

## OPEN ACCESS WEEK 2023 (23-29 October)

### About International Open Access Week

Open Access Week is an invaluable chance to connect the global momentum toward the open sharing of knowledge with the advancement of policy changes and the importance of social issues affecting people around the world. The event is celebrated by individuals, institutions, and organizations around the world, and its organization is led by a global advisory committee. The official hashtag of Open Access Week is #OAweek.

### Theme for Open Access Week 2023: Community over Commercialisation

“Community over Commercialization” is the theme for this year’s International Open Access Week (October 23-29). This theme encourages a candid conversation about which approaches to open scholarship prioritize the best interests of the public and the academic community—and which do not.

Adopted by its 193 Member States, the UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science highlights the need to prioritize community over commercialization in its calls for the prevention of “inequitable extraction of profit from publicly funded scientific activities” and support for “non-commercial publishing models and collaborative publishing models with no article processing charges.” By focusing on these areas, we can achieve the original vision outlined when open access was first defined: “an old tradition and a new technology have converged to make possible an unprecedented public good.”

When commercial interests are prioritized over those of the communities that research seeks to serve, many concerning issues arise. Open Access Week provides an opportunity for individuals to discuss questions that are most relevant in their local context. These might include: What is lost when a shrinking number of corporations control knowledge production rather than researchers themselves? What is the cost of business models that entrench extreme levels of profit? When does the collection and use of personal data begin to undermine academic freedom? Can commercialization ever work in support of the public interest? What options for using community-controlled infrastructure already exist that might better serve the interests of the research community and the public (such as preprint servers, repositories, and open publishing platforms)? How can we shift the default toward using these community-minded options?

Selected by the Open Access Week Advisory Committee, this year’s theme provides an opportunity to join together, take action, and raise awareness around the importance of community control of knowledge sharing systems. Open Access Week 2023 will be held from October 23rd through the 29th; however, anyone is encouraged to host discussions and take action whenever is most suitable during the year and to adapt the theme and activities to their local context.

For more information about International Open Access Week, please visit [openaccessweek.org](https://www.openaccessweek.org). The official twitter hashtag for the week is #OAWeek.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.openaccessweek.org/theme/en>



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## LET’S CELEBRATE THE OPEN ACCESS WEEK

### Open Access Week at Sabanci University

As Sabanci University Information Center, we will be organizing a series of events during the open access week to raise awareness and inform you about the latest developments.

Within the scope of these events, firstly Güleda Doğan, Associate Professor in the Department of Information and Document Management at Hacettepe University, will inform us about the latest developments in open access.

Afterwards, our faculty members Emre Erdem and Ogün Adebali will talk about open access from their perspective.

Finally, Duygu Paçalı from Wiley Publishing will talk about open access from the publisher’s perspective.

We will be happy to see all valuable members of our university among us in our events. You can find the details of the events below.

### 1. “Open Access: Recent Developments in Turkey and the World”

Güleda Doğan, Hacettepe University

24 October 2023  
11.00 – 12.00

### 2. “Open Access Through The Eyes of Academics”

Emre Erdem & Ogün Adebali, Sabanci University

26 October 2023  
10.30 – 11.30

### 3. “Open Access Through The Eyes of Publishers”

Duygu Paçalı, Wiley Publishing

27 October 2023  
11.00 – 12.00

\* All presentations will be in Turkish



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