

Are Scholars' Publishing Choices Fueling the Crisis in Scholarly Journal Publishing?

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Who We Are: The Public Knowledge Project

PKP is a software development and research facility at SFU.

- We **conduct research** into issues impacting scholarly communication.
- We **develop free and open source software** towards a more diverse, inclusive, and accessible model for scholarly publishing.



PKP is best known for the development of OJS — the world's most widely used journal management and publishing system.

OJS
Open
Journal
Systems

Commercial control of open access

- An evolving crisis: From subscriptions to APCs + Transformative Agreements
- Rising costs + inequities
- Prestige fuels the problem



A Community-Owned Alternative

- **Diamond Open Access journals** are community-owned, community-led, and non-commercial¹ and do not charge fees for readers (subscription fees) or for authors (article processing charges).
- Supported by institutions, libraries, and scholarly communities

¹ [Toluca Cape Town Declaration on Diamond Open Access](#)



**Diamond Open
Access:
Powered by OJS**

- 55,000+ active journals world-wide
- publishing across 150 countries
- journals publishing in 60 languages
- **60% of Diamond OA journals use OJS***

Reclaiming our publishing choices

- Scholars + institutions have agency
- Shift funds from APCs to open infrastructure
- Support diamond OA journals



Making Research a Global Public Good

- Knowledge as a shared responsibility
- Build and sustain open systems
- Open access = open participation



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