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# Library Publishing and Editors

A Promising Partnership Built on Open Access

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# The Idea of Scholar-Led

- Publishing as integral part of scholarly practice
- Scholar-led: “Publishing managed by scholars” with “focus on non-commercial, experimental and collaborative practices” (Moore 2019)
- Innovative workflows, formats, ways of quality assurance that are geared to the needs of the scientific community
- Publishing as way of disseminating knowledge and community building

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Sam Moore (2019): <https://blog.scholarled.org/on-the-meaning-of-scholar-led/>



# Open Gender Journal

- Published by the German Gender Studies Association and three University-based Gender Studies Centers since 2017
- Research articles, review articles and discussion papers in German and English
- Showcase for Open Access best practice to strengthen Open-Access-Literacy in the community
- Publishing schedule on rolling basis instead of (special) issues
- Editorial workflow fully integrated into OJS with support of CeDiS



# Library support of publishing activities

Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS) at the University Library of Freie Universität Berlin provides support for scholar-led publishing and open access activities of the university researchers

- hosting and support of academic journals with the Open Journal Systems (OJS) software since 2008; OMP hosting
- for more than 35 journals
- offered both to university-based editors and external partners



# Library support of publishing activities

## How do we support journal editors?

- Consultancy
- Basic setup of OJS software
- Operation, maintenance and software support
- Visibility and archiving
- Training and networking



# Challenges and potential for partnership

- Editors take care of content
- But who takes care of everything else?
- Different roles / division of labour
  - Content
  - Technology (hosting)
  - Publishing services (layout, proofreading, indexing, archiving etc.)
  - Community services (networking, consultancy etc.)



# Areas of shared responsibility

What can we do together?

- Fostering bibliodiversity
- Community building
- Knowledge transfer
- Skills sharing and development
- Innovation in publishing



# thank you

