

Diamond open access books at Language Science Press

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The publication process at Language Science Press



Language Science Press

-) scholar-owned, non-profit publisher
- 30 series, autonomous in content and publication decisions
- > 695 expressions of interest
-) 180 books published since 2014
 - > monographs & edited volumes
 - 30/year
 -) books from 2021 on the right
-) books ranging 76–1632 pages
-) 1.5m total downloads
 - > 75k for most successful title



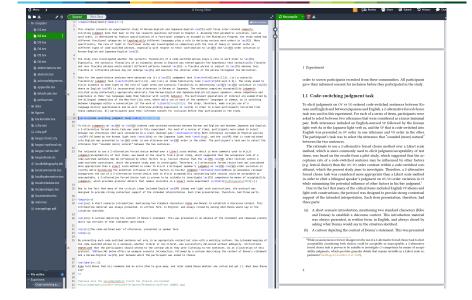


LSP publication process

- 1. Expressions of interest/submissions can be directed to:
 - One of the series directly
 - The LSP office if uncertain
 - > Proposals for new series to be directed to the Advisory Board
- 2. Peer-review on the series editors' terms (open peer review possible)
- 3. Community proofreading for style and guidelines
- 4. Professional typesetting and layout in cooperation with author/editor, based on LATEX
- 5. Digital and physical distribution (on demand printing)



Overleaf-integrated workflow





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Types

-) Green OA
-) Gold OA
-) Diamond OA



- 1. Green OA (self-archiving)
 - Business as usual, but:
 - Authors are allowed to self-archive their work
 -) Possible restrictions: Embargo periods, not being able to distribute final paper
 - Not all people agree this is really "open access".



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-) Example:

 - KIT library funds APCs: up to €2,000 Fees in FK's fav. journal for gold OA: €2,290 (This is a lot of money considering the services offered.)



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 - No submission or processing costs for authors 👍





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- Language Science Press is funded by 115 institutions world wide (thank you to the library of Goethe-Universität!)
- The funding is organised by Knowledge Unlatched, a service provider specialising in consortial funding models
- Some independent journals do this on a smaller scale (e.g. sponsor institutions pay € 100-200 p.a.)
- This model proves to be much more cost-effective compared to many gold OA models



Diamond OA benefits

- C You retain the rights to your work
- Enables re-usage of content
- Scientific merit decides what is published (not financial resources)
- Immediately available to everyone who is interested
- Long-term, wide circulation of your work
 -) Perfect fit for an open science approach (open data, open source, open peer review)