

Subject: Public Access to peer-reviewed scholarly publications. . .

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As Co-Editor of the Journal of World Business , let me briefly respond to your queries.

1. Open access is the way that scientific knowledge can be shared with others. Each publisher maintains their own data base and that's correct.
2. Intellectual property rights are very difficult to maintain, especially as scholars from various countries have vastly different interpretations of what this means. We require that authors clearly state that their manuscript is submitted as an original piece of research and that that manuscript is not at another peer-reviewed journal. Plagiarism is rampant in parts of Asia and difficult to discover. If we do discover it, we send a notification to the author and the dean/president of the school notifying these officials of the violation.
3. Keep everything decentralized. Editors are excellent gatekeepers.
4. No comment
5. Unfortunately, the reward system at most research institutions is such that cross-disciplinary research, while hoped for, is rarely rewarded and therefore, not achieved.
6. No comment
7. NONE.
8. There should be no embargo.

Sincerely,

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