

OAPEN & Directory of Open Access Books

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Monday 10 February 2025

Agenda

- Audience poll
- Introduction to OAPEN
- Introduction to DOAB
- OAPEN OA Books Toolkit
- Community engagement in Germany
- Questions

Mentimeter

Audience poll

Audience poll

- Go to menti.com and put in access code **7537 5888**
- Or scan QR code



Silke Davison, Community Manager

Introduction to OAPEN

Who are we

- Open infrastructure for open access (OA) books
- Supporting the global transition to OA for academic books
- Providing services for publishers, funders, libraries, researchers

- OAPEN operates three platforms:
 - OAPEN Library (2010) library.oapen.org
 - Directory of Open Access Books (2013) doabooks.org
 - OAPEN OA Books Toolkit (2020) oabooks-toolkit.org



Our mission

1. Increase discoverability and visibility of peer-reviewed OA books
2. Promote, support, build trust in OA book publishing

Our values

- Openness and transparency
- Independent, not-for-profit
- Cannot be sold or acquired
- Guided by Principles of Open Scholarly Infrastructure (POSI)

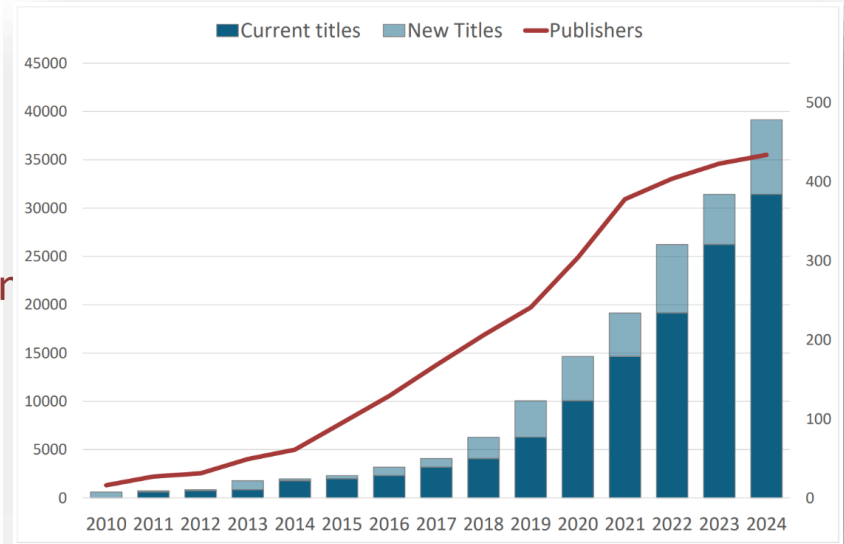
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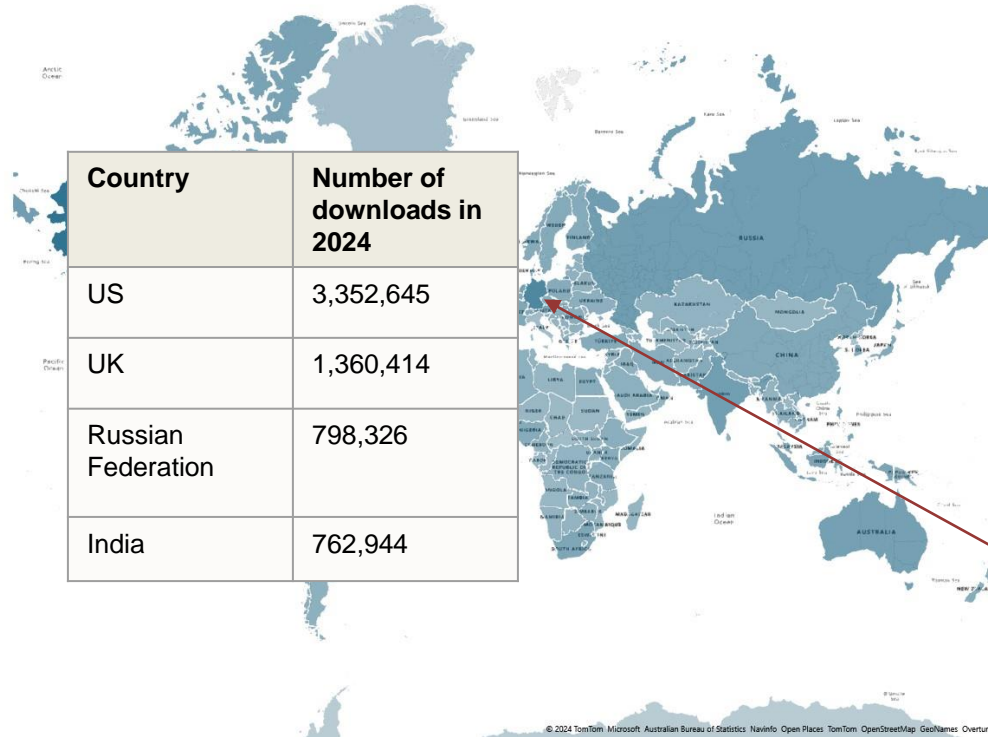
[OAPEN Strategic Plan 2025 – 2028 | OAPEN](#)

The OAPEN Library

- Digital library, launched in 2010
- **39,000+** full-text OA titles
- **450+** publishers
- **75+** languages
- Offers hosting, distribution, preservation (CLOCKSS), usage to publishers
- Built on DSpace 6
- Server hosted in CERN's [Data Center](#)
- 1-1.7m+ monthly COUNTER downloads



A global digital library



Title level usage data

Achtsamkeit als kulturelle Praxis

Zu den Selbst-Welt-Modellen eines populären Phänomens

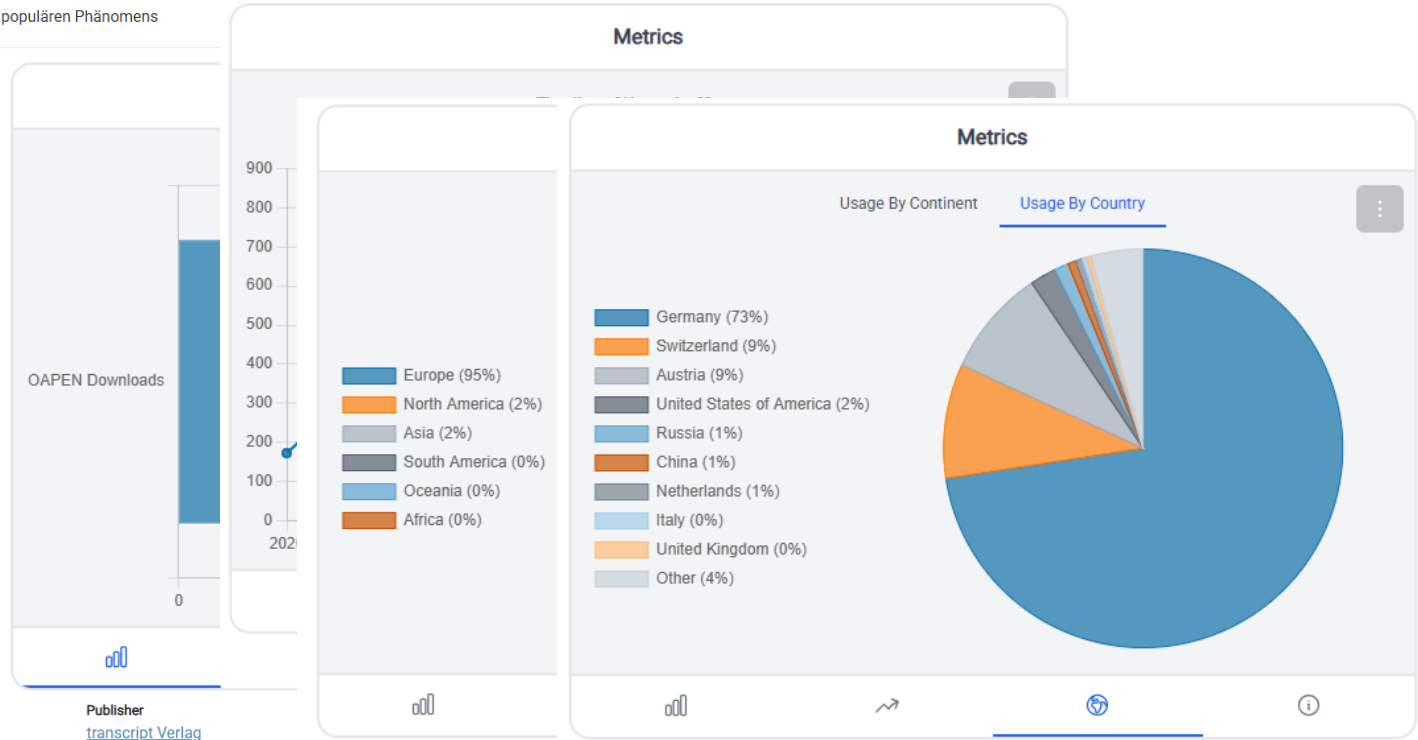


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German

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Projects - OAPEN

[OPERAS-PLUS \(September 2022 – August 2025\)](#)

Supports the open scholarly communication process for the HSS in the European Research Area (ERA) and the development of OPERAS as it works towards becoming a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

[OA Book Usage Analytics for Diverse Communities – A Demonstration Project \(April 2022 – April 2025\)](#)

The Book Analytics Dashboard (BAD) project focused on creating a sustainable OA Book focused analytics service by providing dashboards of aggregated OA books usage across multiple platforms. It is funded by the [Mellon Foundation](#).

[PALOMERA \(January 2023 – December 2024\) \(Policy Alignment of Open Access Monographs in the European Research Area\)](#)

Providing actionable recommendations and concrete resources to support and coordinate aligned funder and institutional policies for OA books.

Services for researchers

- Find trusted OA book publishers
 - [Peer Review Policies A-I | OAPEN](#)
 - [Peer Review Policies, J-R | OAPEN](#)
 - [Peer Review Policies, S-Z | OAPEN](#)
- [ERC deposit service](#)
- Annotation through 'PDF viewer' option
- [OAPEN OA Books Toolkit](#)



European Research Council
Established by the European Commission



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Introduction to the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

What drives DOAB

Mission

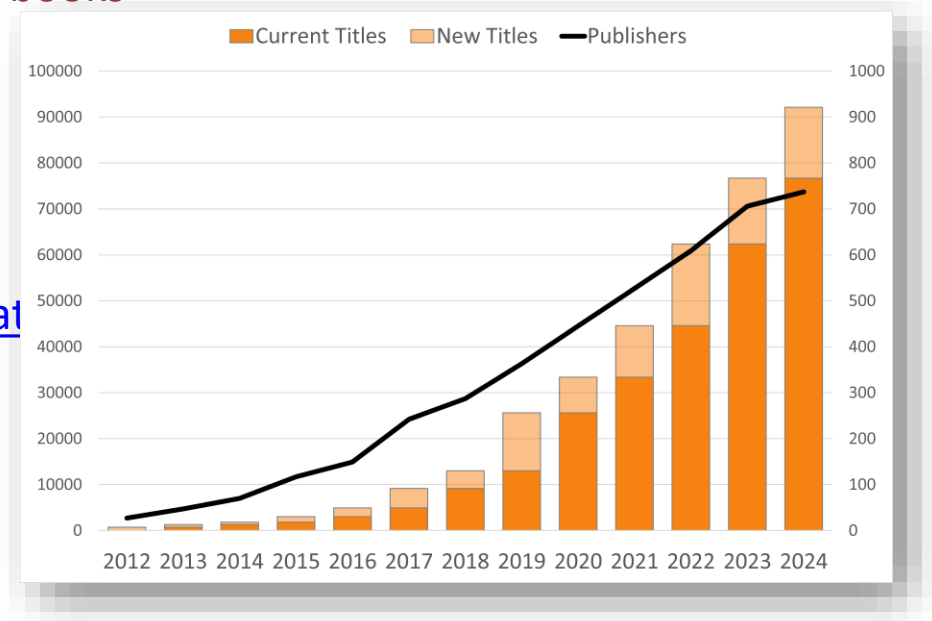
- Curate a **global, open, and trusted** index of open scholarly books.

Vision

- All scholarly books are openly available to everyone.

Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB)

- Indexing and discovery service for OA books
- Launched in 2013
- **89,500+** titles
- **750+** publishers
- **95+** languages
- All services free of charge and [metadata available](#) under CC0
- Built on DSpace 6
- Server hosted in CERN's [Data Center](#)
- Co-managed alongside [OpenEdition](#)



DOAB Trusted Platform Network



Peer Review Information Service for Monographs (PRISM)



- PRISM provides publishers with display information about their procedures
- Supports transparency and builds quality assurance process of access
- Part of the [OPERAS Service Catalogue](#)
- AIM: PRISM allows researchers to control process that applies to access more information about the publisher

Now showing items 1-13 of 13

The screenshot displays the PRISM interface for a monograph. At the top, it says "Now showing items 1-13 of 13". Below this, there are tabs for "For Researchers" and "For Librarians". The main content area shows the title "1933 - Die Gleichschaltung des Politischen Katholizismus in Baden" by Jürgen Schwaninger, published by KIT Scientific Publishing. A pop-up window titled "Peer Review Information for KIT Scientific Publishing" is overlaid on the right side of the monograph details. This window provides the following information:

- What** - What is being reviewed? Full text
- Who** - Who conducts the peer review? Editorial board member; External peer reviewer
- How** - How - What is the level of anonymity? All identities known
- When** - At what stage is the peer review being conducted? Pre-publication
- Peer review is overseen by: Books or series editor

The monograph details also include a description: "This study deals with the enforced conversion (Gleichschaltung) of the Baden Center Party (Badische Zentrumspartei) during the process of National Socialist takeover in 1933. Based on documents in the estate of Center Party politician F. X. Schmerbeck (Karlsruhe), it provides a rare insight into the opposition's struggle for political influence and its own internal contradictions." Other metadata shown includes the URI <https://directory.doabooks.org/handle/20.500.12854/39866>, Keywords: Politischer Katholizismus; Baden; Zentrumspartei; Gleichschaltung; Nationalsozialismus, DOI: [10.5445/KSP/1000034380](https://doi.org/10.5445/KSP/1000034380), ISBN: 9783731500131, and Publisher: KIT Scientific Publishing.

Projects - DOAB

[Open Book Futures \(OBF\) \(May 2023 – May 2025\)](#)

- Building on the work of the COPIM project, DOAB will be active in connecting with publishers as part of this project, especially in the Global South. It is funded through Arcadia and Research England Development Fund.

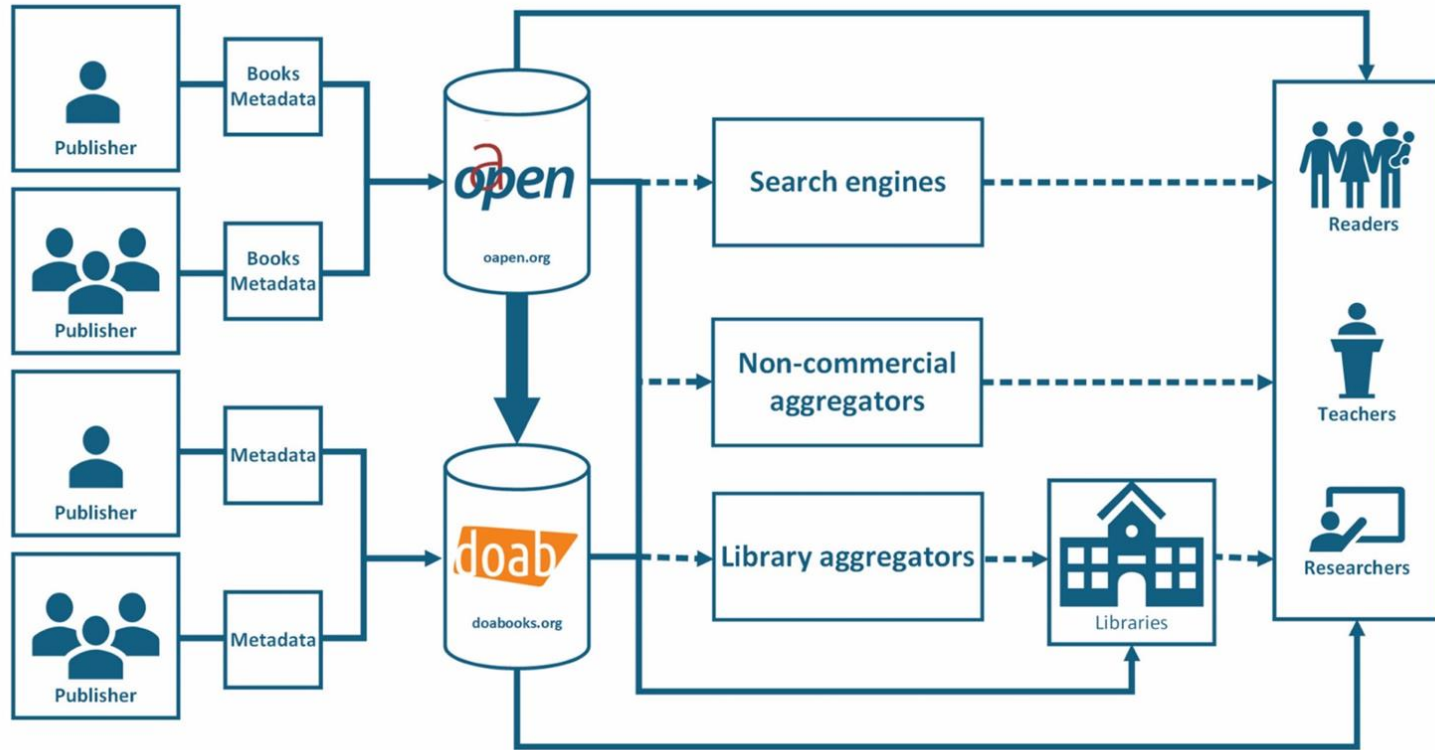
[ALMASI Project \(Aligning and Mutualizing Nonprofit Open Access Publishing Services Internationally\) \(January 2025 – December 2028\)](#)

Seeks to develop a nonprofit, high-quality, and sustainable scholarly communication ecosystem spanning three regions: Africa, Europe, and Latin America. It is funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement [No 101188192](#).

[DOAB In Africa](#)

The DOAB in Africa project aims to address African publishers' equitable access to OA distribution channels and to our Directory for all publishers that fulfil its requirements.

Distribution of OA books



Our metadata is used by



and many more...

Sebastiano Sali, Community Manager

OAPEN OA Books Toolkit

The Toolkit's main goal

To help academic book authors to better understand open access book publishing, and to promote and increase trust in open access books

The sections for authors

- Open Access for Books
- Publishing OA Books
- Business Models

The timeline

2020

First launch

PALOMERA

2024

Second launch

The Toolkit after PALOMERA

The funders/policy forum

Keep an eye on new content

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-oopen-open-access-books-toolkit/>

The Knowledge Base

<https://knowledgebase.oabooks-toolkit.org/items/d6549269-e37c-4c83-bcef-4d529c284349>

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Community engagement in Germany

Focus on Germany

OAPEN/DOAB

- 3 Consortia
- 32 Libraries
- 1 Funder
- ~2M downloads vs US ~3M/Christmas Island 1

Focus on Germany

Top Country by Users

Sep 30, 2024–Feb 7, 2025

COUNTRY	USERS
United States	2.6K
United Kingdom	1.8K
Netherlands	1.1K
India	629
United Arab Emirates	586
Ireland	586
Australia	450
Finland	387
Germany	312
Canada	294

The OA Books Toolkit

Focus on Germany



Analytics
Services

OPERAS Metrics Portal

Metrics Service that collects usage and impact metrics related to published Open Access content



Discovery
Services

 **GoTriple**

GoTriple Discovery Platform for social sciences and humanities publications, researcher profiles, and projects.

 **Pathfinder**

Pathfinder Platform for Academic Publishing.



Quality
Assurance
Services

 **PRISM**

PRISM Peer Review Information Service for Monographs



Research for
Society Services

 **hypotheses**

A platform for humanities and social sciences research blogs

 **vera**
ACTIVATING FABRICATION

Collaboration Platform where a diverse set of actors can build social science and humanities research projects together

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Q&A and discussion



THE OPEN ACCESS BOOKS NETWORK

A community for everyone to discuss and learn about OA books

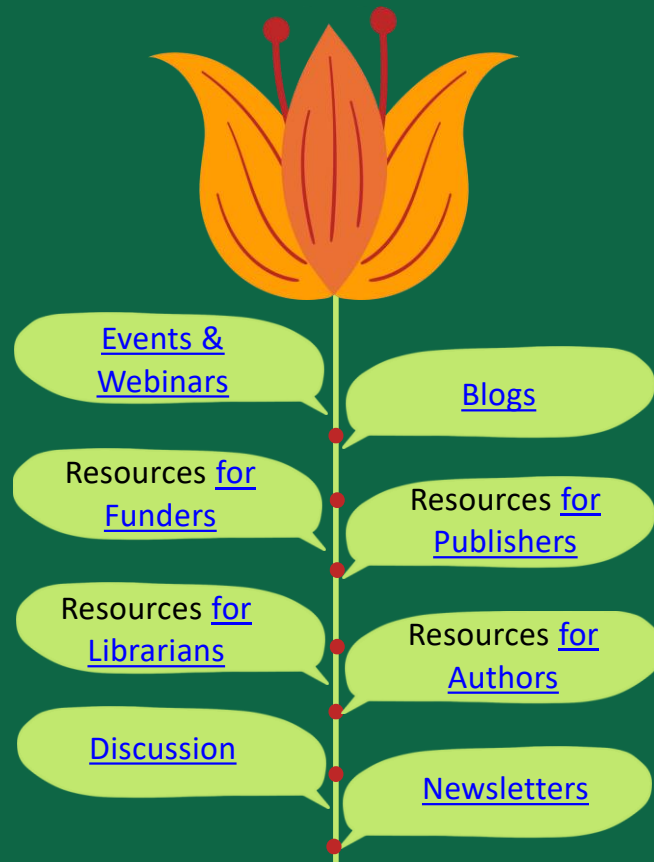
Bringing together:

- publishers
- librarians
- researchers and authors
- funders and policymakers
- infrastructure providers
- and anyone interested in OA books

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GROWING THE OABN



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- oabooks-toolkit.org

Newsletters

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- Sign up to the [DOAB newsletter](#)

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