

Scholar-owned open-access publishing

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Martin Haspelmath, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Leipzig, and co-founder (with Stefan Müller, Free University, Berlin) of the Language Science Press will speak on open access publishing in linguistics. Open Access book publishing makes electronic copies of scholarly works freely available, with low-cost paper copies available via "print on demand". The most obvious advantage of this to working researchers is that their work will be more widely accessible to colleagues and students, and therefore that it should be easier for them to be heard. Notice, too, that using electronic versions in scientific and scholarly research includes the major advantage that the texts will be fully searchable. Ten series have been established, and there is a proposal under consideration for a series "Studies in Language Variation". While commercial publishers are charging authors for open-access publications, Language Science Press is developing a "scholar-owned" model in which the publication costs are minimized and the tasks are distributed across the community of scholars.

John Nerbonne hopes to add some remarks on publishing selected papers from the Methods XV conference in the Studies in Language Variation series.