

Open access to scientific journals on culture and society

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The Research Council of Norway is seeking to make the most recent findings in social science and the humanities easily accessible to all interested parties. To achieve this, changes are being made to the funding scheme for publication of journals.

The Research Council provides funding for the publication of 40 national journals within social science and the humanities, most of which are in Norwegian. Starting in 2017, after a three-year transition period, journals will be required to employ Open Access publishing to be qualified for support. This will entail that articles must be made openly accessible on the Internet without delay.

“National journals in social science and the humanities have great potential to strengthen the foundation for public debate here in Norway. Their articles about Norwegian culture and society can bring valuable knowledge and new perspectives into the public domain. Securing open access to these publications will be of great importance both within and outside the research community,” says Arvid Hallén, Director General of the Research Council of Norway.

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