

A Bibliometric Study of Directory of Open Access Journal: Special Reference to Philosophy

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ABSTRACT

The aims of the present study are to be decided the number of free e-journal in the field of Philosophy available on DOAJ. For this study the author has adopted bibliometric method and analyzed by country-wise distribution, language-wise distribution and review-wise distribution, 126 open access journals published from 33 different countries in 26 different languages all over the world and Brazil is the leading publishing country in this way. Moreover, English has been found as the most popular language of OA journals.

KeyTerms: Bibliometric Study, Open Access, DOAJ, Philosophy, India, Language.

INTRODUCTION

The research purpose of any academic institution requires more primary information sources. Primary sources such as an article of the journal play a major role in academic research. It is very essential to access journals at free of cost for better research in the field of Philosophy researchers from the worldwide. The Directory of Open Access Journals is an excellent platform for the researchers. DOAJ is the boon for users and it provides access to more than 9478 (June 2017) open access journal in the field of Science, Social Science, Humanities, Technology and many more.

Directory of Open Access Journals

The Directory of Open Access Journals was launched in 2003 at Lund University, Sweden, with 300 open access journals, now the growth as par June 2017, contains more than 9478 open access journals covering all areas of Science, Technology, Medicine, Social Science And Humanities and much more¹. DOAJ provides to the users to get an online access to the directory that indexes to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. The DOAJ covers various major subjects such as Agriculture and Food Sciences, Arts and Architecture, Biology and Life Sciences, Business, Chemistry, Earth, Environmental Sciences, General Works, Health Sciences, History and Archaeology, Languages and Literatures, Law and Political Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Philosophy and Religion, Physics and Astronomy, Science General, Social Sciences, Technology and Engineering etc.^{2,3} The present study covers

the depth evaluation of open access e-journals in the field of Philosophy which is available in DOAJ. This research effort is one of its kinds that attempt to trace the latest trends and status, publishing patterns and contribution of different countries and publishers towards the growth and usefulness of open access journals in field of Philosophy in DOAJ.⁴

OBJECTIVES

- To investigation the number of journals in Philosophy offered by DOAJ
- To investigation the country-wise distribution of e-Journals
- To investigation language-wise journals in Philosophy
- To identify the journals of Philosophy in which year is added on DOAJ

METHODOLOGY

The website of Directory of Open Access Journals has browsed for collecting the data. The total journals as of June 2017 are 126 in the field of Philosophy. These journals were analyzed on the bases of different type of elements as like country-wise, language-wise, date-wise, growth base.

DATA ANALYSIS

○ Country-Wise Analysis

The DOAJ has indexed 126 Philosophy Journals from 33 different countries of the world. Among these countries, Brazil is the leading country which is published a

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maximum number of open access journals about 21 journals, equivalent of 17% of total Journals. It is followed by Spain 14(11%) and United States 12(10%), Italy 11(9%). The position of India is eleventh, with 1 Journal. The total contribution is enlisted in table 1.

Table 1: Country-Wise Contribution of Journals

Country	Journals	%age	Rank
Brazil	21	17%	1
Spain	14	11%	2
United States	12	10%	3
Italy	11	9%	4
Argentina	7	6%	5
Romania	6	5%	6
Canada	5	4%	7
Ukraine	4	3%	8
Russian Federation	4	3%	8
Poland	4	3%	8
Chile	4	3%	8
Mexico	3	2%	9
Estonia	3	2%	9
Colombia	3	2%	9
Austria	3	2%	9
United Kingdom	2	2%	10
Turkey	2	2%	10
Lithuania	2	2%	10
Australia	2	2%	10
Venezuela, the Bolivarian Republic of	1	1%	11
Switzerland	1	1%	11
Slovakia	1	1%	11
Serbia	1	1%	11
Philippines	1	1%	11
Japan	1	1%	11
Iran, the Islamic Republic of	1	1%	11
Indonesia	1	1%	11
India	1	1%	11
Germany	1	1%	11
France	1	1%	11
Ecuador	1	1%	11
Denmark	1	1%	11
Croatia	1	1%	11
Total	126	100%	--

Language-Wise Distribution

There are 26 different languages, which are covered on 126 Philosophy Journals. The English language is the most common language, which are published 105 journals with multi-lingual version. Spanish, Portuguese and French in the next to the English language i.e. contributing about 50(16%), 33(11%) and 33(11%) journals respectively. The total contribution of journals is enlisted in table 2.

Table 2: Language wise Distribution of Journals*

Language	Journals	(%age)	Rank
English	105	35%	1
Spanish; Castilian	50	16%	2
Portuguese	33	11%	3
French	33	11%	3
Italian	23	8%	4
German	22	7%	5
Russian	9	3%	6
Ukrainian	4	1%	7
Polish	3	1%	8
Catalan; Valencian	3	1%	8

Turkish	2	1%	9
Lithuanian	2	1%	9
Estonian	2	1%	9
Tagalog	1	0%	10
Swedish	1	0%	10
Spanish	1	0%	10
Slovak	1	0%	10
Serbian	1	0%	10
Persian	1	0%	10
Latin	1	0%	10
Indonesian	1	0%	10
Greek, Modern	1	0%	10
Esperanto	1	0%	10
Danish	1	0%	10
Czech	1	0%	10
Croatian	1	0%	10
Total	304	100%	--

*Journal is being published in multi-lingual version, thereby affecting the total numbers of articles.

Date-Wise Journals added to DOAJ

It is found from table 3 that the 22 journals in the subject of Philosophy added to the DOAJ in the year 2015. From the year 2003 to 2010 the journals of Philosophy has been increased to add in DOAJ. The additions of journals are sometimes ups and downs.

Table 3: Date-Wise Journals added to DOAJ

Journals added to DOAJ	Journals	%age
2017	12	10%
2016	17	13%
2015	22	17%
2014	4	3%
2013	9	7%
2012	11	9%
2011	11	9%
2010	12	10%
2009	6	5%
2008	8	6%
2007	4	3%
2006	4	3%
2005	3	2%
2003	3	2%
Total	126	100%

Format of Journals

It is shown in table 4, the format of journals is divided as on Print only, Online only and print and online both and it is found that 54(43%) journals are available, both print and online format 44(35%) online and 28(22%) only print formed.

Table 4: Format of Journals

Format	Journals	(%age)	Rank
Print (Only)	28	22%	3
Online (only)	44	35%	2
Print and online both.	54	43%	1
Total	126	100%	--

Review-Wise

Table 5 indicates that out of 126 journals 69(55%) journals are double blind peer reviewed, 26(21%) journals blind peer reviewed, 8(6%) journals have not been mentioned in DOAJ.

Table 5: Review-Wise Distribution

Review wise Journals	Journals	%age	Rank
Double-blind peer reviewed	69	55%	1
Blind peer reviewed	26	21%	2
Peer-reviewed	18	14%	3
Editorial Review	5	4%	4
Non Review/ No information	8	6%	5
Total	126	100%	--

CONCLUSION

In the study, it is found that Directory of Open Access Journals archived 126 journals in the subject of Philosophy as on June 2017, hosted the journals by the different of national international institutions and publishers, indifferent type of language, format. It is observed from the study that Indian contributions are so poor in DOAJ in the field of philosophy. There is a need to increase the journals from India, it is necessary to access from Indian languages. There is a need

to include journals from other foreign country and more foreign language.

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