

Open access in Qatar: the Library's perspective



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HELLO!

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Overview of presentation

1. Why open access for Qatar?
2. Challenges
3. Role of the Qatar National Library - and approaches



Open access comes in different colors

Open access needs multiplayers to work

Publishers

Funding agencies

Libraries

Researchers



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Publishers **(2)**

Funding agencies **(1)**

Libraries **(~ 40)**

Researchers **(~ 4000)**



Qatar University Press announced in 2018

Qatar University Press

**SUPPORTING QATAR UNIVERSITY'S
VISION TOWARDS RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION EXCELLENCE**

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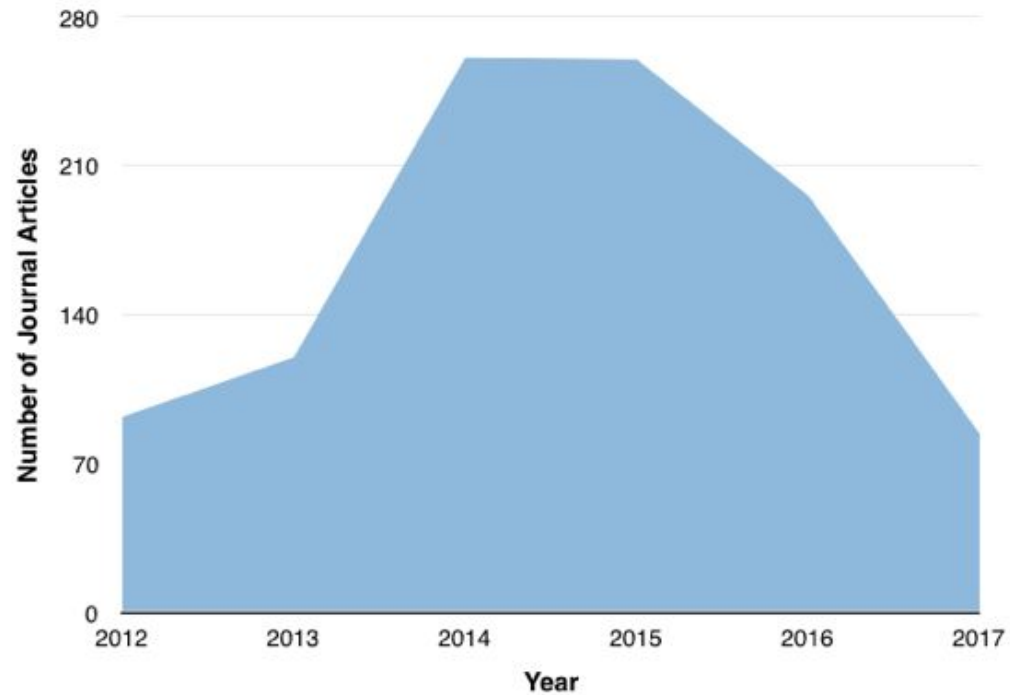
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نحو التميز في البحث والتعليم



Hamad bin Khalifa University Press started in 2011



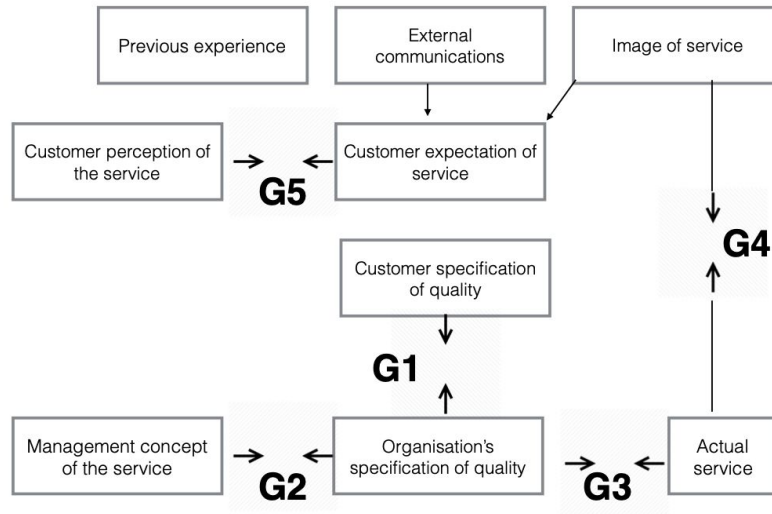
HBKU Press Publications



Qatar's academic publishing scene

- Relatively new activity
- Few publishers
- Lack of OA awareness
- International standards?
- Do the journals offer what authors want?

Understanding gaps in author requirements



- G1 - Customer's specification-operation's specification gap
- G2 - Concept-specification gap
- G3- Quality specification - actual quality gap
- G4 - Actual quality - communicated quality gap
- G5- Customer expectation - perception gap

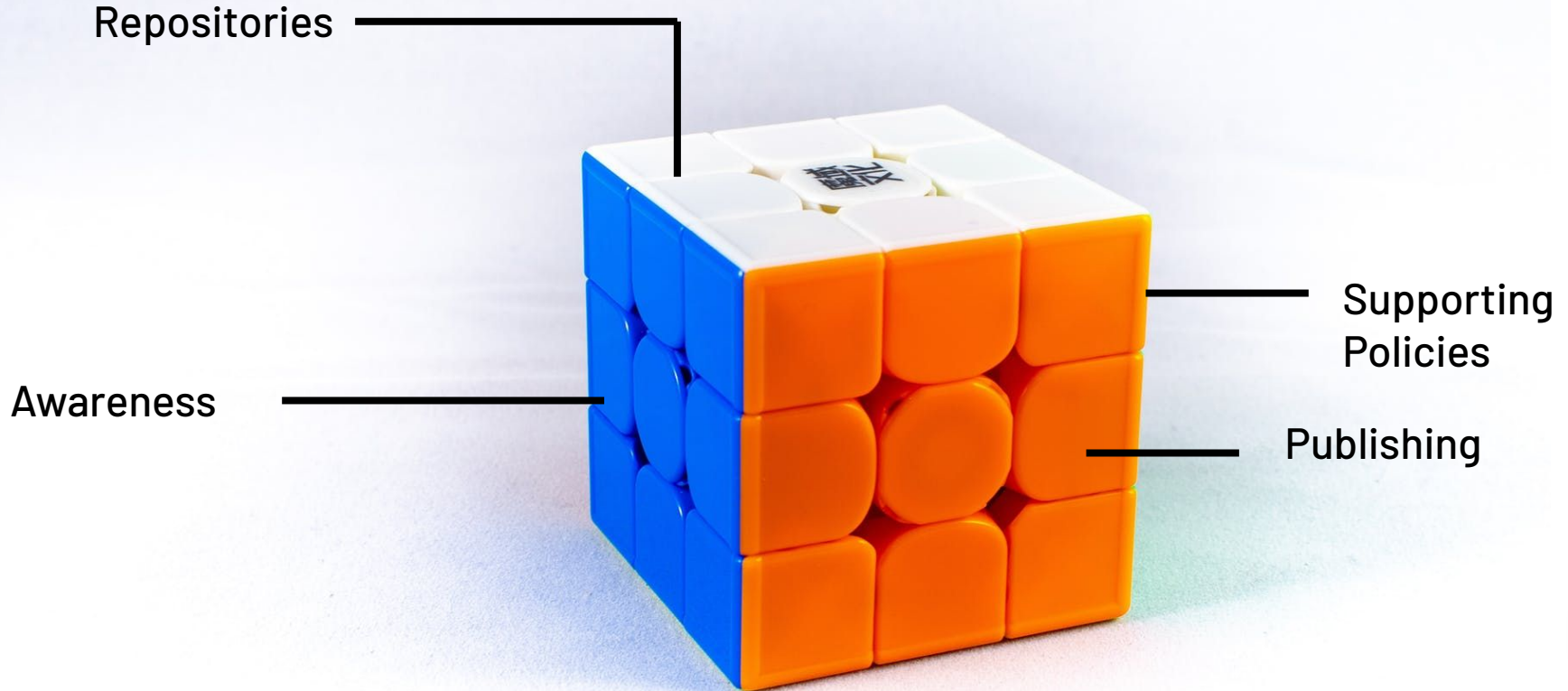
Adopted from(Slack et al. 2010)

Author specification of quality	Provided by OAP	GAP
Reputation of journal	NO	→ ←
Relevance to discipline	YES	
Quality of peer review	YES	
Journal impact factor	NO	→ ←
Readership of the journal	NO	→ ←
Journal inclusion in indexing services	NO	→ ←
Time from submission to decision	YES	
Positive experience with editor	YES	

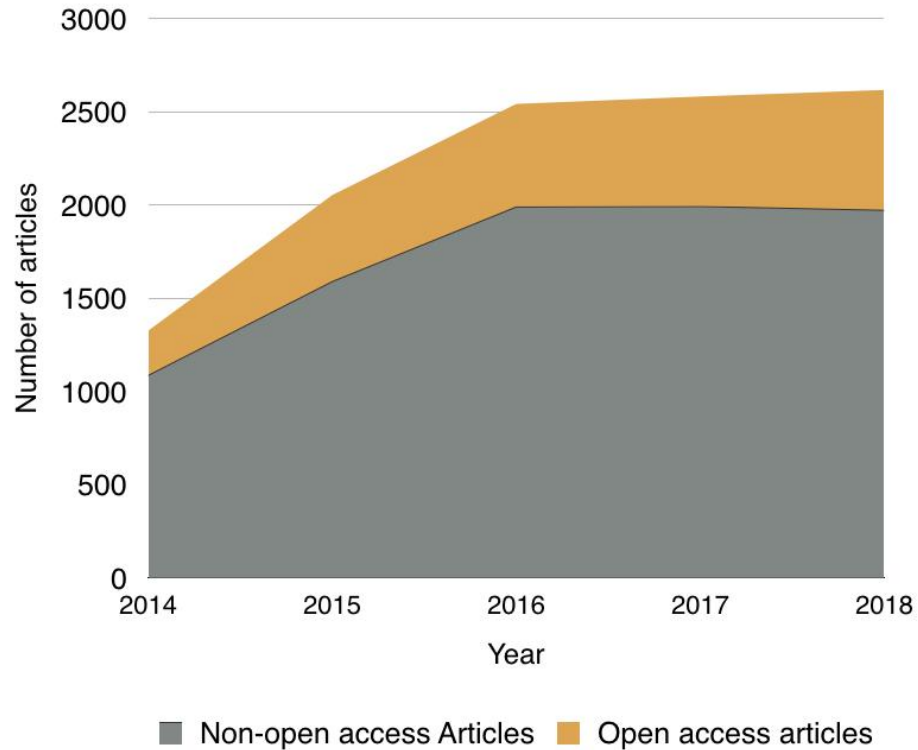
→ ← Indicates gap between customer specification of quality and organisation's specification of quality

G1

Open access is multifaceted

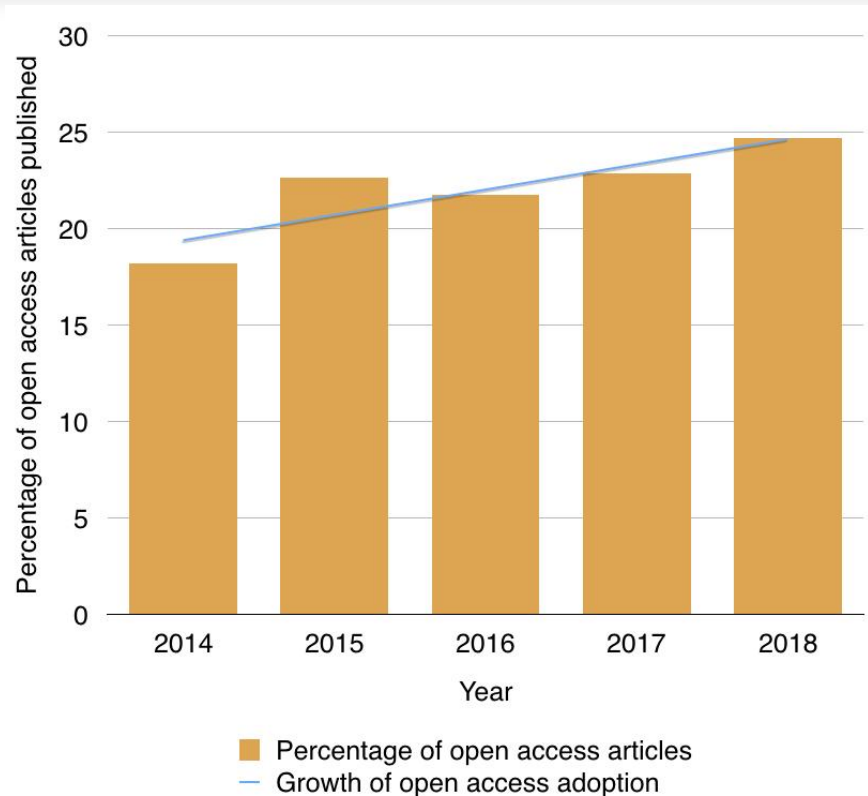


Growth of gold open access in Qatar



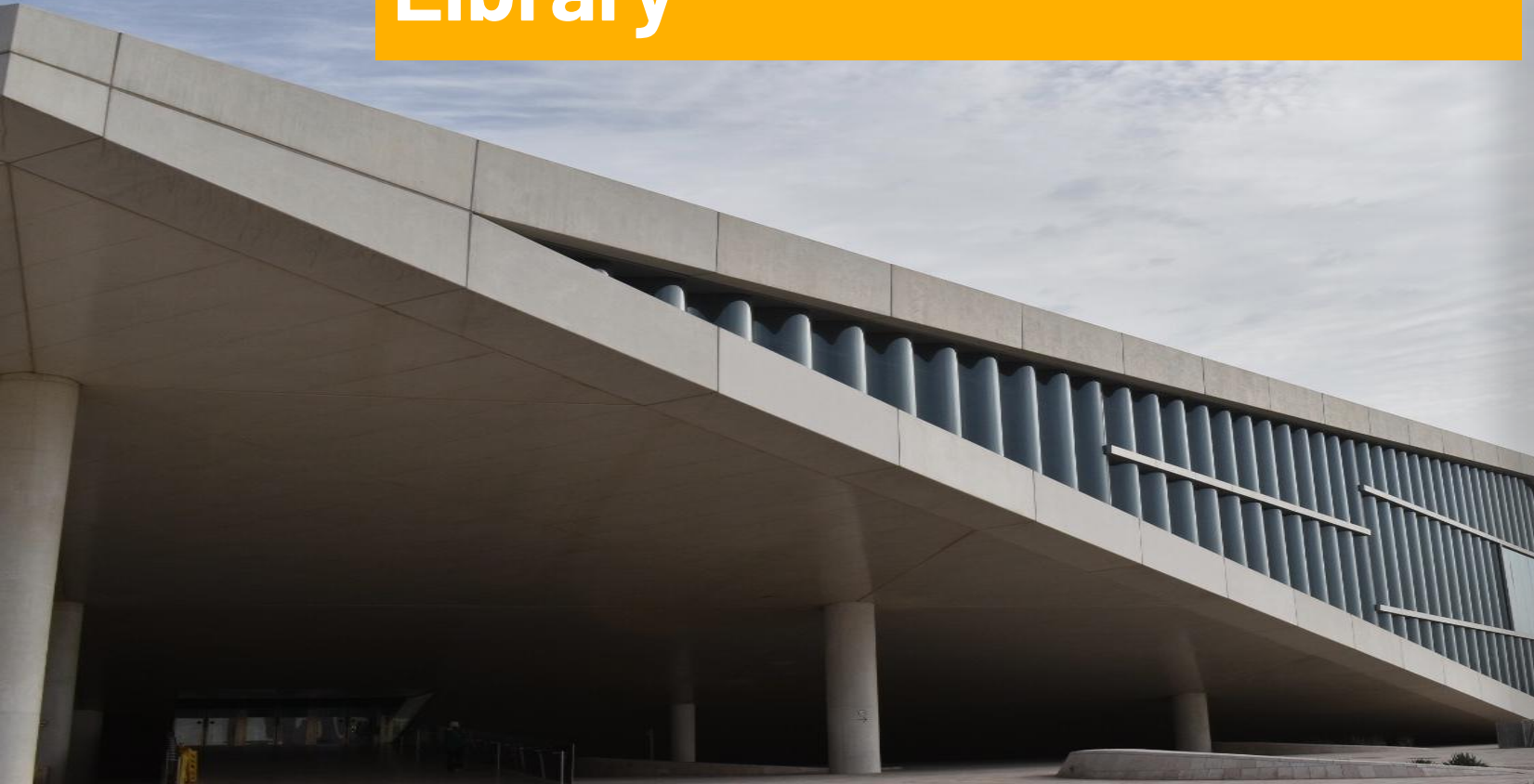
Data source:
WOS, articles and
review papers

Increase in open access adoption in Qatar



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Role of the Qatar National Library



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Promote Qatar-based
research

Part of our library value

essential in the
development of a
knowledge-based
economy

permanent archive
of Qatar-based
research

Why **Open access**

We use Open Access

- Our website
- Our repository
- Digitization projects
- Our publications

Open Access Awareness

- OA week annual public events
- Award for the advancement of Open Science
- Creative Commons workshops for staff
- OA workshops at other institutes in Qatar
- Author workshops
- Workshop for journal editors and publishers

Research Data Project

- Outcomes of projects supported by Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) to be stored, preserved, and communicated effectively.
- Aim is to increase their visibility, maximise their potential for impact
- Provide a repository for **research data** and **research publishers**

E-resources Agreements for Open Access

- All journal agreements from 2017 should have an open access element. We are paying the same, smarter, including open access articles
- Cancelled agreements reinvested funds into infrastructure, other programs, and open access fund and agreements with fully open access publishers

Key Figures for 2018

Articles funded	73
Publisher agreements signed by the Library	13
Number of authors in Qatar who benefited from the service	65
Institutions in Qatar that benefited from the service	8

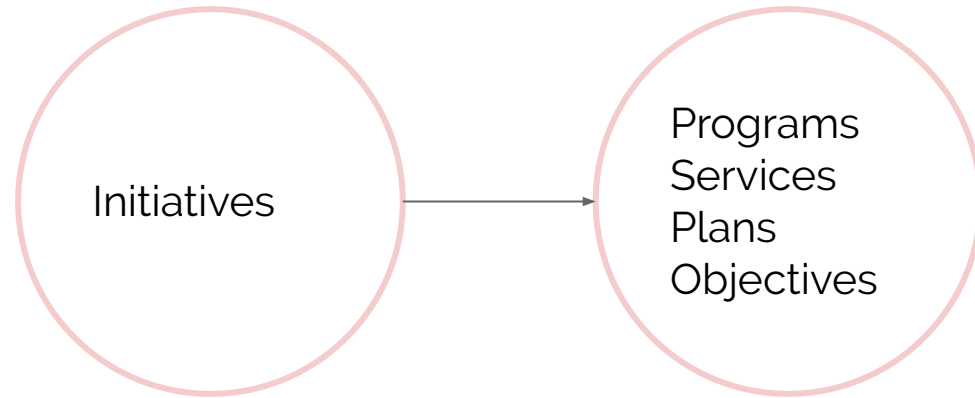


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Too early to say what works and what does not

Connecting OA enablers in Qatar



Focused directions for an OA future





5 years ago

Why open access?



5 years ago

Why open access?

Today

How?

Questions?



THANKS!



Any others questions?

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