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## AVAILABILITY OF OPEN ACCESS BOOKS IN DOAB FOR SOCIOLOGY FROM 2004-2015: A STUDY

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### 1. ABSTRACT:

The present paper discusses the availability of open access books which are available in the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and special reference to sociology. The appropriate data has been collected from the open access directory from <http://www.doabooks.org/> in September 2015. Based on the available data the total 300 sociology books are available as on 14. 09. 2015. In this directory 30 books are single author, 17 books are double authors and 9 books are three and above others are contributed and books are available in more than 4 languages.

**KEYWORDS:** DOAB, Sociology, Open Access, Directory of Open Access Books.

### 2. INTRODUCTION:

Information technology reached all zones of human activities. Adoption of ITC in education field, it supports to retrieve of open access information and reduced most of the problem of information seeking for research and development. Open access is playing a vital role now days because of it provides freedom to access of information resource anywhere in the world. The Open access has several methods of access and usage without paying any charges and full permission to copy, download, print, distribute, archive, translate and even change format to its usage with varying restrictions.

### 3. DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESSBOOKS (DOAB)

The Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) is a facility to provide open access on monographs. It provides a searchable index with links to the full- texts of the publications at the publisher's website or repository for peer-reviewed monographs through open access business model. It invites the academic publishers to provide the metadata of their open access books to DOAB. The DOAB is open to all academic publishers to provide the data. The main aims are to fulfill all the subjects as well as all languages which consists of many books as possible.

The DOAB was officially launched on 1 July 2013 at the Open Access Monographs in the Humanities and Social Sciences Conference at the British Library in London<sup>2</sup>. However, unofficially it was operating since 2011 and its beta version was launched in 2012. The DOAB is a service of the Open Access Publishing in European Networks (OAPEN) Foundation. The OAPEN Foundation is an international initiative dedicated to open access monograph publishing, based at the National Library, The DOAB is being developed in close cooperation with Lars Bjørnshauge and Salam Baker Shanawa (Director of Semper Tool), who were also responsible for the development of the

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

### 3.1 AWARDS FOR DOAB

IFLA/Brill Open Access award' DOAB received the 2015 IFLA/Brill Open Access award, which was created to reward initiatives that facilitate and/or promote Open Access scholarly monographs in the humanities or social sciences. The jury recognized DOAB's 'invaluable worth by becoming the central hub of the global infrastructure for open access book publishing.' 'Best Free Reference Web Site' DOAB was selected as one of the MARS Best Free Reference Web Sites for 2013, voted for by member librarians from around the United States. 'MARS: Emerging Technologies in Reference' is a section of the Reference and User Services Association of the American Library Association (ALA). 'Best New Product' DOAB received the Best New Product award in the 2012 series of awards for the best and worst electronic products of interest to libraries, sponsored by the Charleston Advisor. The Charleston Advisor publishes reviews of online resources for libraries. All reviews are peer-reviewed by librarians.

### 4. SUBJECTS COVERED IN DOAB

Overall 300 e-books are available on Sociology through DOAB. It covered 17 major subjects areas and 10 sub-fields of social science. Maximum e-books are available on Social Sciences (370 books), Sociology (300 books), Education (173 books), Psychology (150 books), Media and communication (97 books), Ethnology (81 books), Anthropology (79 books), Gender Studies (52 books), Library and Information Science (21 books) and Sports Science (16 books).

### 5. ABOUT A SOCIOLOGY

Sociology, a social science that studies human societies, their interactions, and the processes that preserve and change them. It does this by examining the dynamics of constituent parts of societies such as institutions, communities, populations, and gender, racial, or age groups. Sociology also studies social status or stratification, social movements, and social change, as well as societal disorder in the form of crime, deviance, and revolution. The term sociology was coined by French philosopher Auguste Comte in 1838, who for this reason is known as the "Father of Sociology." Comte felt that science could be used to study the social world.

### 6. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To know the year wise publication of Sociology subject books available in DOAB
2. To find out the language wise open access books in Sociology subject.
3. To identify licenses of open access books.
4. To find out author with volume of pages of books in DOAB
5. To find out the publisher wise open access books in DOAB

### 7. METHODOLOGY

This study is discusses about the open access book available for Sociology subject in Directory of Open Access Books. The relevant data was collected from <http://www.doabooks.org/> on 14th September 2015. Based on the sources the data analyzes were made.

8. Data analysis and interpretation.

Table I: Year Wise Publication of Open Access Books in DOAB Vs Authorship

Sl. No	Year	Signal author	%	Double Author	%	Three And Above Author	%	Total	%
1	2004	0	0.00	1	5.88	0	0.00	1	1.69
2	2005	0	0.00	1	5.88	0	0.00	1	1.69
3	2006	6	18.18	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	10.17
4	2007	3	9.09	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	5.08
5	2008	9	27.27	1	5.88	2	22.22	12	20.34
6	2009	6	18.18	3	17.65	1	11.11	10	16.95
7	2010	0	0.00	1	5.88	1	11.11	2	3.39
8	2011	1	3.03	0	0.00	1	11.11	2	3.39
9	2012	5	15.15	3	17.65	2	22.22	10	16.95
10	2013	2	6.06	2	11.76	1	11.11	5	8.47
11	2014	1	3.03	3	17.65	0	0.00	4	6.78
12	2015	0	0.00	2	11.76	1	11.11	3	5.08
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Table I is regarding to the year wise publication of sociology subject books in DOAB during period of 2004 to 2015. In the year 2008 totally 9 books are highest publication year among compare to the other years. Its shows the growth pattern of the book's publication in the negative way in the last ten years. Among the 59, 33 books are published by the single authors, 17 books are published by double authors and 9 books are published by three authors.

II: Publisher wise Distribution of open access books in DOAB Vs Year

Sl. No.	Publisher	Year												Total
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
1	Amsterdam University Press	1	0	3	1	11	10	0	1	9	4	0	0	40
2	Berg Publisher	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
3	Bloomsbury Academic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
4	Bohla	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	Leiden University Press	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Newfound Press	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
7	Palgrave Macmillan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
8	Springer Science - Business Media	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	Taylor & Francis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
10	Transcript Verlag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>

Table II shows the result of the publisher output of last ten year in the sociology subject in the total 59, Amsterdam University Press (40 books are published) is highly productive publisher in the last ten year period among the other publishers, and the second highest publisher is Berg Publisher totally 5 books were published in the ten year period.

Table III: Language Wise Publication of Open Access Books in DOAB Vs Year

Sl. No	Language	Year												Total
		2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
1	DE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Dutch	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
3	English	1	0	3	2	4	6	2	2	8	4	4	3	39
4	Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
5	not mentioned	0	0	3	1	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>

Table III deals with the language wise publications in the sociology subject. It indicates open access books in sociology subject which are published in 4 major languages. Among the 59 publications, 39 books are in English language and 16 books are in not mentioned their language in DOAB. This result revealed from the table, in the last ten year period the number of published books were increased only in one language.

**Table IV Authorship Wise Publication of Open Access Books in DOAB Vs No. of pages**

Sl. No	Authors	No. of Pages					Total
		Upto 200	201-300	301-400	401-500	Above 500	
1	Signal author	4	19	8	2	0	33
2	Double author	4	8	3	1	1	17
3	Three and above author	1	3	3	1	1	9
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>

Table IV indicates the authorship pattern of books published in the sociology subject in DOAB. More number of books published by the single author which is 19 books are in more than 200 pages to 300 pages and 8 books are more than 300 pages but less than 400 pages. In this DOAB directory consist of 33 books are single author and 17 books are double author contribution.

**Table V Licenses Wise Publication of Open Access Books in DOAB Vs Language**

Sl. No	Licenses	Language					Total
		DE	Dutch	English	Germany	Not Mentioned	
1	(CC) BY	0	0	4	0	0	4
2	(CC) BY-NC	0	1	14	0	11	26
3	(CC) BY-NC-ND	1	1	20	1	5	28
4	Other Licenses	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59</b>

Table V gives the details of language with licenses wise contribution of sociology subject books in the DOAB directory. In the total 59 books more number of books are published in English language (20) with (CC) BY-NC-ND license. And the lowest number of books in not mentioned language (11) with (CC) BY-NC license registry in the DOAB directory.

**1.10 CONCLUSION**

The explosion of information and the access to e-resources has created new expectations in patrons. The open access movement is growing fast in all directions overcoming the regional barriers and surpassing the disciplinary boundaries. Like journals, e-books also have been started to flourish in all fields of knowledge. The present study Availability of Open Access Books in DOAB for Sociology from 2004-2015: A study, is witness to the steady growth of open access e-books in sociology. To bring drastic changes DOAB, international organizations, national bodies, academic institutions/associations/societies, funding agencies, policy planners, authors/researchers/readers and other open access advocates need to join hands in this regard and to make the e-books revolution a real success.

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