

OpenCon Satellite Event 10.12.2015 Leipzig

(OpenCon)

The OpenCon (<http://www.opencon2015.org/>) is the largest worldwide conference on Open Access, Open Science and Open Education, organised by the [Right to Research Coalition](#), [SPARC](#), and [an Organizing Committee of students and early career researchers from around the world](#). We performed a satellite event to the OpenCon in Leipzig in December 2015, jointly organized by the Open Access Ambassadors of the Max Planck Institutes for Human Cognitive and Brain Sciences (MPI CBS) and Mathematics (MPI MIS), as well as the local library of the MPI CBS. We deliberately opened the event up to the public, so that interested students or researchers from the University of Leipzig and other institutions might join us as well.

(Program)

We presented two videos from the main conference (see below for a link to watch the videos of the main conference for free) and invited live speakers --Lambert Heller, Kai Karin Geschuhn, and Daniel Mietchen-- to talk about Open Science, Open Access and Open Data. The discussions during the event revealed that the main focus has moved away from asking why Open Access is needed to showing how it can be practically implemented in everyday scientific life. As an example, a fairly novel open access journal "Rio" lets authors publish their ideas and research proposals openly before even starting the actual experiments. The possibility of opening up the research process as such, might lead to tremendous improvements in scientific communication and the quality of scientific work, as possible mistakes or concerns might be identified by helpful reviewers before or during the processes of experimental design, data acquisition, data analyses and publication. Further topics included possible infrastructures for the sharing of Open Data and how the subscription-based journal landscape can be changed in the future. Kai Karin Geschuhn from the MPDL presented a great approach for a transition of the current business model, which involves transforming consisting subscription costs into Open Access publishing fees.

(Links)

Information from Daniel Mietchen's Talk:

<https://github.com/Daniel-Mietchen/talks/blob/master/OpenCon-satellite-Leipzig-2015.md>

The videos of the main OpenCon15 conference can be watched free on the internet:

http://www.opencon2015.org/resources_opencon2015

And the presentations of our speakers will soon be uploaded to this site:

<http://www.cbs.mpg.de/lib/Open%20Access>