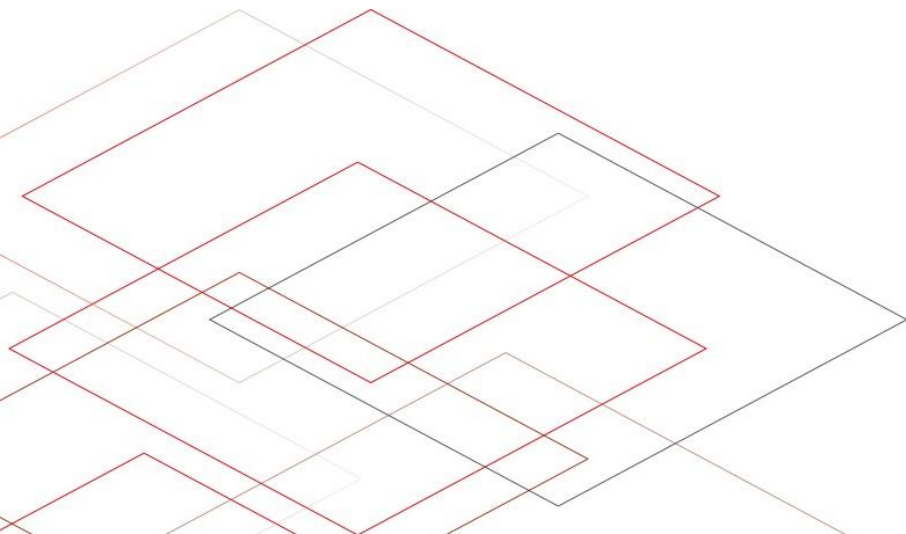


University journals in global indexing databases: Preliminary results on visibility and coverage disparities

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Introduction

- *University journals (UJs)* provide non-commercial, institutionally supported platforms for research dissemination
- Despite local/national importance, UJs are underrepresented in global bibliographic databases
- This limits:
 - Visibility & accessibility
 - Integration into research assessment systems
 - Research opportunities

Methodology

- Dataset: **68** UJs from **10** countries

(Afghanistan, Albania, Bahamas, Barbados, Cambodia, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Tajikistan, Yemen)

- Identified via **Ulrichsweb** (*“Publisher”* column), cross-checked in **OpenAlex** (ISSN), **DOAJ** (*“Publisher”* and *“Other organisation”* columns), **WoS** (*“Publisher name”* and *“Publisher address”* columns) , **Scopus** (ISSN)
- Verified via **ISSN Portal** and journal **websites**
- *“University”* = HEI (by World Higher Education Database)

Findings

68 UJs

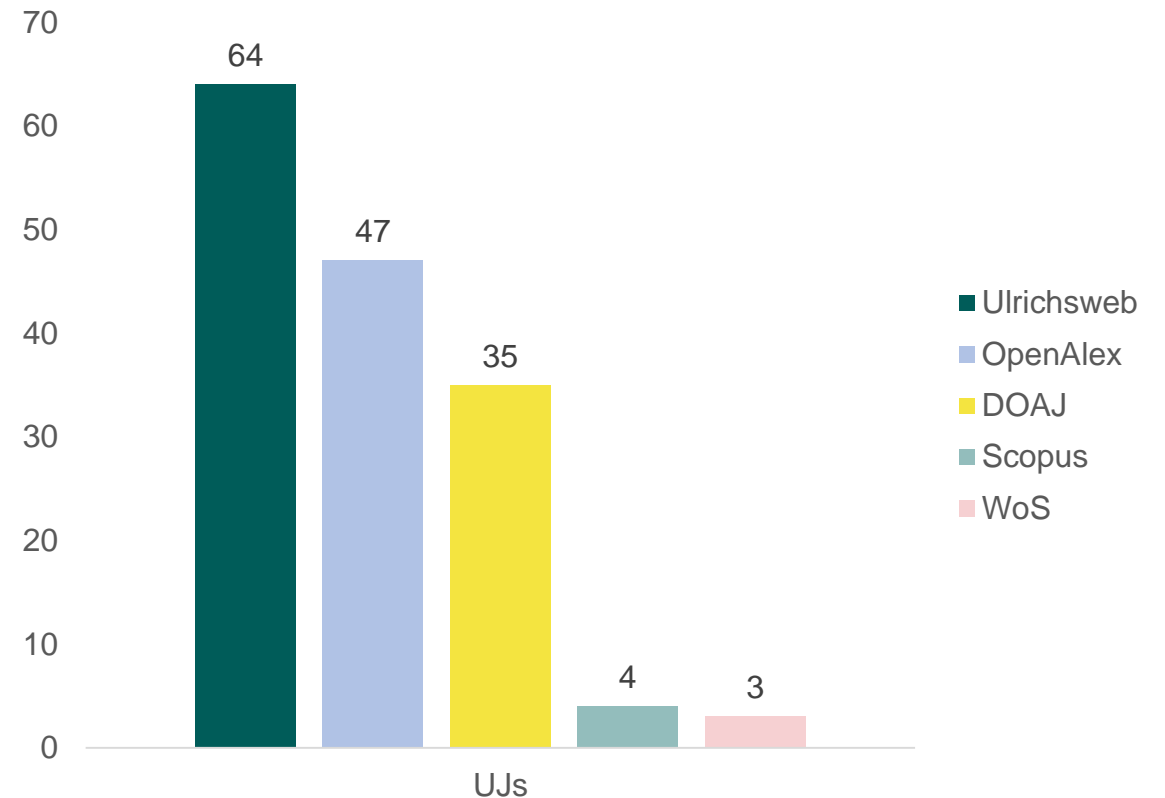
Ulrichsweb: 94% (64 UJs = 59 *Active* + 5 *Ceased*)

OpenAlex: 69% (47 UJs)

DOAJ: 51% (35 UJs, *inc. 4 – not available in Ulrichsweb*)

Scopus: 4 UJs

WoS: 3 UJs (*only in Emerging Sources Citation Index*)



Coverage of the UJs across indexing systems

Country	UJs	Active UJs (2024/2025)	OA UJs (2024/2025)	Ulrichsweb	OpenAlex	DOAJ	WoS	Scopus
Afghanistan	5	4	4	4	3	1	0	0
Albania	8	6	6	6	7	6	0	0
Bahamas	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Barbados	5	2	1	5	1	1	0	0
Cambodia	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Cyprus	6	5	5	6	4	3	2	3
Dominican Republic	7	6	6	6	5	5	0	0
El Salvador	18	11	11	18	13	9	1	0
Tajikistan	3	1	1	3	1	1	0	1
Yemen	12	11	11	12	11	9	0	0
Total	68	49	48	64	47	35	3	4

The dataset is available via [the link](#).

Key issues identified

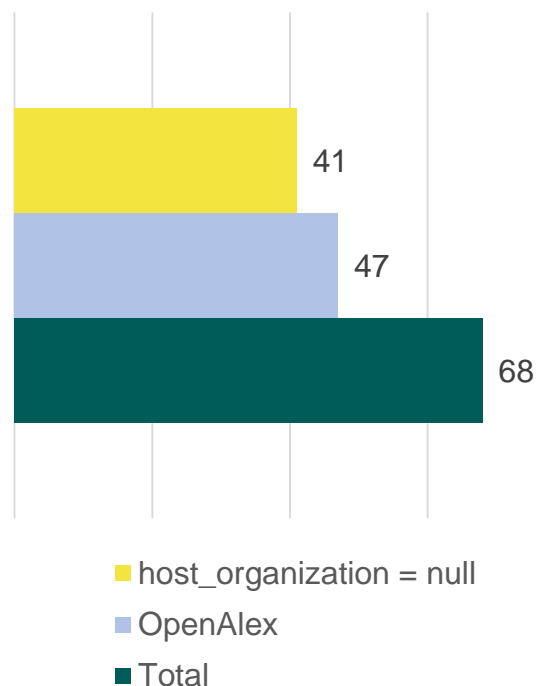
Ulrichsweb: essential, but:

- often outdated
- incomplete metadata → needs cross-referencing with other platforms

WoS and **Scopus** = highly selective → limited UJs inclusion

- reinforces inequalities in scholarly communication
- limits their use in global research landscape mapping

OpenAlex: lacks publisher metadata



DOAJ: misses a portion of OA UJs, despite strong OA status

Manually defined:

49 of the 68 UJs – *Activ (2024/2025)*

48 of the 49 UJs – *OA (inc. 39 Diamond OA)*

BUT

DOAJ indexes 73% (35 UJs)

Next steps and research implications

- Expand dataset for broader regional comparisons
- Analyze metadata inconsistencies and their impact on UJs discoverability
- Developing recommendations for improving UJs representation in indexing databases

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