Press release

Open Access Repository EconStor now with more than 200,000 full-texts

Germany’s largest repository for economics literature gives access to publications from all over the world – collaboration with publishers becomes increasingly important

Kiel/Hamburg, 18 August 2020: EconStor (www.econstor.eu) is Germany’s most important Open Access repository for economics literature. It is operated by the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics (www.zbw.eu). Within the recent years EconStor has assembled more than 200,000 freely accessible scholarly publications. Content from commercial publishers have an ever larger share in this growth beside the traditional publishing partners from economics research institutions.

This year, EconStor has reached a remarkable size with now more than 200,000 publications. In comparison: five years ago the collection contained 100,000 full-texts. Researchers from all over the world value the EconStor service in three respects:

1. EconStor as an information source – in 2019 alone EconStor counted more than 6.7 million downloads of digital full texts.
2. EconStor as a publication archive – research institutions as well as individual researchers can archive their publications long-term, safely and citably without extra costs Almost 600 institutional partners and more than 1,000 individual authors currently use EconStor to disseminate their publications.
3. EconStor as a distributor in highly frequented international databases and search engines – EconStor has been among RePEc's ten most important full-text archives worldwide for several years now.

Olaf Siegert, head of Publishing Services at the ZBW, states: “We are happy that so many universities, research institutions and individual authors use our service to disseminate their publications, not only in Germany but also worldwide. EconStor also plays an ever larger role for publications from agreements with publishers. The Open Access transformation, strongly driven by initiatives such as OA2020, DEAL and Plan S, will further amplify this trend.”

About the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics
The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is the world’s largest information centre for economic literature. The institution holds more than 4 million media items and enables access to millions of online documents in economics. In 2019 alone, more than 9 million digital full-texts were downloaded. In addition, the ZBW provides a fast-growing collection of Open Access documents. The repository EconStor currently gives free access to more than 200,000 articles and working papers. EconBiz, the portal for international economic information, allows students and researchers to search among 11 million datasets. The ZBW edits two journals in economic policy, Wirtschaftsdienst and
Intereconomics in Gold Open Access. The ZBW is a research-based academic library. Professors in computer science and an international group of PhD candidates carry out transdisciplinary research on the digitisation of the science system. Research at the ZBW is connected to international networks. The main co-operation partners are engaged in projects funded by the EU, the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, and in the Leibniz Research Alliance Open Science. The ZBW is a member of the Leibniz Association and a foundation under public law. The ZBW has been honoured repeatedly for its innovative library work with the international LIBER Award for Library Innovation.

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