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European Sociological Association - ESA

- ESA is an academic association of sociologists and a non-profit Europe-wide association made up of 3000+ members. It was established in 1994-95, following deliberations and consultations among sociologists from a diverse range of countries.
- ESA office is located in Paris, and registered under French law since 2001 as a non-profit association. Since 2015, the ESA office operates from the headquarters of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH).
- The European Sociological Association provides an international platform for European sociologists as well as sociologists worldwide. The ESA aims to facilitate sociological research, teaching, and communication between sociologists and between other scientists, and to give sociology a voice in European affairs.

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- The ESA intends to cultivate an influence on the development of European academic life and the formation of the younger generation of sociologists.
- This is evidenced by the thriving activities of the ESA's Research Networks, the ESA journals **European Societies** and **European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology** as well as the ESA conferences.

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**The emotional turn and
the aesthetic challenges
of sociological inquiry:
Writing emotions in a time
of upheaval**

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ESA Journals and Open Access

European Societies is the flagship journal of the European Sociological Association and is published with the MIT Press. The journal includes peer-reviewed research from or about Europe.

European Societies welcomes all sociological methods and approaches in sociological theory, as well as contributions from other disciplines that substantially advance sociological knowledge

The *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology* is a fully open access, peer-reviewed journal published under the auspices of the European Sociological Association by the MIT Press.

The journal is a forum to explore the interplay between culture and politics, drawing upon a diverse array of theoretical and methodological approaches in sociology. The journal welcomes articles—from Europe and beyond—that consider cultural phenomena in relation to political contexts, work that situates political phenomena within a cultural framework, and all points between these poles.

A complex and evolving landscape of scientific publishing

- APC-driven models → incentives for volume
- Proliferation of low-quality / predatory journals
- Increasing difficulty securing peer reviewers
- Transformative deals: partial and uneven outcomes

Why Diamond OA enters the discussion

- No APCs for authors
- No paywalls for readers
- Funded by institutions / consortia
- Emphasis on equity and public good

Why to transition to Open access?

- Global Trend: The scientific publishing landscape is rapidly shifting toward OA, driven by funder mandates (e.g., Plan S, cOAlition S) and the need for greater transparency and accessibility.
- Inclusiveness: OA removes barriers for readers and authors, especially those without institutional access or funding, aligning with ESA's commitment to inclusivity and public sociology.
- Visibility and Impact: OA increases the reach and societal impact of research, as measured by both traditional metrics and broader indicators

ESA's OA transition strategy

- Consultative Process: The transition was developed through extensive discussions in ESA and consultation with editors, legal advisors, and publishers, ensuring a democratic and transparent approach.
- ESA considered options for OA hosting: university publishers, commercial publishers, new OA publishers, and non-profit institutional

MIT Shift+OPEN

- Partnership with MIT Press and MIT Shift+OPEN initiative
- Shift+OPEN is a MIT Press initiative aimed at flipping existing, traditionally published (subscription-based) academic journals to a diamond open access model.
- The MIT Press's full suite of publishing services, including production, marketing, financial management, hosting, abstracting and indexing, and manuscript management software.
- Support for developing a sustainable funding model to keep the journal publishing OA beyond the end of the term.

Open access publishing: key challenges ahead

- Ensuring long-term financial sustainability of non-APC models
- Avoiding new inequalities between well-resourced and under-resourced institutions
- Securing continued engagement in peer review and editorial work
- Balancing openness with quality assurance and academic standards
- Coordinating across fragmented national and institutional systems