

Open Access / Public International Law – parallel publishing (Green OA)

1. Scholarly Collaboration Networks

There are a number of scholarly collaboration networks (SCN) for academics to network and share their research. However, these are not always regarded as ‘proper’ OA pre-print servers or repositories, as they are commercial instead of non-profit, and do not fulfil OA requirements such as long-term storage, data harvesting or easy export of their data. Always check the specific copyright requirements before uploading a publication to these websites.

Scholarly publishers usually do not allow the final published version (Publisher's PDF) of an article to be uploaded in academic social networks. A full reference to a publication, including the DOI link leading to the published version, may of course be distributed also in academic social networks.

In general, publishers are more positive towards SCNs who have signed the “[STM voluntary principles](#)” – this currently includes **SSRN** and **Figshare**. You can check all publishers’ and journals guidelines on sharing in [Sherpa/Romeo](#). The most relevant publisher guidelines are also listed below:

[Elsevier guidelines](#)

[Emerald guidelines](#)

[Taylor & Francis guidelines](#)

[Oxford University Press guidelines](#)

[Sage guidelines](#)

[Wiley guidelines](#)

The vast majority of publishers allow preprints and articles published as gold open access to be shared anywhere.

1.2 Commercial SCNs, not accepted as OA repositories

- [Researchgate](#)
- [Academia.edu](#)

1.3 SCNs listed as OA repositories on OpenDOAR

- [Social Science Research Network](#) (SSRN) – Open-access online preprint community. Has a “Law” sub-category. Owned by Elsevier, listed in OPENDOAR as an institutional repository.
- [Figshare](#) – listed on OPENDOAR as an aggregating repository. Does not have a specific law subcategory.

2. OA repositories

[SocArxiv](#), - Recommended

Open archive of the social sciences, provides a free, non-profit, open access platform for social scientists to upload working papers, preprints, and published papers, with the option to link data and code. Not owned by Elsevier.

[How-to-guide](#) on uploading via SocArxiv.

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[bepress legal repository](#)

Submissions in English and other languages for individual scholars through [Selected Works](#). Owned by Elsevier.

[HAL-SHS](#)

A division of [HAL](#) focusing on the humanities and social sciences. Very French-heavy, does not contain a lot of international law entries.

[Social Science Open Access Repository](#) (SSOAR)

Maintained by Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences. German-focused, but with some entries from other countries. Has a Legal Science and Administrative Science sub-category.

[Zenodo](#)

Open content from all fields of the sciences. Funded by the EU, built and operated by CERN. mostly natural sciences focused but with some social sciences entries.

<https://f1000research.com/>

Publishes articles and other research outputs reporting basic scientific, scholarly, translational and clinical research across the physical and life sciences, engineering, medicine, social sciences and humanities. (Jufo 1)

3. OA publishing alternatives for funded research

[Open Research Europe](#) (H2020)

Open Research Europe is an open access publishing platform for the fast publication and open peer review of research stemming from Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe funding across all subject areas.

* Unlike other preprints, once the article is published, it cannot be sent to another journal for publication. Articles previously posted on a preprint server, such as SSRN, are eligible to also be published on Open Research Europe.

[Wellcome Open Research](#) (Wellcome fund)

[Gates Open Research](#) (Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation)

Tools for finding repositories

- [OPENdoar](#) - Directory of worldwide repositories, possibility to filter via institution
- [ROAR Open Access Registry](#) – lists repositories according to number of entries.

Search tools for OA articles

- [CORE](#), aggregates the largest collection of OA articles. Harvests and provides full text access to material from institutional, subject and preprint repositories as well as gold and hybrid open access journals.
- [Unpaywall](#) - A web browser extension that links you to open access full-text versions of research

4. Tools for publishing OA books

- The [OAPEN](#) library contains freely accessible academic books, mainly in the areas of humanities and social sciences. Law books included cover the areas of international law, jurisprudence and general issues, and laws of specific jurisdictions.
- [Directory of Open Access Books \(DOAB\)](#)
On this website, browse the list of OA publishers by name or subject area. Publishers all meet certain criteria for their peer review and licensing policies. DOAB'S Certification service [OPERAs](#), is currently operating in Beta and will move into production in 2021. This will provide additional information around peer review, licensing and transparency, rather like the DOAJ Seal.
- [OA Books Toolkit](#)
A great source of current information on all aspects of [open access book publishing](#).
- [Open Access Scholarly Publishing Association \(OASPA\)](#)
Look through the List of [OASPA members](#) to find OA publishers who have been through a rigorous review process