

Press release

ZBW is official archive partner for ISSN International Centre and Keepers Registry

International cooperation between ISSN International Centre and ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is expanding in the context of digital preservation.

Paris/Kiel/Hamburg, xx December 2022: ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is the first cooperation partner from Germany to report digital preservation to the ISSN International Centre. Almost 2,000 journals and working paper series in economics will be reported to Keepers Registry over the next years.

Literature that is available digitally is essential for science. In order to be able to use this very volatile information in the long term, it must not only be stored digitally over a long time, but also adapted in a continuous process to technological change and thus to the latest soft- and hardware. To give libraries worldwide an overview of titles for which digital preservation is already being guaranteed or not, and who is responsible for it, the ISSN International Centre keeps a list, the Keepers Registry, integrated into the [ISSN-Portal](#).

It provides a list of the world's big academic libraries which have certified programmes for digital preservation. Among these are the Library of Congress, the National Library of France, , the National Digital Preservation Programme China or the National Library of the Netherlands.

In 2023, the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics will join them. The ZBW is the first German academic library to become a "Keeper" for the ISSN International Centre. The ZBW is responsible for the digital preservation of nearly 2,000 journals and other serial resources in economics and will list them in the ISSN Portal.

Digital preservation at the ZBW has been awarded the international Core Trust Seal in 2020 and is the first institution in Germany to have achieved three certifications: the Data Seal of Approval, the nestor-Seal and also the CoreTrustSeal.

About the ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics:

The ZBW – Leibniz Information Centre for Economics is the world's largest information centre for economic literature. The institution holds more than 4 million media items and enables access to millions of online documents in economics. In 2021 alone, more than 17 million digital full-texts were downloaded. In addition, the ZBW provides a fast-growing collection of Open Access documents. The repository EconStor currently gives free access to more than 225,000 articles and working papers. EconBiz, the portal for international economic information, allows students and researchers to search among 10 million datasets. The ZBW edits two journals in economic policy, Wirtschaftsdienst and Intereconomics in Gold Open Access. The ZBW is a research-based academic library. Professors in computer science, economics and media science and their international group of PhD candidates carry out transdisciplinary research on Open Science. Research at the ZBW is connected to international networks. The main cooperation partners are engaged in projects funded by the EU, the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the Federal Ministry for Education and Research, and in the Leibniz Research Alliance Open Science. The ZBW is a member of the Leibniz Association and a foundation under public law.

About the ISSN International Centre (ISSN IC)

Officially created in Paris in January 21st, 1976, the ISSN International Centre is an intergovernmental organization under the auspices of UNESCO that coordinates the activities of 93 ISSN National Centres hosted in its member countries. The ISSN IC publishes the ISSN international database of journals and continuing resources and provides several online services, i.e. ISSN Portal, the Directory of Open Access Scholarly Resources (ROAD) and Keepers Registry. The ISSN Portal contains to date more than 2.5 million ISSN records with about 60,000 new ISSN records added annually by the ISSN Network. Please visit <https://portal.issn.org> to learn more about our services.

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