

Open Access Policy

Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

Background

Open Access stands for unlimited, no-charge access to quality-tested scientific information in the Internet. By eliminating technical, financial, and legal barriers, Open Access contributes to accelerating scientific innovation processes and to improving the visibility of research results. This supports the research and publication processes of people working in science and maximizes the utility of publicly funded research. As a member of the Leibniz Association, the Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO) subscribes to Open Access, thereby following the “Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities”¹ and the “Open Access Policy of the Leibniz Association”.²

Recommendations

The ZMO is interested in making research results accessible on its website or in other forms in the sense of the Open Access principle in the framework of the legal possibilities. As part of its publication strategy, the ZMO supports unlimited access at no charge to research results, especially regarding international scientific exchange, which is important at the ZMO. For direct Open Access publication, the institute recommends publication under a free-use license (currently, for example, Creative Commons Attribution³).

In cases of parallel or subsequent Open Access publication, the researchers at the ZMO are encouraged, when concluding contracts with publishing companies, not to grant them exclusive use rights, but rather, as far as possible, to secure long-term use rights to themselves and to transfer a simple use right to the ZMO for the center’s website or a specialized Open Access repository. This is the only way to warrant free access in addition to any commercial use by publishing companies. When applying for project funding, the institute recommends that researchers raise external funds for Open Access publications.

Implementation

The ZMO supports Open Access by:

- clearly identifying its researchers’ publications whose free accessibility is legally permitted and by making them available on the ZMO website;
- registering its researchers’ freely accessible publications on LeibnizOpen;
- supporting the construction of the Leibniz Association’s central repository and mediating contact to the researchers;
- publishing the peer-reviewed Open Access series “ZMO Programmatic Texts” and “ZMO Working Papers”.
- documenting Open Access or republishing the texts in publication management;
- informing and advising its researchers about Open Access and supporting them in clarifying issues in the context of the Open Access publication of their research results.

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¹ Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities. http://openaccess.mpg.de/3515/Berliner_Erklaerung

² https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/Infrastruktur/Leibniz-Open-Access-Policy.pdf

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