

Message from the editors

This special issue on the coevolution of innovation and public policy is the first issue of *Complexity, Governance & Networks* to be published by our new publisher, the University of Bamberg Press (UBP).

UBP, an academic publisher from Germany, receives financial support from the Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg and the German science foundation to publish our journal through an open source, open access framework. Because of this support, UBP will be able to publish it open access under the creative commons license and will not charge authors for the articles published in it. In other words: all the articles published in our journal will be freely available to anyone with an internet connection, nothing will be hidden behind paywalls. This way, the articles published in the journal will have greater visibility. *Complexity, Governance & Networks* will be indexed in all relevant databases (e.g. Scopus and Web of Science) and its contents will be searchable through them. Open access publishing will also give authors greater control over their publications: they can distribute them freely without prior consent.

The transition towards an open access journal will not diminish our focus on publishing high-quality papers. All manuscripts submitted to *Complexity, Governance & Networks* will be subjected to a thorough double-blind review process to ensure that only the best publications will appear in the journal.

The back catalogue of our journal has been taken over by UBP and all the articles published in previous issues will be available to download, for free, at the website of *Complexity, Governance & Networks*: <http://ubp.uni-bamberg.de/ojs/index.php/cgn>

UBP uses a different manuscript review and editing platform than the one our journal used before. It may take a few additional minutes for the authors and reviewers who are familiar with the old platform (Manuscript Tracker) to adjust to the layout out of the new platform (Open Journal Systems: see <http://ubp.uni-bamberg.de/ojs/index.php/cgn/about/submissions> for the submission system, and <https://pkp.sfu.ca/> for more information on OJS), but we believe that this will not create major difficulties in submitting manuscripts or reviews. In any case, authors and reviewers will receive clear instructions on how to proceed.

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