

CURRENT TRENDS IN JOURNAL PUBLISHING

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Abstract:

The paper will present a brief history of academic journals and current trends in journal publishing. After the WW II, the fast growing number of universities, libraries, professors and students created a new market for academic publications and by the 1990s the commercial publishers managed to monopolise the publication of the most important academic journals. However, the advent of the Internet in the 1990s also facilitated the spread of the open access publishing – the literature that is online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. But there are also negative counterparts of open access publishing, including the fast growing number of predatory journals, which do not exercise peer-review or editorial quality control. Possible future trends in journal publishing will also be identified.

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