



Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics

Open Access Policy

Background

Open Access stands for unlimited and free access to peer-reviewed scientific information on the internet. Through the removal of technical, financial and legal barriers, Open Access contributes to accelerating academic innovation processes and improving the visibility of research findings. This supports scientists in their research and publication processes, and maximizes the benefits of publicly funded research. As a member of the Leibniz Association, the Leibniz-Centre General Linguistics (ZAS) is committed to Open Access. It thereby follows the „Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities“¹ and the „Open Access policy of the Leibniz Association 2016-2020“².

Recommendations

ZAS encourages its academic staff to publish their research results in accordance with the principles of Open Access.

In order to assure the option of a parallel or ex-post Open Access publication, the ZAS academic staff is encouraged not to grant exclusive rights of use to publishers when entering into a publishing contract, but instead to - as far as possible - secure their own permanent right of use and transfer a non-exclusive right of use to ZAS for a discipline-specific repository. This is the only way to secure Open Access use in addition to all forms of commercial use by publishing companies.

The researchers at ZAS make their publications accessible to their websites or in any other form within the scope of legal possibilities, and are encouraged, so far as it is financially reasonable, to publish research results in accordance with the Open Access principle. If free online resources are published in this way, the authors will inform the library, which integrates the URLs in the library catalogue, so that the full text documents can also be found here. ZAS advises its authors to continuously expand the archiving of their research results and scientific work on open access document servers (repositories), to publish in Open Access models, or in a form that allows a timely Open Access publication.

In the case of a direct Open Access publication, ZAS recommends the publication under a free use license, e.g. a Creative Commons License³.

¹ Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities.
<https://openaccess.mpg.de/Berlin-Declaration>

² Open Access policy of the Leibniz Association 2016-2020.

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

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In the event of a parallel or ex-post-release of Open Access publications, ZAS researchers are strongly encouraged not to grant the publisher the exclusive usage rights for the publications, when negotiating contracts. This is to reserve permanently and securely a non-exclusive exploitation right to archive their research findings electronically for the purpose of Open Access. It also enables to transfer a non-exclusive right of use to ZAS for a discipline-specific repository. That's the only way free access to scientific information can be guaranteed, in addition to the possible commercial use by publishers.

ZAS recommends to its academic staff to also apply for third-party funding for Open Access to finance publication fees when submitting project proposals.

Implementation

ZAS promotes Open Access by

- identifying publications of its scientists, whose free availability is legally permissible, through integration with the publication management, and providing them via appropriate repositories.
For Open Access provision the discipline-specific "Linguistics Repository", as a part of the publication server of the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, is supplied.
- publishing freely available publications of its scientists in Leibniz-Open,
- supporting its scientists with Open Access activities,
- documenting paid publication fees,
- informing and advising its scientists about Open Access, as well as helping to clarify legal issues related to Open Access publications of their research results. For this purpose, ZAS has appointed Christina Beckmann as contact person for matters concerning Open Access.

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