

## Mining the messiness of Open Access for insights about research evaluation in the Humanities and Social Sciences

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## **Open Access & the Dutch Situation**



## Public Statements (BBB of OA)

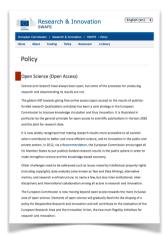


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Budapest Open Access Initiative (2002)



## **OA Policies - funders**



The global shift towards giving free online access (open access) to the results of publicly-funded research (publications and data) has been a core strategy [...] the European Commission is now moving beyond open access towards the more inclusive area of open science. Elements of open science will gradually feed into the shaping of a policy for Responsible Research and Innovation

Free and simple access to research results: facilitates the research having as big an impact as possible and everyone throughout the world being able to benefit from the research results; helps science to make more rapid progress because insights can be shared early and data are available for reuse; ensures that conclusions from scientific research are more easily verifiable as everyone has access to the underlying data.





## **Open Access Mandates**



**CBS Open Journals** 

Open Access at CBS

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#### **EVENTS**

No current events. See all events

#### **Open Access at CBS**

Since 2009 CBS has had an Open Access policy, the aim of which is to ensure free access to digital versions of CBS scholarly publications.

CBS' Open Access-politik (PDF) > The Berlin declaration >



In 2008 CBS signed the "The Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities" which in 2009 led to the formulation of an actual policy on Open Access at CBS.

The CBS policy on Open Access stipulates that CBS and its researchers will work towards securing free access for all to read and use in digital form CBS scholarly publications. The aim is to consolidate the effect of CBS research by making it available without financial, technical or legal



#### **CBS Open Journals**

CBS Open Journals offers free access to a string of scholarly journals co-published by CBS researchers.

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In line with these considerations CBS last year signed the Berl Declaration, which calls for unrestricted Open Access to Know the Sciences and Humanities. In order to implement the Berlin











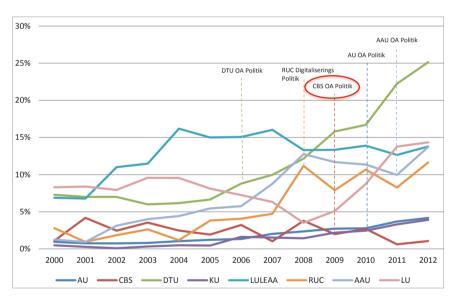
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#### Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the





### OPEN ACCESS POLITIKKER PÅ DANSKE UNIVERSITETER HAR INGEN EFFEKT



14% 12% ■ - 2 år 10% ■-1 år 8% ■ Indført ■ + 1 år + 2 år 4% 2% (CBS (2009)) DTU (2006) RUC (2008) AU (2010) AAU (2011)

Percentage of articles published as green open access per year

Evolution of the percentage of self-archived articles (green open access) before and after the introduction of open access policy.

Dalsgaard, Søren, and Andreas Larsen. 2014. "Open Access Politikker På Danske Universiteter Har Ingen Effekt." Revy 37 (1): s. 6-8.



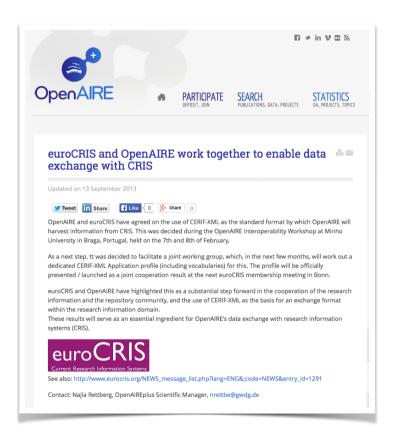
## Machine Access - interoperability?





**MLA**COMMONS

## The rise of CRIS systems



OpenAIRE and euroCRIS have agreed on the use of CERIF-XML as the standard format by which OpenAIRE will harvest information from CRIS. This was decided during the OpenAIRE Interoperability Workshop at Minho University in Braga, Portugal, held on the 7th and 8th of February,

As a next step, it was decided to facilitate a joint working group, which, in the next few months, will work out a dedicated CERIF-XML Application profile (including vocabularies) for this. The profile will be officially presented / launched as a joint cooperation result at the next euroCRIS membership meeting in Bonn.

euroCRIS and OpenAIRE have highlighted this as a substantial step forward in the cooperation of the research information and the repository community, and the use of CERIF-XML as the basis for an exchange format within the research information domain.

13 February 2014 - <a href="https://www.openaire.eu/en/component/content/article/9-news-events/447-eurocris-and-openaire-work-together-to-enable-data-exchange-with-cris">https://www.openaire.eu/en/component/content/article/9-news-events/447-eurocris-and-openaire-work-together-to-enable-data-exchange-with-cris</a>



## Dekker Letter(s)



The principle of open access involves offering readers worldwide access to research publications, journals and books free of charge. My contention is that access to the results of publicly and publicly-privately funded research should always be unrestricted.

My preference is "golden" open access; in other words, publication in journals that make research articles available online free of charge. My aim is for the Netherlands to have switched entirely to the golden road to open access within ten years, in other words by 2024. In order to achieve this, at least 60 per cent of all articles will have to be available in open access journals in five years' time.

Secretary Dekker - 2013, 2014

(other national mandates: UK, DK, SE...)



## Challenges in Measuring Open Access



## **Open Access in practice**

| Green OA             | full text (draft or published) manuscripts self-archived on the Web (institutional or subject respository)  |
|----------------------|---|
| Gold OA - Journal    | OA journals with immediate free access, some of which (e.g. PLoS) operate on an author pays model           |
| Gold OA - Article    | author pays the article processing costs (APC) to make articles OA in a subscription based journal (hybrid) |
| Delayed OA - Green   | Publisher embargo period (e.g. 6, 12, 18, or 24 months), after which a published article may self-archived  |
| Delayed OA - Journal | subscription-based journals that convert to OA after a specified period (e.g. 6, 12, 18, or 24 months)      |
| Transient OA         | OA during a finite period (e.g. journal promotion); updated or deleted manuscripts in repositories          |
| Restricted OA        | access requires registration and/or membership in a group; limited use, such as read-only                   |
| Rogue OA             | published manuscripts posted on websites or self-archived, but in conflict with licensing/copyrights        |

adapted from Archambault et al 2014 and Laakso and Björk 2013



#### Issues with disclosure of OA in bibliometric databases

#### Web of Science database

- Desktop version contains OA functionality
- CWTS in-house version of WoS does not have that functionality (yet)

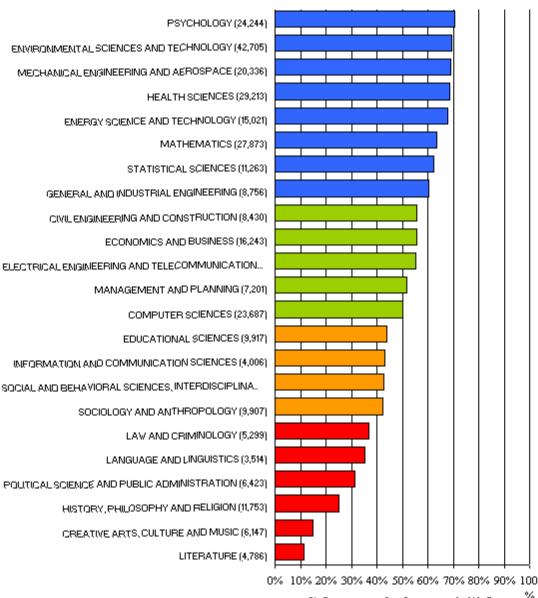
#### Scopus database

- Desktop version does not contain OA functionality
- Outcomes by Scopus are constructed otherwise?

#### Google Scholar

- OA functionality is somewhat problematic here ...
- Other critical issues relate to:
  - Unclear situation around calculation of citation statistics
  - No field normalization available





## Coverage of SSH in WoS



## International comparison - NL, DK, CH



## Measuring the portion of Open Access

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#### **CRIS** method (potential complete dataset)

- local enrichment of commercial data
- registration of output in CRIS systems
- CRIS used with/for evaluation events
- increased granularity of RI
- bottom up aggregation
  - individual
  - department
  - institution



## Defining open access in the Web of Science

#### Method I: By selecting OA output from the WoS desktop interface:

- Link that to the CWTS in-house version of WoS
- -Problem here: older papers that are backwardly labeled as OA!

#### Method II: By linking the DOAJ list with the CWTS WoS database:

- -Select the papers from journals on the DOAJ list;
- -Use the doi's to link both DOIAJ and WoS to each other.
- -Problem here: many older papers in WoS do not carry DOI's yet!

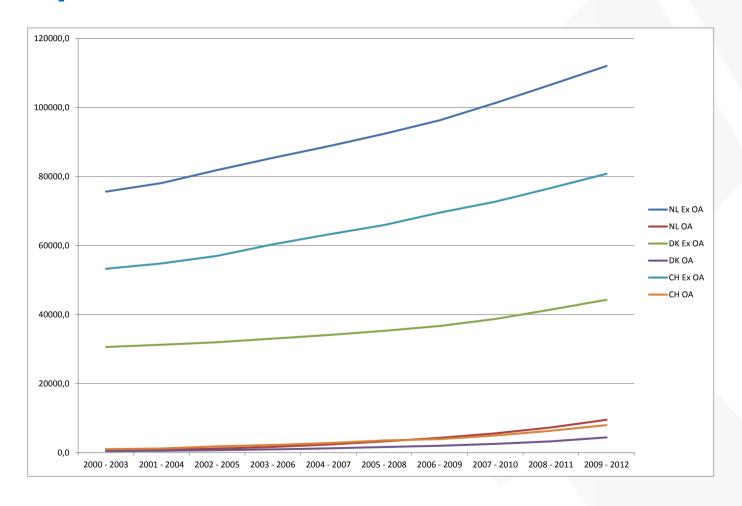


## Output, OA and Non OA: NL, DK, CH

|             | NL Ex<br>OA | NL OA | Share<br>OA | DK Ex<br>OA | DK OA | Share<br>OA | CH Ex<br>OA | СН ОА | Share<br>OA |
|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|
| 2000 - 2003 | 75607       | 712   | 1%          | 30616       | 452   | 1%          | 53283       | 995   | 2%          |
| 2001 - 2004 | 78087       | 858   | 1%          | 31262       | 557   | 2%          | 54793       | 1220  | 2%          |
| 2002 - 2005 | 81849       | 1180  | 1%          | 31972       | 728   | 2%          | 56982       | 1836  | 3%          |
| 2003 - 2006 | 85386       | 1663  | 2%          | 33024       | 949   | 3%          | 60319       | 2217  | 4%          |
| 2004 - 2007 | 88745       | 2349  | 3%          | 34082       | 1244  | 4%          | 63205       | 2790  | 4%          |
| 2005 - 2008 | 92349       | 3265  | 4%          | 35273       | 1631  | 5%          | 65920       | 3517  | 5%          |
| 2006 - 2009 | 96278       | 4269  | 4%          | 36672       | 1997  | 5%          | 69518       | 3912  | 6%          |
| 2007 - 2010 | 101270      | 5587  | 6%          | 38726       | 2554  | 7%          | 72687       | 4981  | 7%          |
| 2008 - 2011 | 106560      | 7299  | 7%          | 41417       | 3264  | 8%          | 76658       | 6354  | 8%          |
| 2009 - 2012 | 111990      | 9504  | 8%          | 44264       | 4420  | 10%         | 80786       | 7990  | 10%         |



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## Drilling down: SSH in the Netherlands

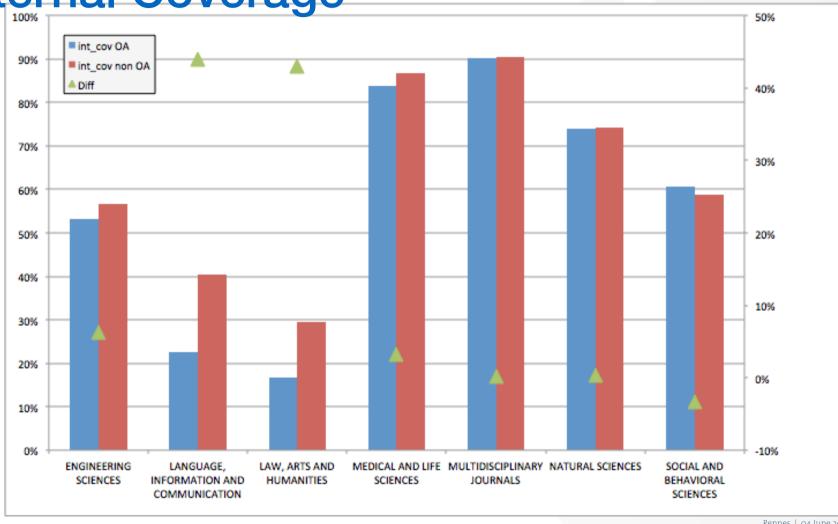


## **Internal Coverage**

indicates the degree to which a unit refers themselves to the literature covered in the WoS. The reference behavior of a unit thus indicates whether the journal literature is important for the scholarly communication in a field, and as such can be interpreted as indicator of the applicability of bibliometrics in an assessment context.



Internal Coverage





## situated communication practices



## organization of work practices

"science [broadly construed to include Humanities] is a professional work organization in so far as it controls how work is carried out, how it is evaluated and its criteria and procedures govern access to material rewards"

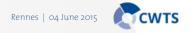
Whitley 1986 The intellectual and social organization of science



## organization of work practices

Whitley identifies *mutual dependence* and *task uncertainty* as significant for understanding variations in how knowledge is produced.

Practices clustered in relation to mutual dependence (e.g., standardized methods) and in relation to task uncertainty (e.g., the particularity of research objects) have implications for how scientific fields are organized and for how they make use of formal communication venues.



## Role of scholarly communication

fields in which *mutual dependence* is dominant, published research is often used to establish the priority of common goals and problems, and thus to facilitate coordination of a research agenda within a field or among related fields. Journal publications often address issues of strategic importance, which rely in part on a stable meaning for the results of research.

#### example: human genetics

- -standardized equipment
- -standardized materials
- -large collaboration
- -often multiple authors
- knowledge claims
   understood on the basis of standards



## Role of scholarly communication

In fields where *task uncertainty* is dominant, the object of research is often situated in a social context. Formulation of problems and goals would be unlikely to find common ground on the basis of published research.

Researchers in fields with uncertain and usually unstable research agendas, correspondingly, have more individual autonomy in facilitating a localized research strategy.

#### example: ethnography

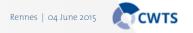
- -descriptive
- -situated context
- -argument
- -output interpreted
- -unsuited venue for research agenda



# Communication practices an explanation for low internal coverage

mutual dependence - cited references likely align with standard methods, procedures, and materials, and thus a tighter cluster of intellectual resources

task uncertainty - cited references likely aligned with the particularity of research object and context, and thus a more diverse spread of intellectual resources



# Thank you! questions?

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