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# OA advocacy among journal editors in LA&C

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## Introduction

For a Latin America and the Spanish Caribbean network of 270 social science institutions from 21 countries, an OA advocacy and promotion strategy was designed

## Aim

Influence decisions on going OA among social science journal editors from Latin America and Caribbean

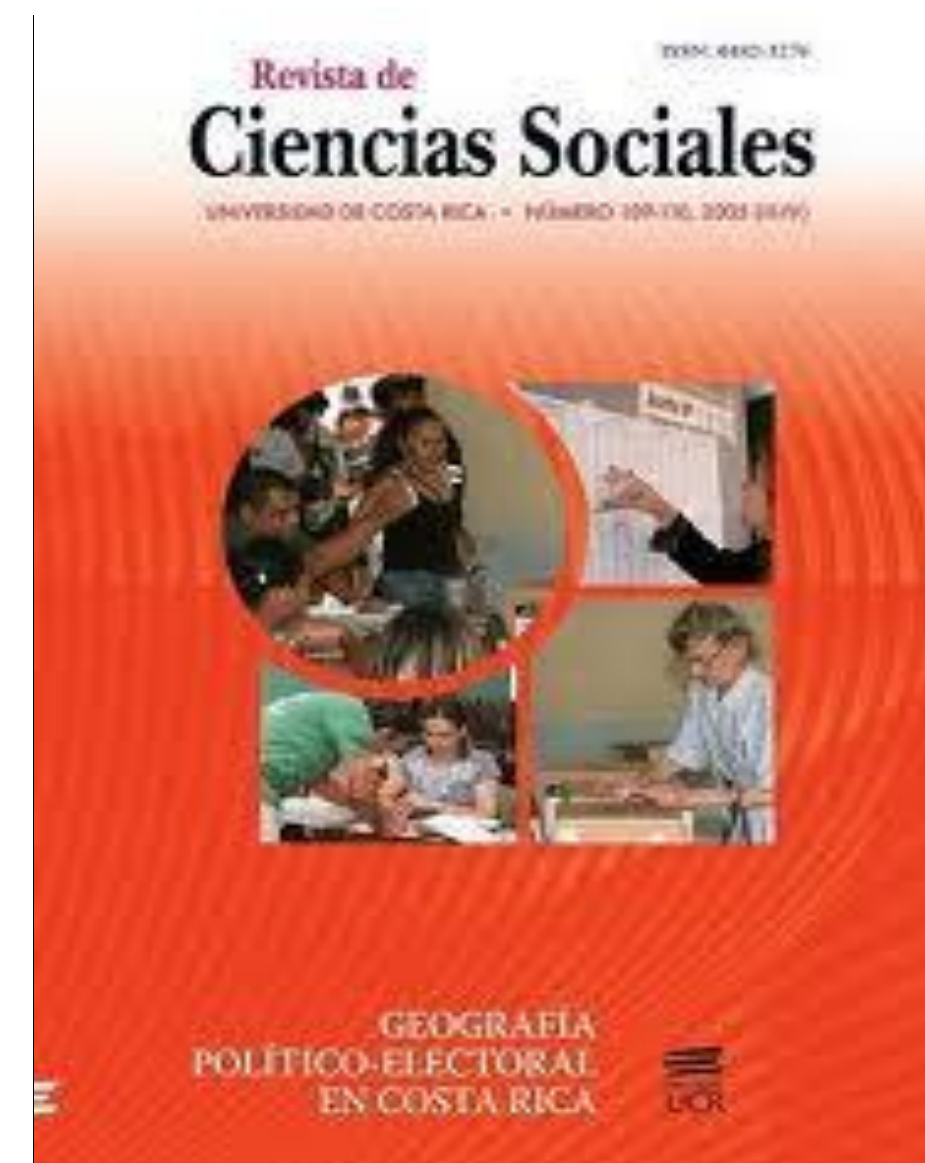
## Method

- Build an e-group with journal editors and librarians from member institutes
- Send fortnightly messages to the group with OA contents:
  - Articles
  - Trends
  - Technology issues
  - Best practices
- Build an OA social sciences journal portal built on open software



CLACSO (Latin American Social Science Council) has member institutes in all countries of Latin America

A region with unequal access to printed social science journals



## Results

After a decade of advocacy and promotion among members of the group:

- **60% of journals are online OA in full-text**
  - in journal website
  - and/or in journal portals
    - Scielo
    - Redalyc
    - CLACSO
- **an OA journal portal**
  - 100 full-text journals
  - usage statistics for editors
  - digital collections for institutions

*With the aim of promoting and enabling internet access to, and dissemination of, research results from member institutes, CLACSO, together with publishers and librarians from member institutes, coordinates a Latin American Social Science Virtual Libraries Network. The services include free access to 23.000 full texts which range from working documents, books, conference papers, thesis, a CLACSO-Redalyc Journal Portal with 100 full-text journals published by CLACSO's network; multimedia section: links to audiovisual, audiosites directory; links to other Social Science virtual libraries and databases*  
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