

# Who publishes in predatory and local journals?

## A different take on bibliometric analysis

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### Summary

- The interactive study compares publication profiles of research workplaces in the Czech Republic. We follow-up on previous IDEA studies on the topic of predatory and local publishing. While the previous studies were mainly based on aggregate data, this study brings evidence on the individual workplaces.
- Predatory journals are suspicious of departing from rigid editorial practices in order to exploit publication fees from researchers. Local journals publish many articles by authors based in the Czech Republic or Slovakia. The former point towards fraudulent practices, while the latter indicate a local focus.
- The workplaces are analyzed using the share of articles published in predatory and local journals in their total journal articles output in Scopus. Predatory articles are concentrated in a relatively small number of workplaces, mainly in the higher education sector and in the field of social sciences. Institutes of Academy of Science rarely publish in predatory journals. Local publications are far more prevalent across many fields and types of workplaces.
- The difference between publication profiles of research workplaces in social sciences and natural sciences is striking. The latter have little if any predatory articles and do not tend to publish in local journals. In contrast, the former commonly publish more than half of their articles in local or predatory journals. In some cases, even more than four-fifths of their articles are published in such journals.

The full interactive study (only in Czech) is here:

<https://idea.cerge-ei.cz/files/PredatoriMistni/>