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Funder requirements and publishers’ conditions

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Today’s goals

- Applicable laws
- **What** is protected by copyright
- Who is the **author** and who is the **right holder**
- **Publishing contract** and **license to publish** implications
- **Which version** of the paper and **when** to re-publish
- Contents of the **agreement with publishers, SNSF’s requirements** and what can be **negotiated**
Applicable laws
APPLICABLE LAWS

• Swiss Copyright Act (CopA)

• Swiss Code of obligations (CO)

• International laws
  • Bern Convention
  • Federal Act on Private International Law
What is protected by Copyright
WHAT IS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?

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- Articles
- Text
- Movies

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- Courses
- Presentations
- Databases

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- Interviews

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WHAT IS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?

Derivative works

✓ Intellectual creations with *individual character*
✓ *based upon pre-existing works*
✓ *individual character remains identifiable*

- Translations
- Adaptations
- Modifications
- ...

https://pixabay.com/de/photos/salvador-dali-gegeben-uhr-zeit-2615717/
WHAT IS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?

Collected works

✓ Individual character with regard to their selection and arrangement

✓ Works included in a collected work may be protected individually.

• Newspaper
• Dataset
• CD
• ...

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**WHAT IS PROTECTED BY COPYRIGHT?**

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**Author’s death date**

→ **Public Domain Day**
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What is protected by copyright?

Date of creation: 27.10.1975

Author’s death date: 05.03.2010

Protection lasts until: 31.12.2080

Author’s lifetime + 70 years

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RECAP QUIZ

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a) No, because the translation is still protected by copyright even if the original text already entered into the public domain in Switzerland.
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c) Yes, I can distribute the copies as long as I have purchased them.
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Who is the Right holder
WHO IS THE RIGHT HOLDER?

THE AUTHOR

Copyright holder

AUTHOR

Moral rights

Right of attribution
Right of 1st publication
Integrity of the work

Economic rights

Right to copy
Right to modify
Etc.
WHO IS THE RIGHT HOLDER?

THE RIGHT HOLDER

- **Author** (e.g. researcher)
- **Copyright holder**
- **Second party** (e.g. publisher)
- **Moral rights**
- **Economic rights**
WHO IS THE RIGHT HOLDER?

THE RIGHT HOLDER

Copyright holder

ONLY the Right holder may copy, modify and share a work

All OTHERS may NOT copy, modify and share a work (with exceptions...)

Right holders may grant OTHERS permission to use (= to license): e.g. you can copy my work once
WHO IS THE RIGHT HOLDER?

THE ACTORS INVOLVED

AUTHOR

Researcher

SNSF

Grants for research projects

UNIVERSITY

Employer

PUBLISHER

Publishes scientific articles
WHO IS THE RIGHT HOLDER?

THE ACTORS INVOLVED

AUTHOR

Negotiable

PUBLISHER
Publishing contract and License to publish
What does the law state?

art. 380 CO [Code of Obligations]

A publishing contract is a contract whereby

- the originator – the author of a literary or artistic work or his legal successor – undertakes to entrust (überlassen, céder, concedere) the work to a publisher,
  = to hand over, but no unanimous opinions

- who (the publisher) undertakes to reproduce and distribute it.
• Contract between **Author** and **Publisher**

• The **Publisher**:
  • is committed to **reproduce**, edit and put the work into sales/**disseminate**

• The **Author**:
  • Transfers their copyrights (or part of them) to the publisher (**Publishing contract**) or
  • Grants only a right to use/publish (**License to publish**)
Which copyrights can be transferred or licensed?

- **Law**: only necessary copyrights for the purpose of publication (the principle of the purpose, art. 381 para 1 CO)
  → no sublicense, no right to translate, no filming right IF not specified

- **Individual agreement**: ANYTHING is possible:
  - Right to reproduce (paper and/or digital), right to share (where), right to modify
  - Sublicense
Transferring / Assigning Rights

Author gives up their economic rights! Not anymore allowed to copy, modify, distribute the work; see agreement

Publisher becomes the **RIGHT HOLDER** of the economic rights
The publisher can re-sell or sublicense
**THE ACTORS INVOLVED**

- **AUTHOR**
  - Researcher

- **SNSF**
  - Grants for research projects

- **UNIVERSITY**
  - Employer

- **PUBLISHER**
  - Publishes scientific articles
Licensing – Exclusive License

Author remains the RIGHT HOLDER of the economic rights
May not grant other licenses for same rights

Is allowed to copy / modify / share the work
DOESN’T become RIGHT HOLDER of the economic rights
Licensing – Simple License

Author

- Right to copy
- Right to modify
- Right to distribute copy and modifications

Licensee 1

Licensee 2

Licensee 3

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What can be agreed between the parties?

**Contractual freedom** = Contractual parties are *free to decide* what is written in the contract → **mutual agreement**

→ Most publishing contracts regulate differently
   → Licenses, permission to use

= **Contractual autonomy!**
Essential elements of an agreement:

- **What**: object of the agreement (which work, versions, formats,...)

- **Which rights** (to what extent) are assigned or granted

- **Where**: territoriality limit or world-wide

- **When**: contract term (fixed term or until expiry of copyright or when contractual obligations are fulfilled)
What else is usually regulated?

Publisher’s rights and obligations:
- Number of (printed) copies (art. 383 CO)
- Where and how to sell / distribute (who has access)

Author’s rights and obligations:
- Right of second publication = publication by means other than the publisher (e.g. university’s repository, on social networks, ect.)
- Free copies available for the author
- OA costs (usually the author must pay for OA publishers publication)

Requirements of SNSF must be met!
Is a second publication possible?

• Law:
  o *Newspaper articles* and *short essay* in journals (art. 382 para. 2 CO) ✔
  o *Contributions to collective works* or *larger contribution to journals*: can be published elsewhere after a period of **3 months** (art. 382 para. 3 CO) ✔
  o All other texts: author may **not** dispose of his work to the detriment of the publisher = exclusivity of the publisher (art. 382 para. 1 CO) = no right to second publication!! ✗

• **Individual agreement**: it is still controversial if a different agreement prevails or not!
PUBLISHING CONTRACT AND LICENSE TO PUBLISH

Did the author transfer the copyrights so that the publisher is the right holder?

- No

Did the author grant the publisher the right to publish through an exclusive license?

- Yes
  The publisher has exclusivity on the work.
- No

The publisher has a non-exclusive license to publish the work.

Authors can immediately re-publish the work.

Authors can re-publish the work after an embargo period.
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c) Prolitteris
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e) The Publisher
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SNSF

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FUNDER REQUIREMENTS
SNSF grants requirements (since 1.1.2023 – cOAlition S)

• Scientific articles
  • Immediately available publicly
  • With a CC-BY license

• All other publications
  • Publicly available after a period of 12 months
  • With a CC-BY license

Exceptions: disproportionately high costs for image rights

→ Aggrement with publisher is necessary!
Rights Retention Strategy

• Use the following standard statement in the acknowledgement field when submitting an article manuscript to publisher:

“This research was funded in whole or in part by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) [Grant number]. For the purpose of Open Access, a CC BY public copyright licence is applied to any Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) version arising from this submission.”

Clause 11.13 para. 3 of the Implementation Regulations

→ Immediately publish the pre-print on a digital repository with a CC-BY license
Which version can be re-published?

- **Law**: the right holder is allowed to publish a preprint **before submitting** it to a journal. Important to **inform** the publisher!
  
  However, some publisher may refuse preprint-published articles. Check their policies.

- If/when publishing a preprint, **don’t assign copyrights**. Better to release it under a CC license.
...submission is already accepted by journal but in the meanwhile you would like to publish the preprint?

• Publishers’ policies or agreement may require **specific conditions**.
  ➢ check the publisher’s policies
    E.g. acknowledgment that “This article has been accepted for publication in [JOURNAL TITLE], published by Taylor & Francis.” (https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/research-impact/sharing-versions-of-journal-articles/)

Publishing **regardless** of agreement with publisher = **violation of copyright** and of **publishing contract**!
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Negotiating with the Publisher
Before concluding a publishing contract

- Authors should tell the publisher about SNSF’s requirements
- Authors should retain their copyrights → only grant a license to publish
  - Exclusive license for a period of time (embargo), upon expiry of which the license becomes non-exclusive.
- Better would be a non-exclusive license to publish (try to negotiate lower APC costs)
NEGOTIATING WITH THE PUBLISHER

Go for it!

- No embargo (SNSF requirements)
- Shorter embargo (= simple license after an exclusive license)
- Possibility to publish elsewhere, after embargo, with credit to publisher
- Possibility to publish preprint, under some conditions required by publisher
- Possibility to choose whether and how to translate and publish these translations.
Why not?

- Possibility to retain copyrights and only grant the permission to use/publish (exclusive/simple license) → avoid transfer of copyrights
- Possibility to publish preprint elsewhere/before end of embargo
NEGOTIATING WITH THE PUBLISHER

Give it a try!

- Possibility to completely eliminate **embargo**
- Possibility to publish **preprint** elsewhere without notice of publisher
- Lower OA costs
After having concluded a contract with Publisher

- Check what are the **penalties** set by SNSF and/or what demands the publisher
- Explain your circumstances (public research field, no profits,...)
- If you committed a contractual violation, you will need to pay the consequences!
Examples of agreements
EXAMPLES OF AGREEMENTS
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