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No full-text access to Elsevier journals to be expected from 1 January 2017 on

**Niedersächsische Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek
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From 1 January 2017 on, Göttingen University — as well as more than 60 other major German research institutions — is to be expected to have no access to the full texts of journals by the publisher Elsevier. In Göttingen, this applies to 440 journals. There will be access to [most archived issues of Göttingen journals \(PDF 95 KB\)](#), but there may be [no access to individual Göttingen e-packages for the economic sciences in particular \(PDF 89 KB\)](#).

From this time on, we will offer you a free order service on articles of these journals: Please send your email request citing the necessary bibliographical data to our [colleagues at the library \(email\)](#). Should an inter-library loan not be possible, we will endeavor to procure the article on another delivery route for you. This service will be free of charge.

Background information:

The [DEAL project](#), headed by HRK (German Rectors' Conference) President Prof Hippler, is negotiating a nationwide license agreement for the entire electronic Elsevier journal portfolio with Elsevier. Its objective is to significantly improve the status quo regarding the provision of and access to content (Open Access) as well as pricing. It aims at relieving the institutions' acquisition budgets and at improving access to scientific literature in a broad and sustainable way.

In order to improve their negotiating power, about 60 major German research institutions including Göttingen University cancelled their contracts with Elsevier as early as October 2016. Others have announced to follow this example.

A few days ago, Elsevier proposed a first offer for a nationwide licence. The publisher rejects more transparent business models that are based on the publication service and would make publications more openly accessible. Its offer does not comply with the principles of Open Access. Despite its current profit margin of 40 percent, the publisher is still intent on pursuing even higher price increases.

Therefore, the negotiations had to be interrupted. The Alliance of Science Organisations in Germany [rejects Elsevier's offer \(PDF 25 KB\)](#). As a consequence, no access to full texts of Elsevier journals is expected to be available from 1 January 2017 on.

All participants in this process are aware of the imminent effects this has on research and teaching. However, they share the firm conviction that, for the present, the pressure built up by the joint action of many research institutions is the only way to reach an outcome advantageous for the German scientific community.

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