

DIW Berlin's Open Access Policy

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Preamble

The German Institute for Economic Research - DIW Berlin - is synonymous with excellent research and high-quality policy advice as well as providing a first-rate research infrastructure. The optimum availability of relevant information is a prerequisite for efficient and leading research and is equally necessary for sound policy advice. As a member of the Leibniz Association, DIW Berlin is committed to the principle of Open Access and supports calls for unrestricted and free access to publicly funded peer-reviewed research findings. This commitment is outlined in the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities¹ and the Guidelines on Open Access within the Leibniz Association.²

Aims of Open Access at DIW Berlin

DIW Berlin aims to publish its research findings in accordance with the Open Access principle. This is done as directly as possible by publishing in Open Access publication media or—as far as the law allows—by making the publications available simultaneously or as soon as possible via document servers (repositories).

DIW Berlin's Executive Board expressly welcomes publications being made available via Open Access and supports researchers in their Open Access publication projects. The individual researcher is responsible for deciding on the type of publication (Open Access journal, Open Access platform, or Open Access in a traditional journal). The requirements towards universal standards, scientific quality and regulations on good scientific practice remain unchanged.

DIW Berlin views the Open Access principle as an opportunity to make its research achievements and associated knowledge available to society in general, as well as meeting its obligations to the research community. This applies to all findings published by DIW Berlin since 1925 when it was known as the *Institut für Konjunkturforschung* (Institute for Business Cycle Research). DIW Berlin is therefore seeking to retrodigitize its publications and make them available via subject repositories in accordance with the principles of long-term archiving and Open Access.

DIW Berlin also sees research data as a valuable result of its own research. The Institute will adopt its own policy for handling research data and making them accessible.

¹ Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities, http://openaccess.mpg.de/3515/Berliner_Erklaerung

² Guideline on Open Access at the Leibniz Association, http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/Infrastruktur/Leibniz_OpenAccess-Leitlinie_-_ENGLISH.pdf

Implementation of the Open Access policy at DIW Berlin

DIW Berlin has established the necessary organizational, structural, and financial framework to support Open Access at the Institute.

Researchers at DIW Berlin are continually kept informed of developments in the field of Open Access, are given advice on selecting journals and publication channels, and support in clarifying legal issues related to the Open Access publication of their research findings. Contact persons for Open Access are the project managers and library staff.

DIW Berlin makes all its publications available on the EconStor repository where they are permanently and securely archived on a certified server and can be quoted at any time. The publications are given permanent URLs which in turn are recorded in the Institute's library catalog and published on its website. EconStor makes the publications available to LeibnizOpen, the central Open Access portal of the Leibniz Association, where the findings of DIW Berlin's researchers are presented.

Publications that appear in paid media or are not directly accessible to the general public are simultaneously or subsequently made accessible. DIW Berlin's library identifies publications which can legally be republished in Open Access (as a manuscript version for example) and makes them available free of charge.

DIW Berlin expects its researchers to attract third-party funding for Open Access publishing when applying for projects. Project managers as well as administrative and library staff will support them in this.

If an original publication from one of DIW Berlin's researchers can only be made available via Open Access for a fee and no third-party funds are available for publication, the Institute will provide financial support from basic resources. The criteria for accessing these funds are agreed internally and evaluated at regular intervals.