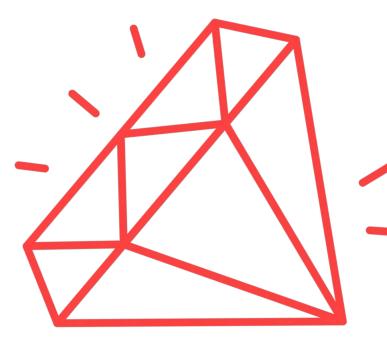
## Diamond open access What is it, and why is it important?

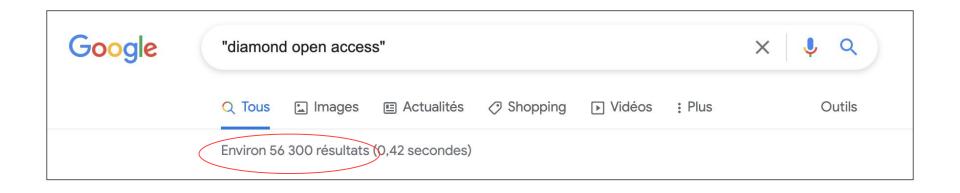


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# Diamond open access

is free to readers

# **AND** to authors.

NO APC!



The Diamond Open Access Journals Study, 2021

Action Plan for Diamond Open Access, 2022

# This is not, however, a new reality.

#### Jean-Claude Guédon

Professor at Université de Montréal Member of the Internet Society Signatory of the <u>Budapest Open</u> <u>Access Initiative</u>





→ Archives of *Surfaces* are available on erudit.org (1991-2001)

## **Characteristics of diamond OA journals**

- 1. Small and mid-size editorial structures
- 2. Community-led and owned
- 3. Vast bibliodiversity

Numerous journals : 17 000 - 29 000 (11 500 DOAJ) 1. Small and mid-size editorial structures



→ between 20 and 40 articles / year

## 2. Community-led and owned



→ 72% of OA diamond journals are published by universities

### 3. Vast bibliodiversity



→ Diversity of languages : spanish, portuguese, french...
→ Diversity of disciplines :
60% SHS, 17% medicine, 22% sciences





## **BUDAPEST OPEN ACCESS INITIATIVE**

→ Open up access to the rest of this literature and remove the barriers, especially the price barriers, that stand in the way.

→ Building a future in which research and education in every part of the world are that much more free to flourish.

https://www.budapestopenaccessinitiative.org/read/

Why and how diamond OA journals are important?

#### Three examples

- 1. comparison of the money flow of a community-led journal and of a well known international journal
- 2. impact of the practices of the big 5 on the independence and integrity of research
- 3. comparison between monoculture and permaculture in a period global climate crisis

#### Community-led and owned Canadian journal

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#### International journal



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#### Research independence and integrity

#### **Marie Farge**

French mathematician and physicist, research director at the CNRS and the École Normale Supérieure.

Initiator of the term "diamond open access".

Launch in 2012, with Timothy Gowers and other researchers, *<u>The Cost of Knowledge</u>*.



#### The Cost of knowledge is **not** only financial

*"[I]n recent years [Elsevier] has been involved in various scandals regarding the scientific content, or lack thereof, of its journals. One in particular involved the journal Chaos, Solitons & Fractals, which, at the time the scandal broke in 2008–2009, was one of the highest impact factor mathematics journals that Elsevier published.* 

[...] Chaos, Solitons & Fractals published many papers that, in our professional judgement, have little or no scientific merit and should not have been published in any reputable journal." Global climate crisis

## **Europe suffers as heat waves drive forest fires and dry rivers**

# Europe just had its hottest summer on record

# A Summer of Climate Disasters





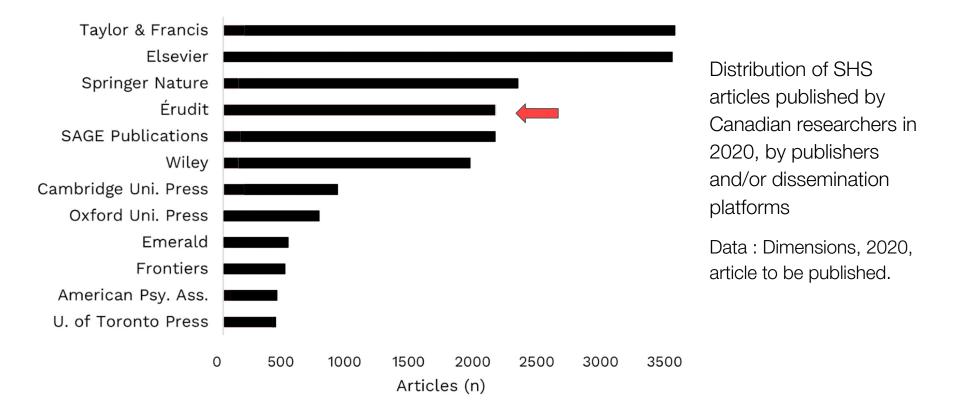
How the Canadian scholarly communication system is doing?

### Very few Canadian journals owned by commercial publishers

Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)			Science, Technology and Medicine (STM)		
Open Journal Systems	150	24.5%	Journal website	80	37.4%
Érudit	135	22.1%	Open Journal Systems	35	16.4%
Journal website	103	16.9%	Canadian Science Publishing	25	11.7%
Association website	51	8.3%	Association website	23	10.7%
University of Toronto Press	31	5.1%	No online disseminator	10	4.7%
No online disseminator	26	4.3%	Érudit	10	4.7%
ProQuest	14	2.3%	SAGE	6	2.8%
Taylor and Francis	14	2.3%	Elsevier	3	1.4%
Wiley	8	1.3%	Taylor and Francis	3	1.4%
Cambridge University Press	7	1.1%	Springer	2	0.9%

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#### Strong publishing alternative in place for authors



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