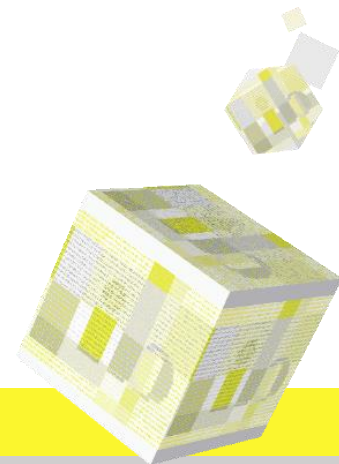


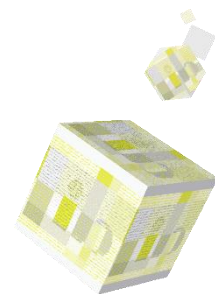
Open Access Journal Publishing in Sri Lanka: Characteristics and Future Potential

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Introduction



- Open access (OA) enables developing countries to overcome the issues faced by scholarly journal publishing.
- Purpose of this study is to identify the issues faced by the scholarly journal publishing industry in Sri Lanka and to investigate the opportunities provided by OA publishing to overcome those issues.

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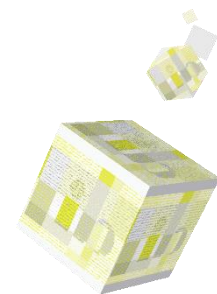
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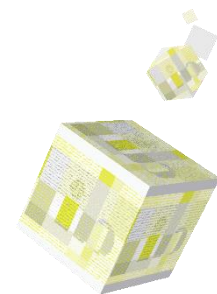
- (i) To identify the issues faced by scholarly journal publishing in Sri Lanka
- (ii) To investigate the OA journal publishing initiatives in Sri Lanka
- (iii) To identify the characteristics of OA journals published in Sri Lanka
- (iv) To recommend strategies to empower and sustain OA journal publishing in Sri Lanka



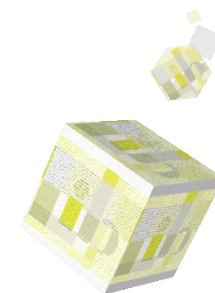
Methods



- Mixed methods approach
 - Qualitative analysis: literature review
 - Google Scholar/ Google search engines
 - Quantitative analysis: OA journal(s) websites
 - Secondary sources: SLJOL, ROAD, DOAJ



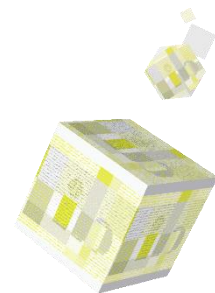
- Issues faced by Sri Lankan scholarly journals
 - Authors' preference to publish in high-impact international journals
 - Not being indexed in key databases
 - Lack of funds to continue journal publishing
 - Irregularity of publication
 - Lack of trained/dedicated/full-time editors and other staff



- Characteristics of Sri Lankan OA journals (84 journals)
 - Subject distribution:
 - Science & Technology: 67.84%, Other subjects: 32.14%
 - Major publishers:
 - Academic Institutes and Professional Associations: 88%
 - No Commercial Publishers
 - Frequency of journals:
 - Biannual: 63.09%, Annual: 14.28%, Quarterly: 12%
 - No article processing charges (APC)
 - Immediate OA to full-text of articles
 - Articles are peer-reviewed

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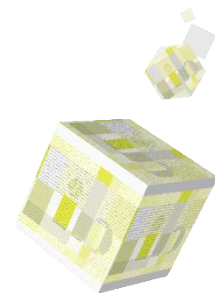
Discussion



- Key findings of the study
 - Frequency of publication of OA journals is closely associated with their print counterparts
 - Only few OA journals are indexed in international indexing and abstracting services
 - Only very few OA journal titles are published on 'humanities and social sciences' subjects



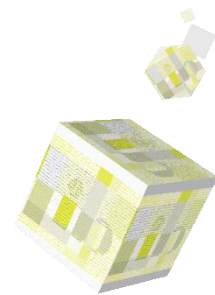
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- Suggestions of the study
 - Follow the 'continuous publication model' to reduce unnecessary delays in publishing articles
 - Adhere to international standards in OA journal publishing
 - Secure continuous financial support for OA journal publishing
 - Establish/ strengthen institutional OA policies
 - Increase the number of 'humanities and social sciences' related OA journals
 - Invest in capacity building among journal editors, reviewers, and other staff



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