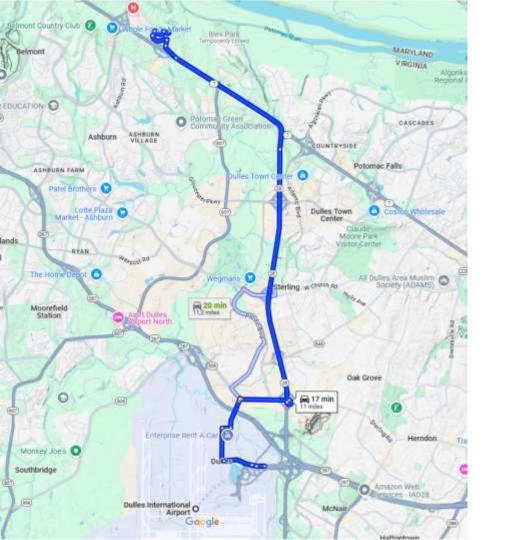
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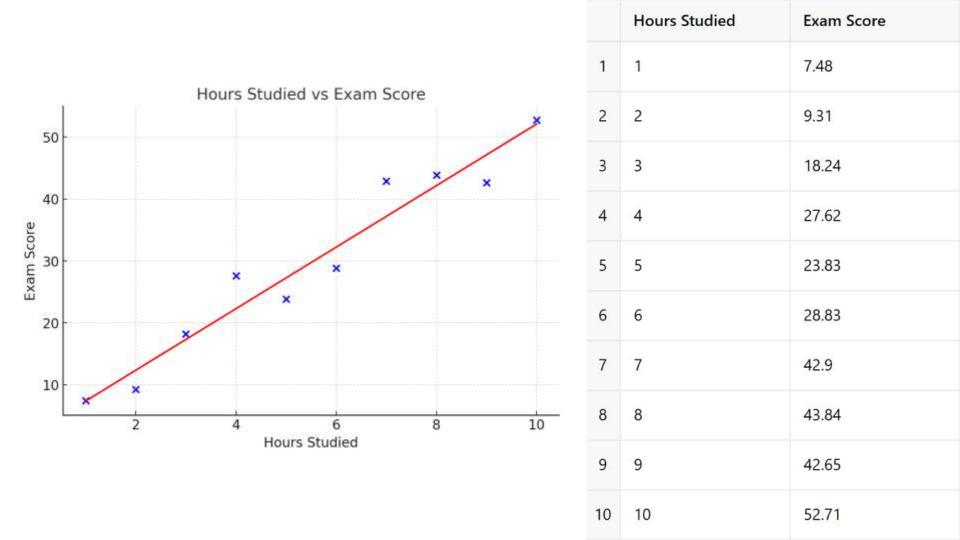
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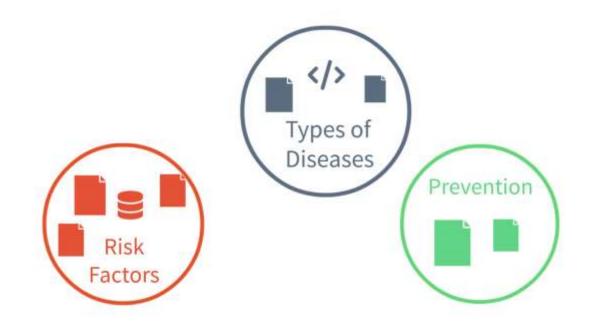
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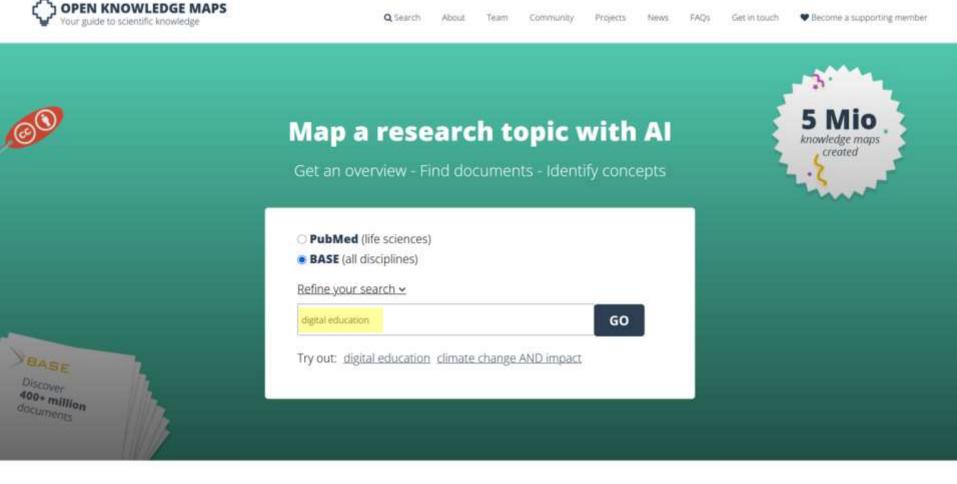
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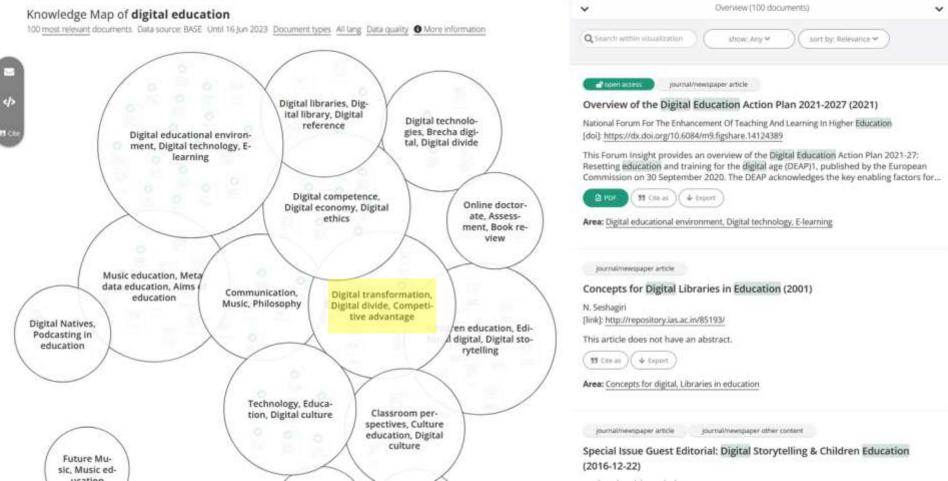
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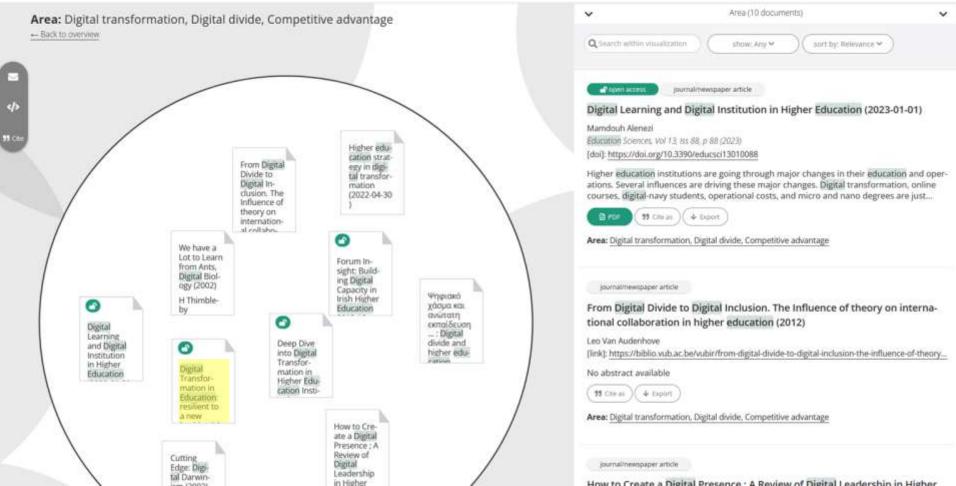
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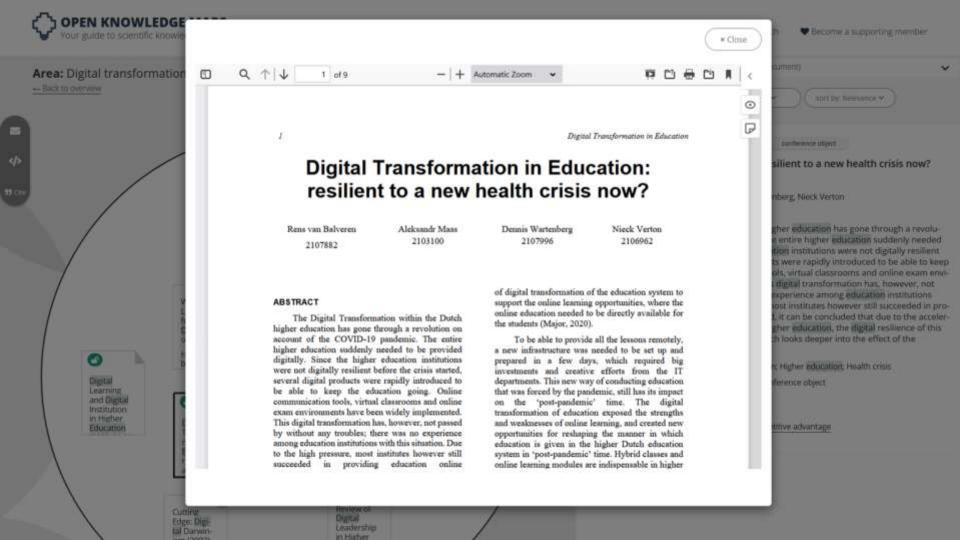
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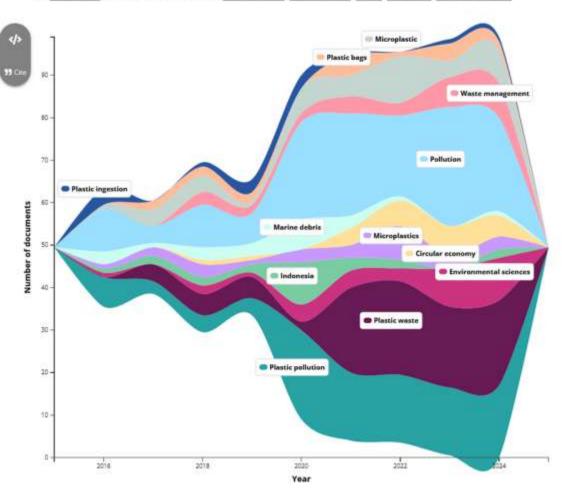
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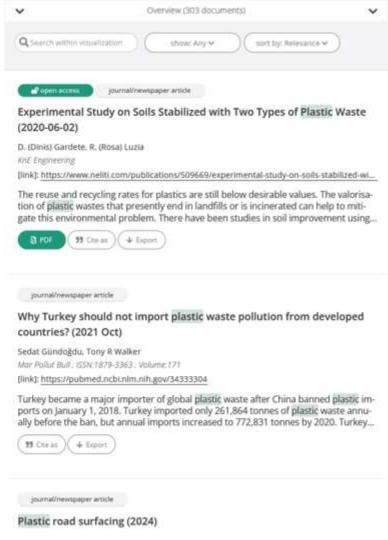




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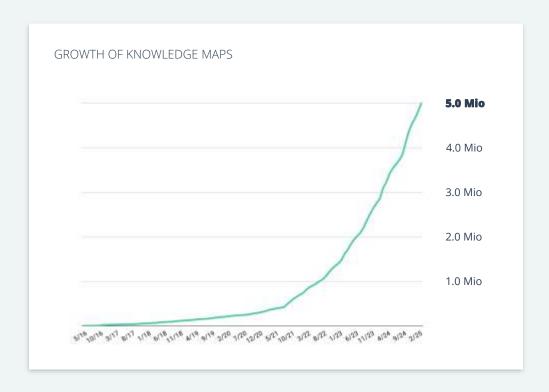




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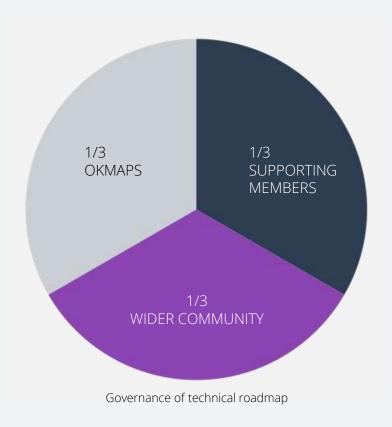








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- Community involvement in governance
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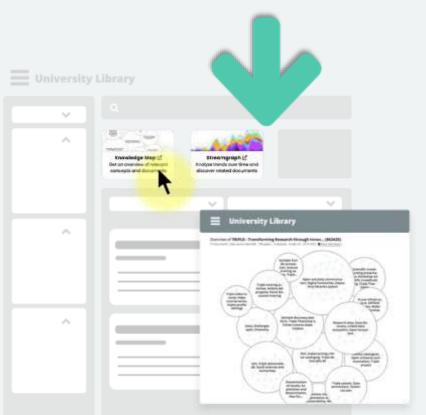
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Custom Services in a nutshell



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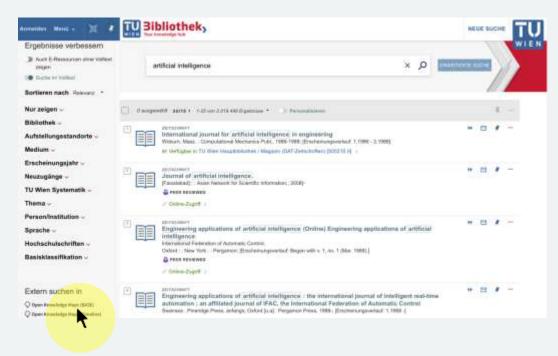


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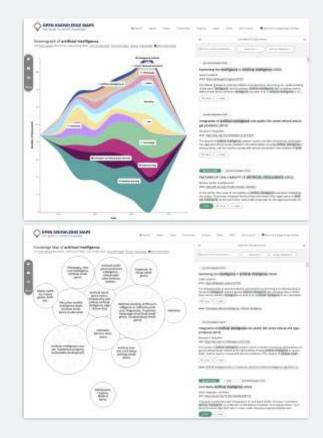
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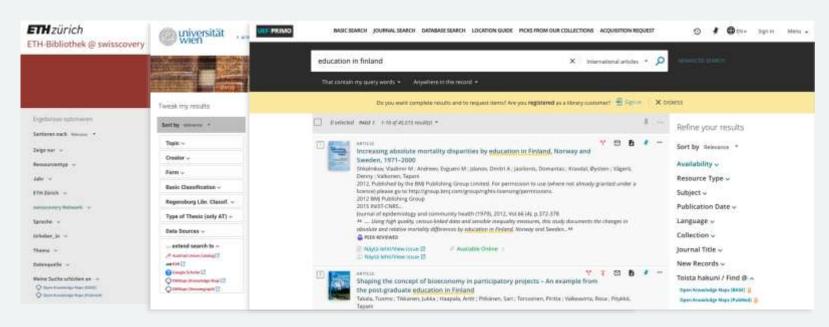


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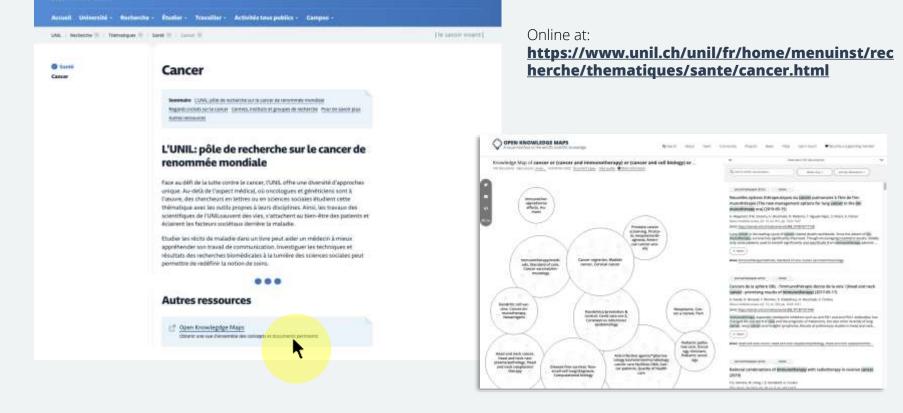




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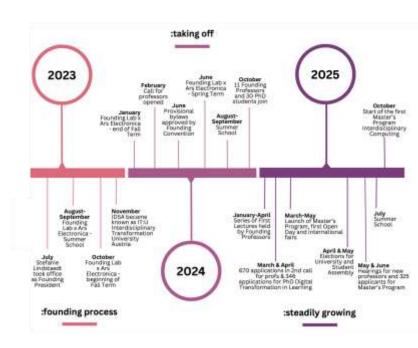






IT:U Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria

- New technical university with a strong focus on
 - Interdisciplinarity
 - Digital transformation
 - Project-based learning
- Timeline:
 - Summer 2023: Founding process start-up
 - Autumn 2024: First research groups and PhD students start their work
 - Autumn 2025: First MSc program in Interdisciplinary Computing starts
- Existing research quality assessment frameworks:
 - San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA¹)
 - Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA²)





IT:U research impact framework

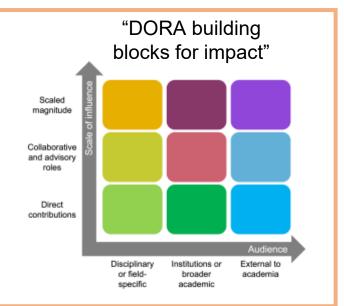


Traditional metrics to assess research are increasingly seen as poor indicators, e.g. h-index, JIF.

San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA¹)

Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA²)

- Consider the value and impact of peer-reviewed research papers
 - + other research outputs
- Assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published.
- Be explicit about criteria used in evaluations, hiring, tenure, promotion

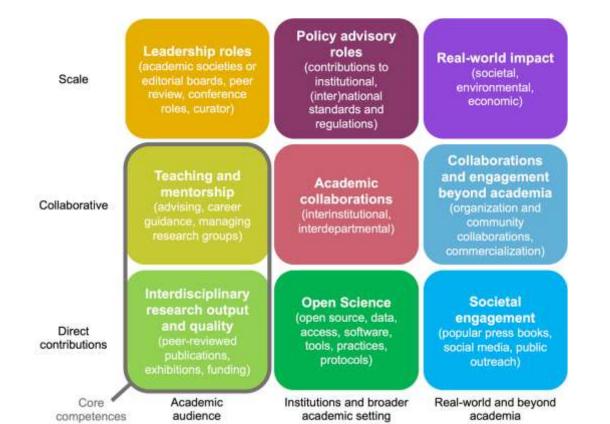


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¹ https://sfdora.org; ² https://coara.eu

IT:U research impact framework





Adapted building blocks for impact based on the The Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA),Original figure from: https://sfdora.org/resource/rethinking-research-assessment-building-blocks-for-impact/

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Goals and target audience

Goals

- Developing a service that enables users to evaluate research holistically, yet efficiently
- Supporting institutions in adopting research assessment practices beyond traditional metrics

Target audience

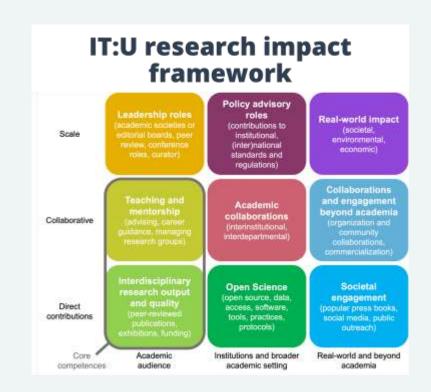
- Assessment committees, to support promotion, tenure, and hiring decisions
- Researchers and students, to identify eminent scholars, collaborators and reviewers
- Institutional leadership and research support staff, to highlight the breadth and depth of their work

Work plan

- 1. Interdisciplinary research output
- 2. Teaching & mentorship
- 3. Open science

Focus of VisConnect

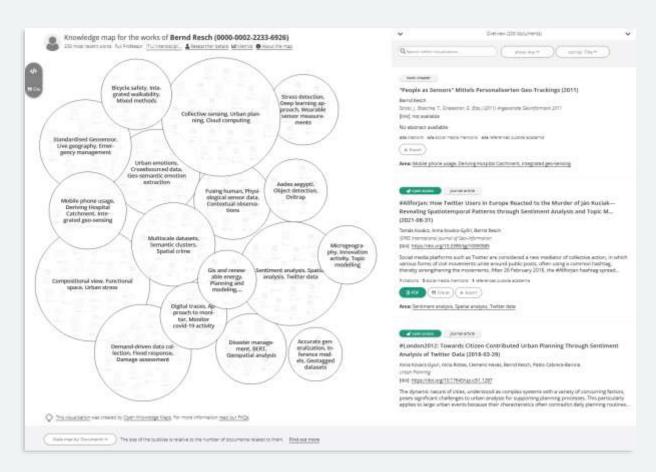
- 4. Academic collaborations
- 5. Leadership roles
- 6. Societal engagement
- 7. Collaboration beyond academia
- 8. Policy advisory roles
- 9. Real world impact



Demo

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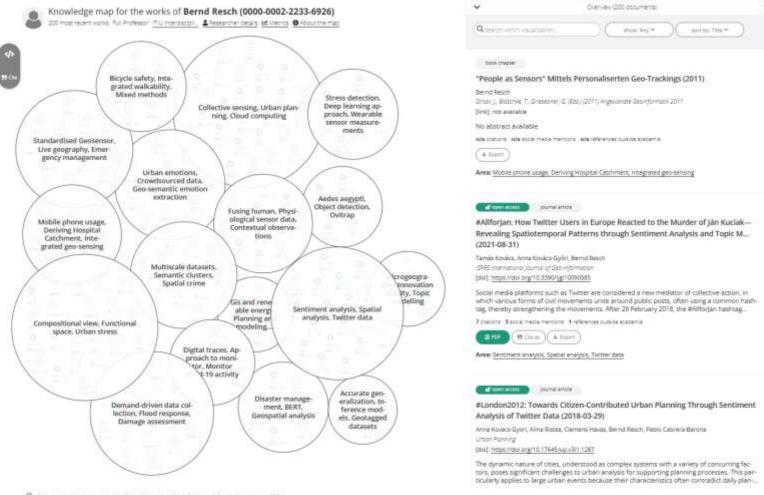
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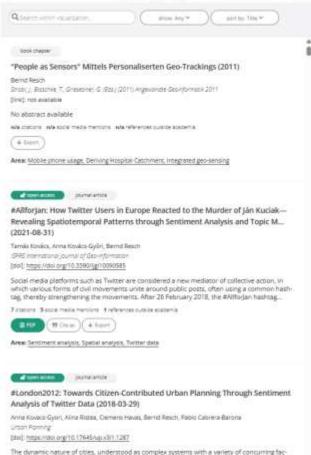




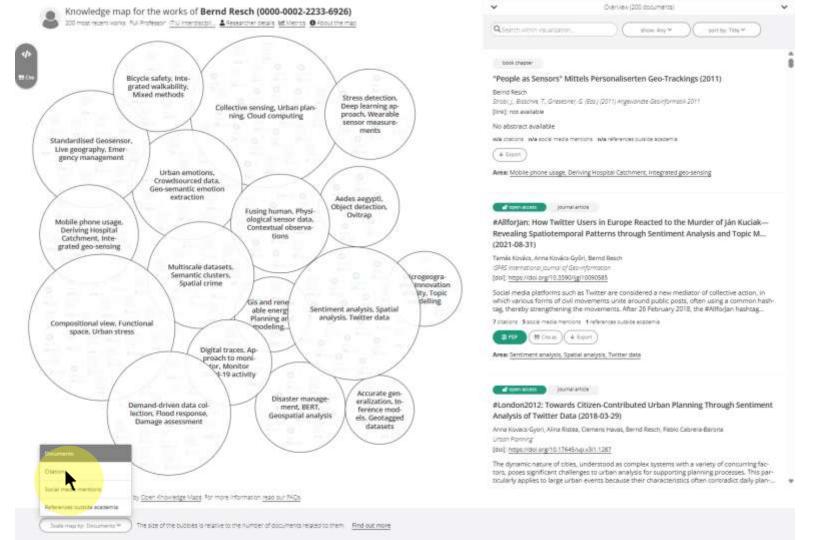
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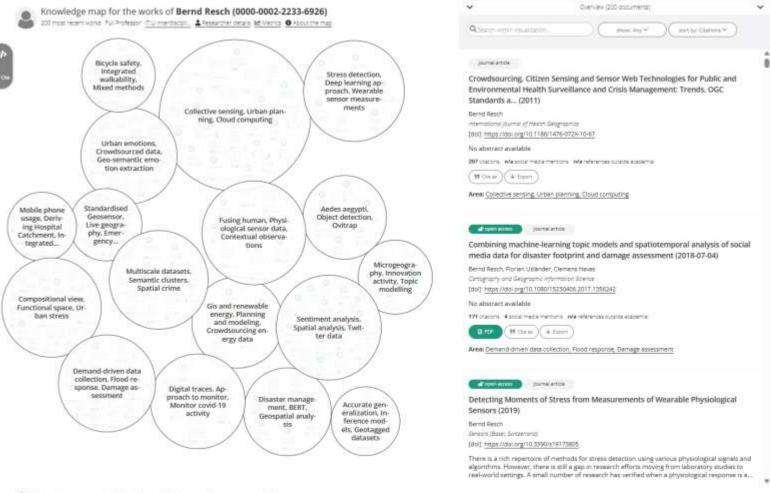


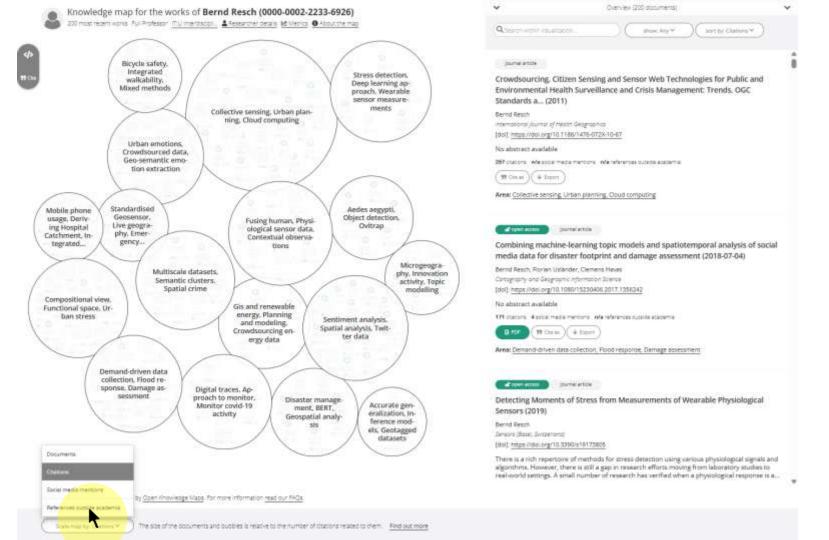


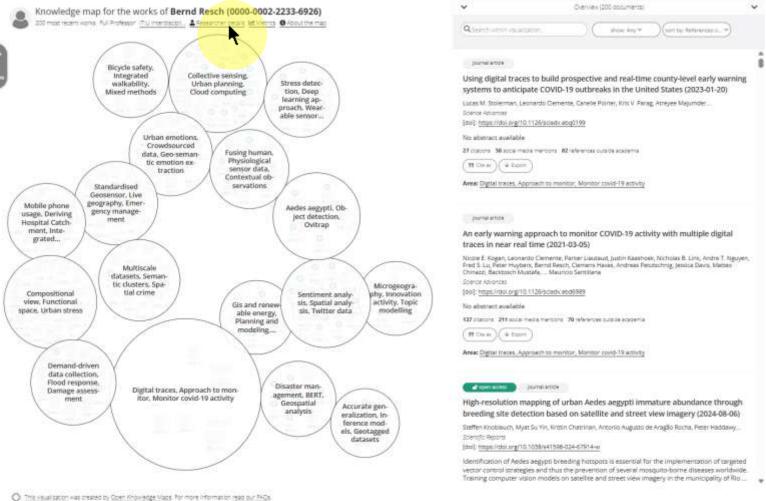


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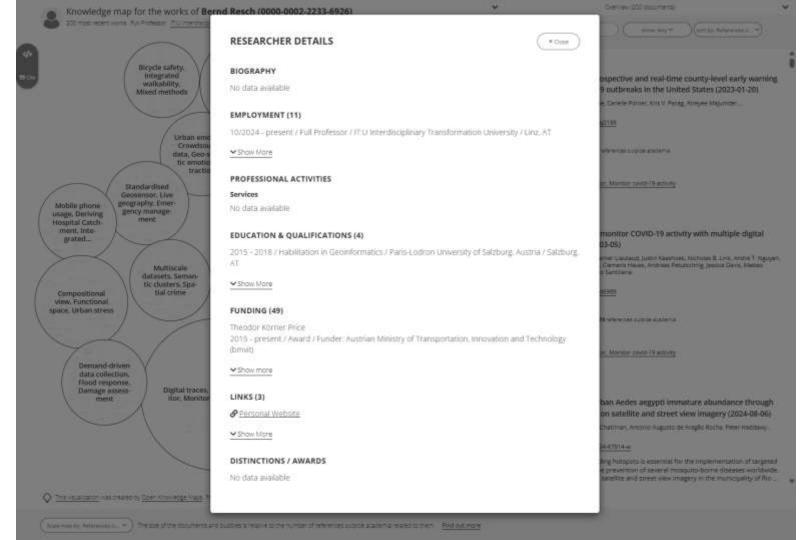


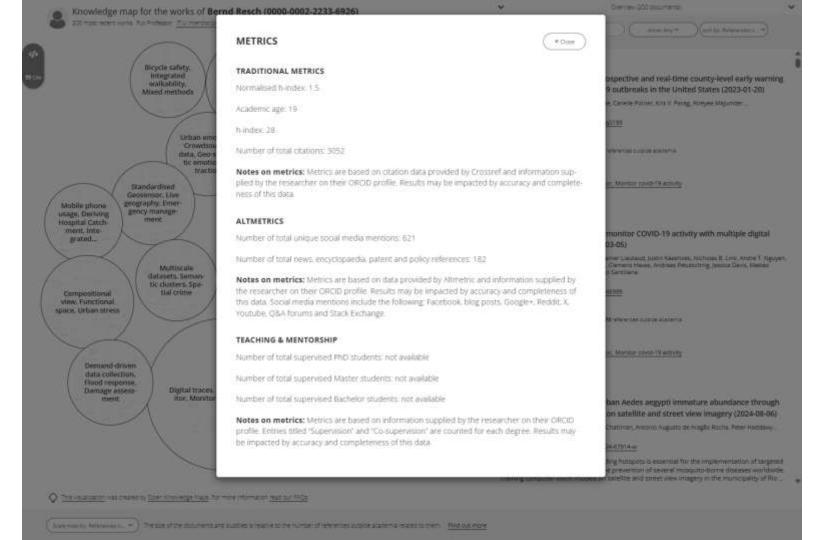






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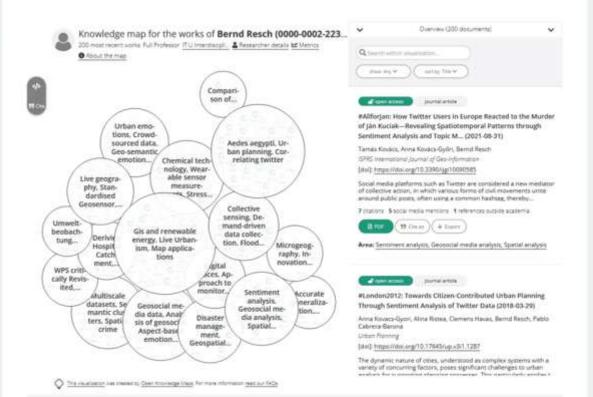


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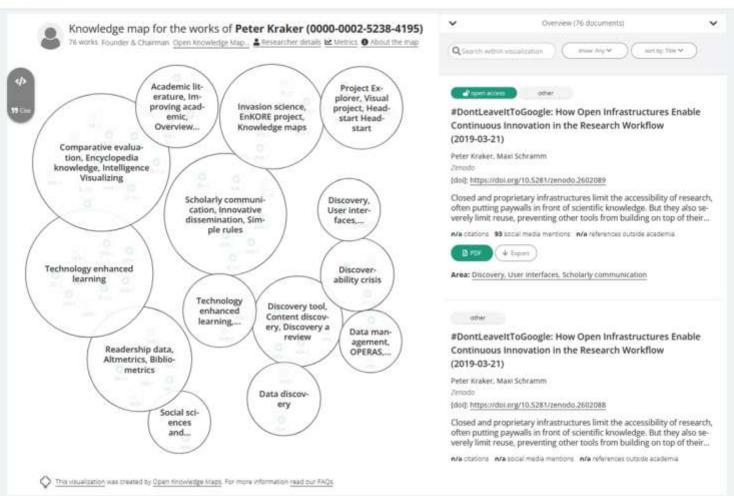


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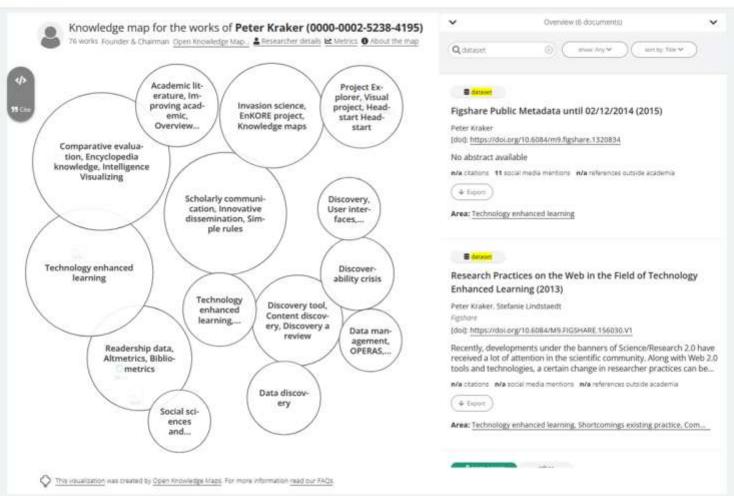












Summary: Main characteristics

Visual profile of a researcher's work across research, teaching, and open science

Integrates data from **ORCID**, **Crossref**, **Altmetric** and **BASE** using an **Al pipeline**

Includes datasets, software, policy papers, and other **non-traditional outputs**

Built to support equitable evaluation, free of black-box scoring

Follow-up project VisConnect+

Expanding on the achievements of the original VisConnect project

Planned extensions

- Encompassing additional dimensions of impact (e.g. leadership roles, policy advisory roles, engagement beyond academia)
- Providing insights into how a researcher collaborates across disciplines and institutions
- Enabling the **mapping of researchers** based on user-defined queries (e.g. finding researchers working on a specific research topic)

Follow-up project VisConnect+

Collaborative research project with a duration of 3-4 years

Current partners:

- IT:U Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria
- Open Knowledge Maps
- Ludwig Boltzmann Gesellschaft
- University of Vienna

Interest from: ETH Zurich, University of St. Gallen, FH Vienna

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