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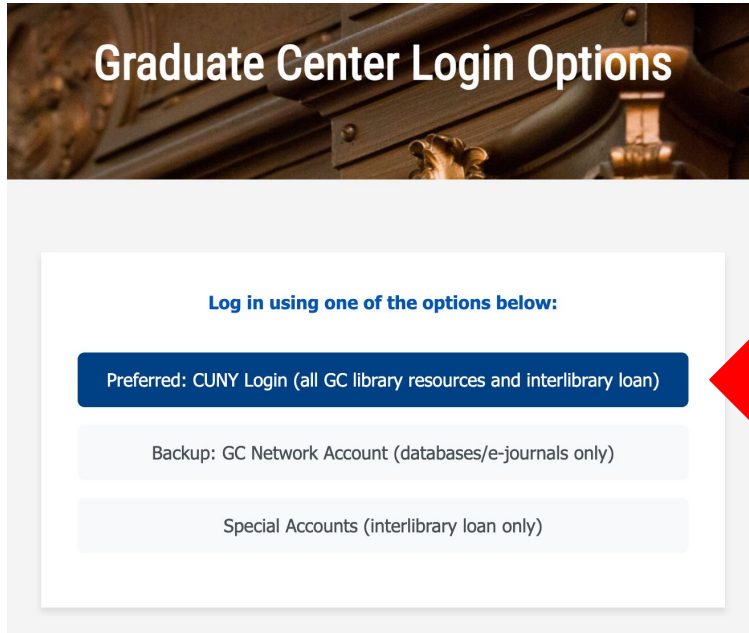
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Behind this password wall is a wealth of materials you can assign as part of a **zero-textbook-cost (ZTC) course**.

But the materials aren't zero-cost all at! CUNY libraries pay **huge amounts of money** (mostly from taxes and student fees) for access to these resources.* Access ends as soon as a student's CUNY affiliation ends.

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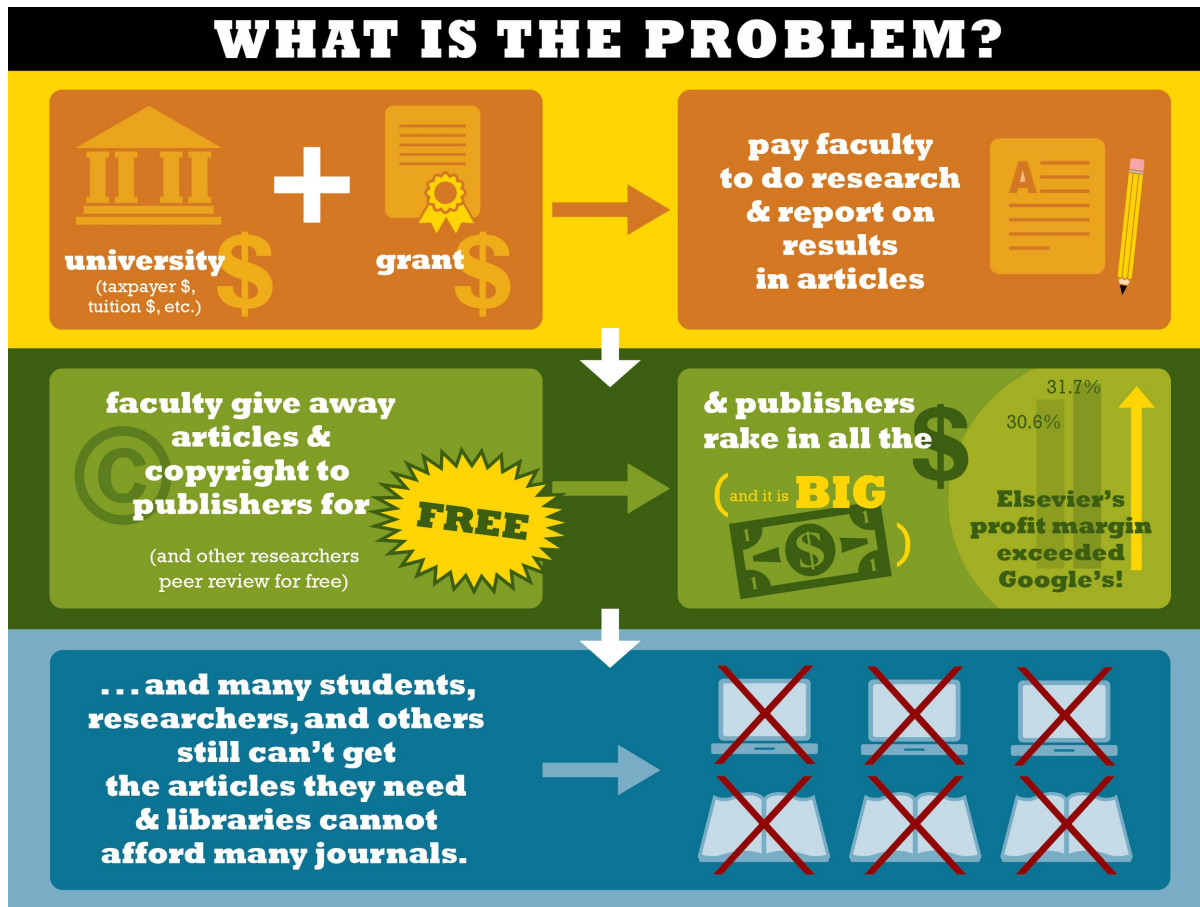
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Update: Elsevier's 2023 profit margin: 38%

How to Break the Cycle?

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*but not just any kind of open access:
community-owned, scholar-led, values-driven
open access that doesn't concentrate power in the
hands of the same old high-profit, exploitative publishers.



Which “Open” Is Which?

open educational resources (OER)

textbooks and other course materials

open access (OA)

scholarly literature (journal articles, books, etc.)

In some cases, OA scholarly literature can serve as course materials.

(In some cases, this wouldn't work well.)

There are other also types of “open”:

open source (software), open data (data), open peer review (non-anonymous review), etc.



What Is Open Access? Definitional Debate!

Public Access

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(i.e., not on a pirate site)

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2 ½ Kinds of Open Access: #1

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Journals that Let Authors Share

Journals that allow authors to post (“self-archive”) their articles publicly in online repositories.



2 ½ Kinds of Open Access: #2 ½

Hybrid Journals

Subscription-based journals that will make an individual article OA if the author (or their institution) pays a fee. (Stay tuned.) 

These are not OA journals, but some articles in them are OA.



A Short Detour about Author-Facing Fees...



Author Fees?! That Sounds Sketchy!

Fees actually aren't red flags in and of themselves.

Many journals, including many high-quality journals, charge author-facing fees.

Some, but certainly not all, OA journals have “article processing charges” (APCs).

(63% of journals currently listed in DOAJ do not charge APCs!)

Some subscription-based journals also charge page fees, illustration fees, etc.

Keep in mind: Publishing isn't cost-free, but there are other funding models!



Author Fees: Just Moving the Paywall

APC-driven OA locks out authors instead of readers.

Ideally, APCs and other fees are not paid from authors' own pockets: Some institutions pay fees for their employees (also a problematic model...). Grants can be used to pay fees. Some journals waive fees for those who cannot afford them.

Still, APCs prevent many authors from publishing in their preferred journal(s). They're a barrier to participating in the scholarly conversation, and they compound inequities.



Detour Over!



Back to #2: Where Can Authors Usually Share?

- **Institutional repositories:** CUNY Academic Works, UC's eScholarship, Rutgers RUcore, Harvard DASH, etc.
- **Disciplinary repositories:** Knowledge Commons Works, arXiv, bioRxiv, PubMed Central, SocArXiv, Zenodo, etc.
- **Authors' personal or institutional websites:** Not the best choice for discoverability and long-term accessibility.



Copies of articles on these sites are often allowed & OK to use as OER!



#2: Where Can Authors Usually Not Share?

- Another person's / institution's website
- Academic social networks: Academia.edu, ResearchGate
- Pirate sites: Sci-Hub, etc.
- Other random websites

Copies of articles on these sites may or may not be allowed.
Do due diligence before using in a course!



Unauthorized Sharing: What Happens?

2013

**Academia.edu slammed with
takedown notices from journal
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2021

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<https://venturebeat.com/2013/12/06/academia-edu-slammed-with-takedown-notices-from-journal-publisher-elsevier/>
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Free to Read...Good to Assign?

Whether subscription-based or OA:

- There are *high-quality* journals.
- There are *low-quality* journals.
- There are even **scam** journals, so-called “predatory journals.” (Typically, they charge authors fees and claim to perform peer review but actually don’t).

Therefore: Evaluate any article you might assign.

(And any article you might cite and any journal you might submit your own work to!)



Evaluating Journals: Things to Consider

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Finding OA



Finding OA

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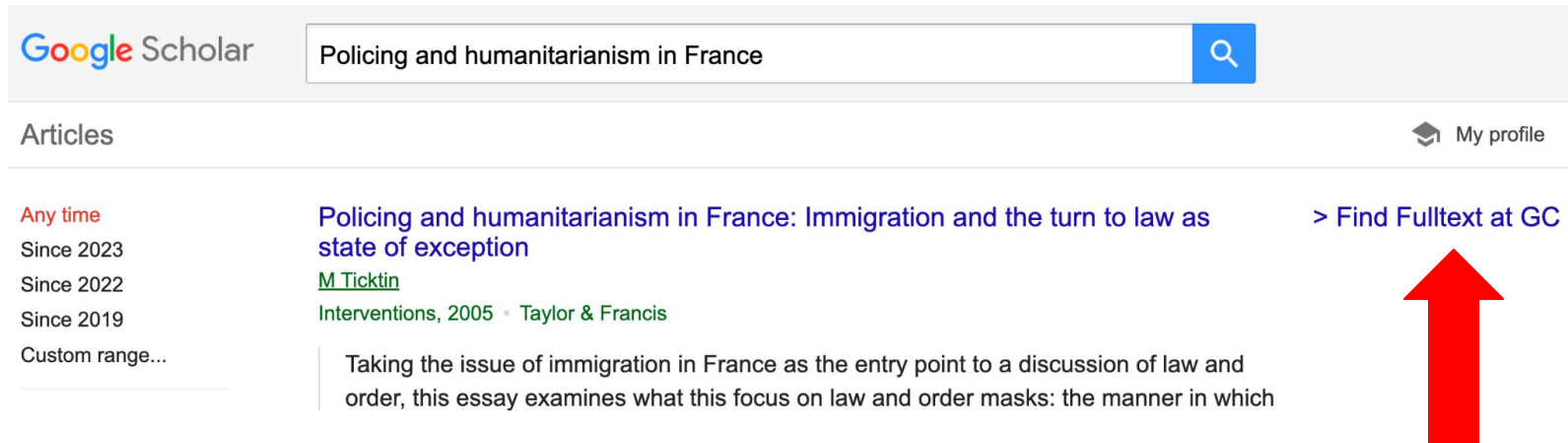
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Google Scholar Library Links: Access via Library



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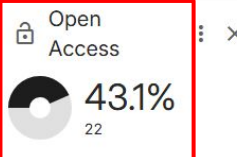
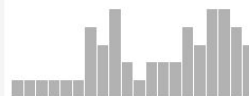
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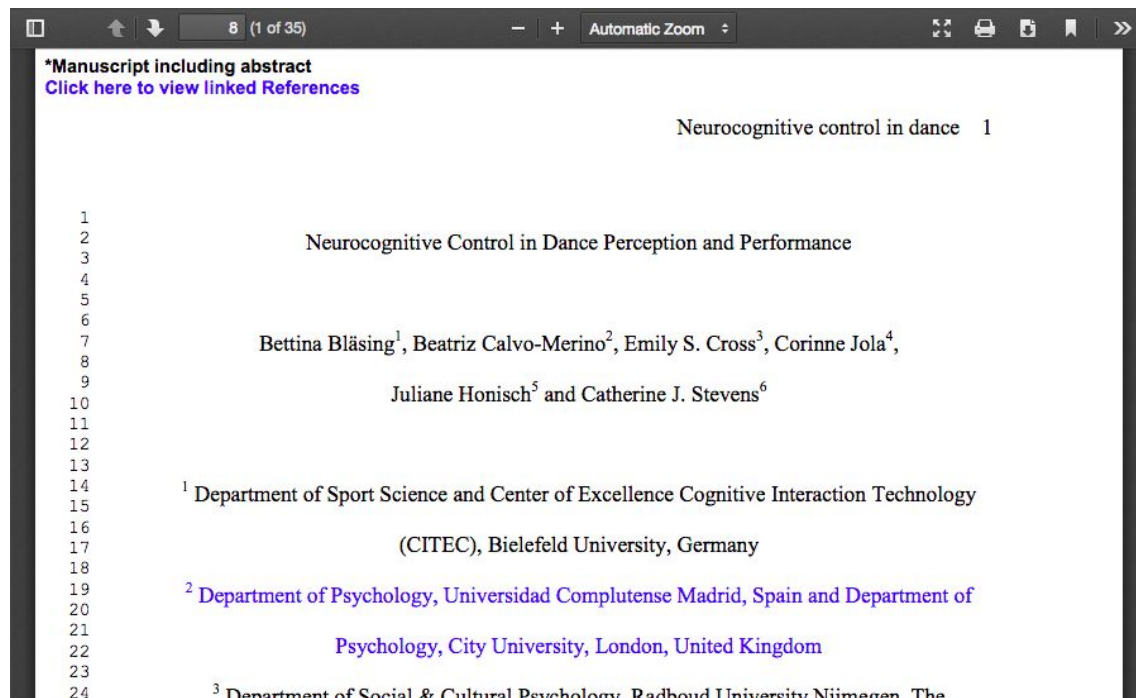
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