



KOALA – Konsortiale Open-Access- Lösungen aufbauen

Establishing consortial open access solutions

Information for editors, publishers and libraries

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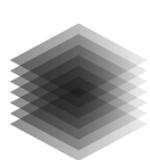
KOALA – overview

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What do we stand for?

- **collective & fair open access funding without author-facing costs (APC/BPC)**

Who are we?

- two **academic** institutions with vast experience in **consortial business** and **open access** – the Technische Informationsbibliothek (TIB) in Hannover and the Communication-, Information-, Media Centre (KIM) at the University of Konstanz

The objectives



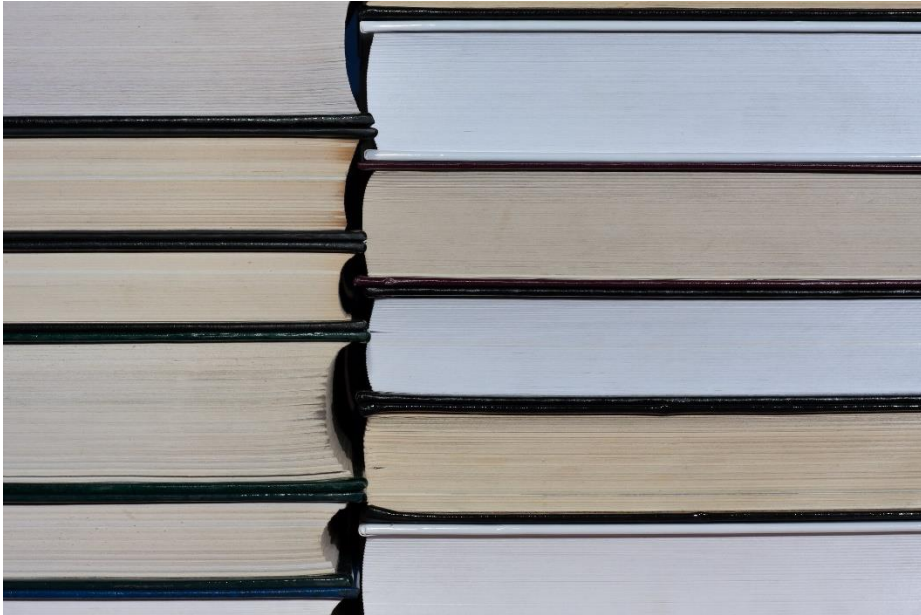
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We are aiming to

- establish **library consortia** to fund open access journals and book series
- provide **support** for publications planning to flip to a consortial open access model
- flip **pilot projects** to the new model
- make our model available for **reuse**



Benefits for journals and book series



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- **sustainable** and **fair** model as an **alternative** to commercial open access models
- **individual support** for publications seeking to transition to a different funding model
- publishing is **free of charge for authors**
- **does not require** publishers to acquire further funding
- **clear** standards as well as transparency



Our model – key information



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- Funding will be available for both **journals** and **book series**.
- Publications will be grouped into **disciplinary bundles**.
- The financial contribution to publications will correspond to the **annual output**.
- We expect **transparency** regarding **costs** and **funding requirements**.
- We offer comprehensive **support**.
- We aim to give **financial commitment for several years**.



Journals and book series



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- Many established open access models only address journals – KOALA will establish solutions for journals **and** book series.
- We expect our partners to meet certain **standards** based on the **requirements** of Plan S, DOAJ, DOAB, OAPEN, OASPA and COPE.



Requirements for publications

- **Digital preservation** must be guaranteed.
- **Guidelines for authors** must be clear and openly available.
- Explicit **open access** and **copyright policies** must be in place (ideally under a machine-readable **CC licence**, copyright remains with the authors).
- Journals and book series should have an **ISSN**.
- We expect **transparency** regarding **costs and funding requirements**.
- **DOIs** must be provided for articles and books. We recommend additional DOIs for book chapters.
- Information on **reviewing processes, editorial policies and decision making processes** must be transparent and easily accessible.
- Statistics on **annual publications, submissions, requested reviews** etc. must be provided.



Helpdesk and pilot projects



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- KOALA offers a **helpdesk** and **individual support** for editors and publishers interested in flipping to an APC/BPC-free funding model.
- Journals and book series can participate in the project as **pilot partners** and expect funding by the future **consortium from 2023** onwards.
- **Pilot projects** will be supported extensively in their **transition** to consortial funding and have the chance to give **feedback** on the model.



Roadmap





**Would you like to learn more? Are you interested in participating?
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