



Social justice principles in Diamond Open Access

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Equity in Knowledge Access

Everyone has the right to disseminate their research without prejudice or bias to advance the search for solutions to regional challenges. Similarly, everyone has the right to access, without barriers, scholarship for individual and communal growth. Diamond Open Access foundationalizes inclusivity in scholarly communication, ensuring diverse perspectives are valued.

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Inclusion of Marginalized Communities

Everyone, regardless of geographic location or financial status, should have free and unrestricted access to scholarly research, recognizing knowledge as a public good and a human right.

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Financial Barriers Removal

By eliminating article processing charges (APCs) for both authors and readers, Diamond OA combats the financial inequalities inherent in traditional publishing models, ensuring that research can be freely published and accessed without monetary obstacles.

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Decolonizing Scholarly Communication

Diamond OA challenges the dominance of the Global North in scholarly publishing by promoting the dissemination of research from the Global South, fostering a more balanced and diverse representation of global scholarship.

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Capacity Building and Empowerment

Diamond OA encourages the development of local publishing infrastructures and the training of new leaders in scholarly communication, particularly within marginalized regions, to create sustainable, independent systems of knowledge sharing.

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Collaboration and Solidarity

The Diamond OA model promotes the sharing of resources and infrastructure across global communities to advance the equitable dissemination of research, fostering solidarity between the Global North and South.