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**The Directory of Open Access Repositories - OpenDOAR**

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OpenDOAR is an authoritative directory of academic open access repositories. Each OpenDOAR repository has been visited by project staff to check the information that is recorded here. This in-depth approach does not rely on automated analysis and gives a [quality-controlled](#) list of repositories.

As well as providing a simple [repository list](#), OpenDOAR lets you [search for repositories](#) or [search repository contents](#). Additionally, we provide tools and support to both repository administrators and service providers in sharing best practice and improving the quality of the repository infrastructure. Further explanation of these features is given in a project document [Beyond the list](#).

The current directory lists repositories and allows breakdown and selection by a variety of criteria - see the [Find](#) page - which can also be viewed as [statistical charts](#). The underlying database has been designed from the ground up to include in-depth information on each repository that can be used for search, analysis, or underpinning services like text-mining. The OpenDOAR service is being developed incrementally, developing the current service as new features are introduced. A list of [Upgrades and Additions](#) is available.

Developments will be of use both to users wishing to find original research papers and for service providers like search engines or alert services which need easy-to-use tools for developing tailored search services to suit specific user communities.

[OpenDOAR](#) is one of the SHERPA Services including [RoMEO](#) and [JULIET](#), run by the [Centre for Research Communications](#) (CRC). Current development work is [currently funded](#) by [JISC](#), with contributions from the CRC host organisation, the [University of Nottingham](#).

OpenDOAR has also been identified as a key resource for the Open Access community ([K.B. Oliver & R. Swain, 2006](#) - PDF) and identified as [the leader in repository directories](#) in a study by [Johns Hopkins University](#). OpenDOAR was one of the services which contributed to [SHERPA](#) being awarded the [2007 SPARC Europe Award for Outstanding Achievements in Scholarly Communications](#).

More information on the project is available on this site through the [About](#) page.

**OpenDOAR has over 2600 listings!**



Growth of the OpenDOAR Database



Repositories by Continent



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## Logo



## URL

<http://www.opendoar.org/>

## Subject

- Directories

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

English

## Publisher

University of Nottingham, UK.

### ***Brief History***

By 2003, a multiplicity of Open Access research archives had grown up around the world, mushrooming in response to calls by scholars, researchers and open access advocates to provide open access to research information. There were then a number of different lists of repositories and open access archives, but no single comprehensive or authoritative list which recorded the range of academic open access repositories. Therefore there was a need for a dependable listing of the academic e-print research repositories that were available world-wide, to underpin the outreach of the Open Access movement. OpenDOAR was set up to provide this service and has grown consistently since then. The initial OpenDOAR was developed and maintained by the University of Nottingham as part of a portfolio of work in Open Access and repositories under the SHERPA umbrella. OpenDOAR was started and initially developed by a partnership of the University of Nottingham, UK and Lund University, Sweden, home of the DOAJ.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

OpenDOAR helps the visitors to search for repositories or search repository contents. It provides the tools and support to both repository administrators and service providers in sharing best practice and improving the quality of the repository infrastructure. The underlying database has been designed from the ground up to include in-depth information on each repository that can be used for search, analysis, or underpinning services like text-mining.

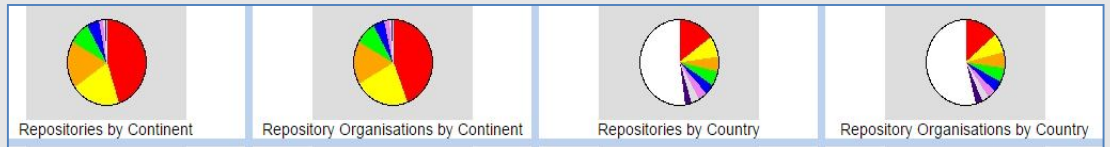
### ***Kind of Information***

OpenDOAR has over 2600 listings. Each of the repositories and repository organizations provides following type of information:

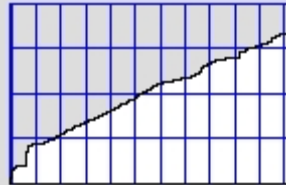
#### **4TU.Centre for Research Data**

**Organisation:** [4TU.Centre for Research Data](#), Netherlands  
**Description:** This site provides access to research datasets.  
**OAI-PMH:** <http://data.4tu.nl/oai/>  
**Software:** Fedora  
**Size:** 7840 items (2017-03-06)  
**Subjects:** Multidisciplinary  
**Content:** References; Datasets  
**Languages:** English  
**Policies:** [Not yet analysed]  
**Remarks:** This site is maintained by a collaboration with TU Delft Library, Eindhoven University of Technology Library and University of Twente Library  
**OpenDOAR ID:** 3739, Last reviewed: 2016-10-03, [Suggest an update for this record](#). Missing data is needed for: [Policies](#)  
Link to this record: <http://opendoar.org/id/3739/>

Different types of statistical charts can be seen here. Mainly repositories by continent, repository organizations, repositories by country etc. are displayed by pie chart. Other pie charts are also given to provide data on worldwide Open DOAR charts. Some pie charts are given below as examples:



Growth of this directory is shown graphically as shown below:



There are several user-groups for OpenDOAR including researchers, browsers, service-providers, data-miners, administrators and funders. Each of these possess their own expectations, needs and perspectives. The information gathered is therefore analysed and represented in such a way as to satisfy the information requirements of all of these groups. Tools for repository administrators are also given here. New repository can be suggested by filling up a predefined format. Documents and presentations are given in different formats like PDF, PPT etc. including the name of author, full title and date.

### ***Special Features***

- Visitors can search this directory including advance search facility.
- RSS Feed is available.
- Hyperlinks of related websites are attached. Those are JISC, SPARK, Open Society Institute etc.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

The continents, sub-continents and geographical territories are arranged alphabetically as shown below:

- Africa
- Asia
- Australasia
- Caribbean
- Europe
- North America
- Oceania
- South America

### ***Remarks***

OpenDOAR is an authoritative directory of academic open access repositories which gives a quality-controlled list of repositories. Repositories registered or included within OpenDOAR are more visible and will naturally have their contents more

easily found by researchers. One key point about OpenDOAR is that the available information are not only for users (wishing to find original research papers) but also for third-party service providers, like search engines or alert services, who need easy to use tools for developing tailored search services to suit specific user communities.

***Comparable Tools***

- Registry of Indian Open Access Repositories: A-Z List – OAJSE  
( [www.oajse.com/rioar\\_a-z\\_list.html](http://www.oajse.com/rioar_a-z_list.html) )

***Date of Access***

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