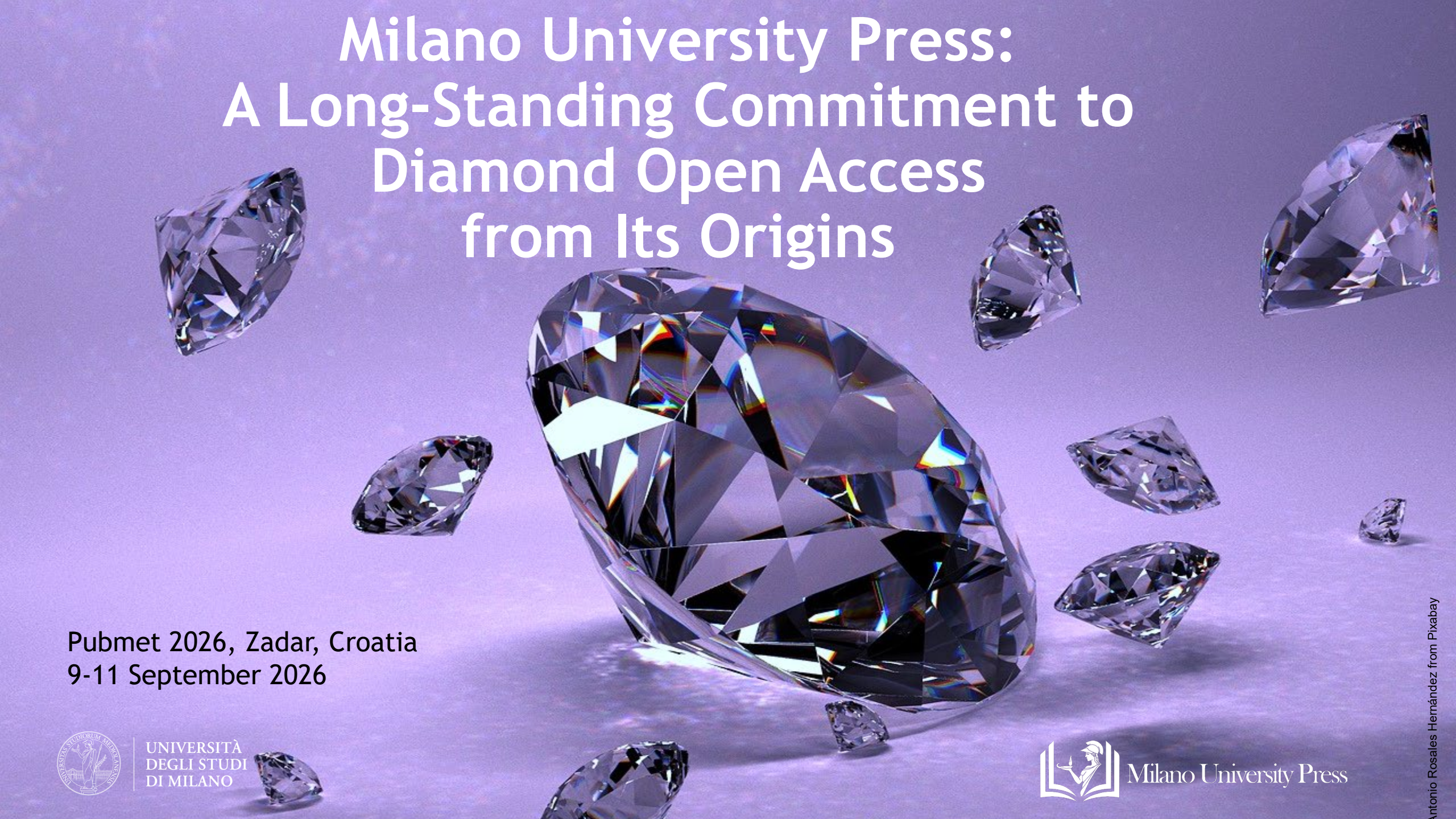
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Milano University Press

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History of the journals platform

2008

From Riviste Unimi

Publication of the **first 2 journals**



2020

… to
Milano University Press

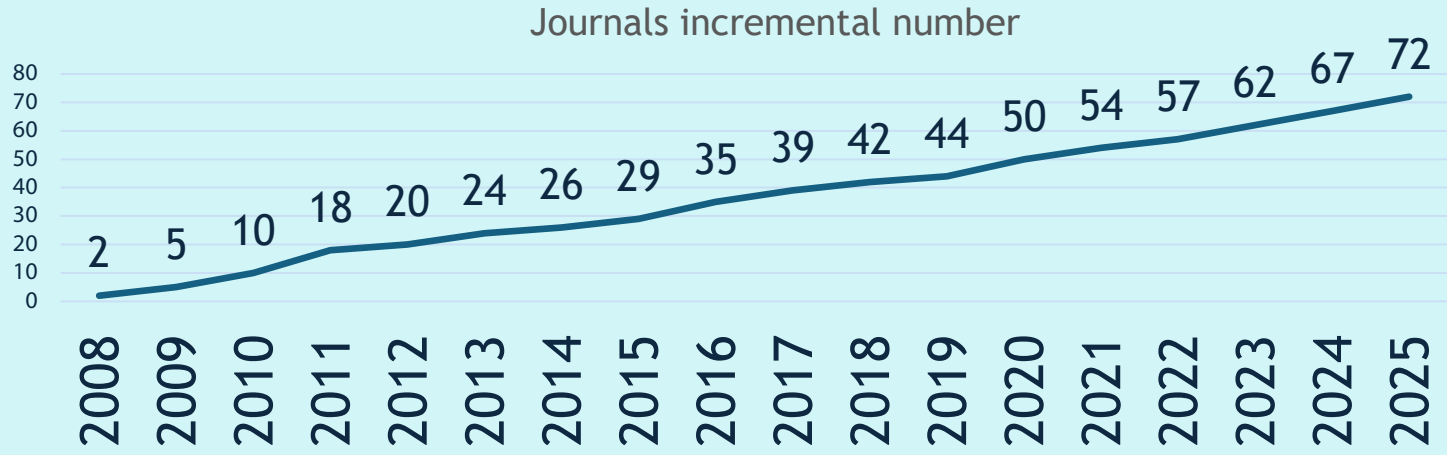
Foundation of the **University Publishing House**

New **book** section

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Journals section

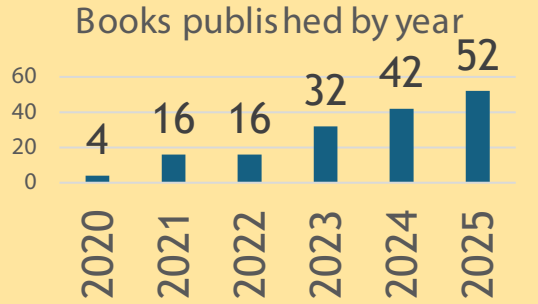
based in 2008, it counts 72 journals by the end of 2025



Books section

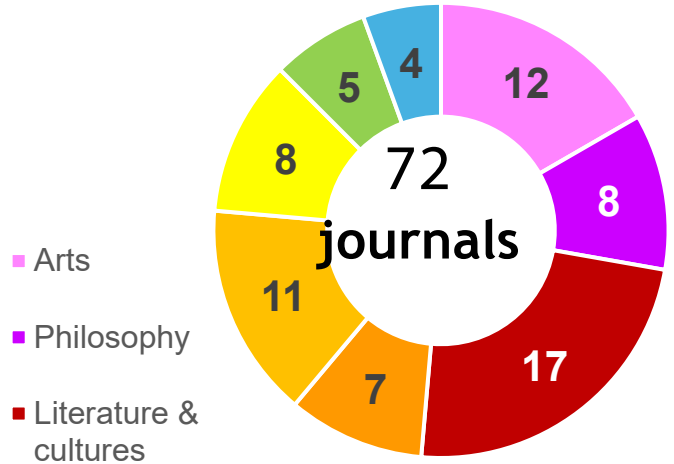
based in 2020,
it counts 162 books
by the end of 2025.

It also contains 19 series

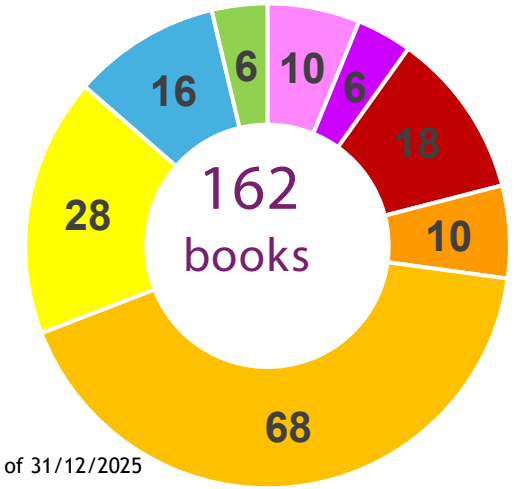




Journals by subject



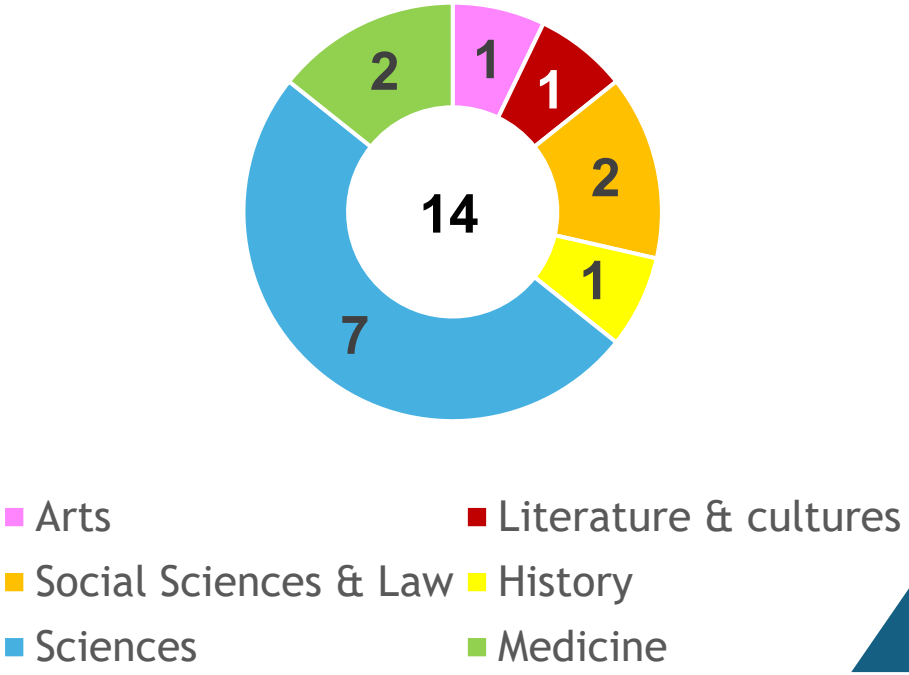
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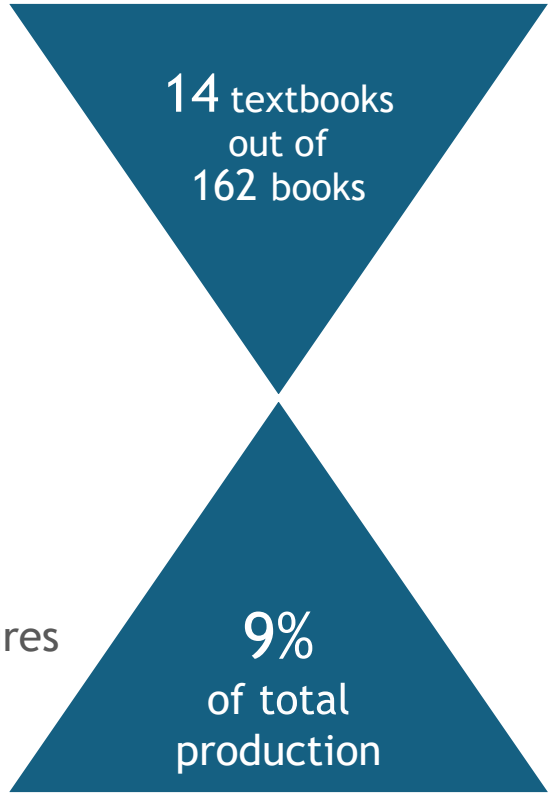


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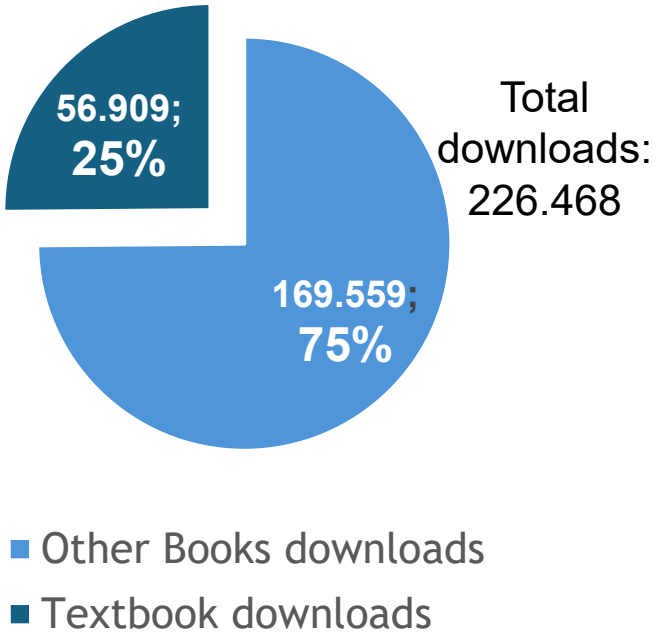
Textbooks

Textbooks by discipline





Dowloads (textbooks and other books)

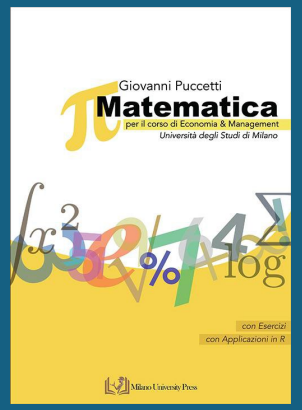


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Textbooks: a strategic service

Textbooks play an important role, both because of the impact of the Open Access model on **dissemination** and because of the financial **savings** they provide for the **student** community.

A case study



Giovanni Puccetti, author of the textbook «*Matematica per il corso di Economia e Management*», published by MUP in 2023 in digital Open Access version, with print-on-demand option, has calculated the impact in one year

Previous paper version

Dissemination

300 copies sold

Costs for students

- 34,00 € each copy
- 10,200 €: total cost paid by students

Open Access Digital Version 2023

Dissemination

6.200 downloads
44 paper copies sold in 2023

Costs for studens

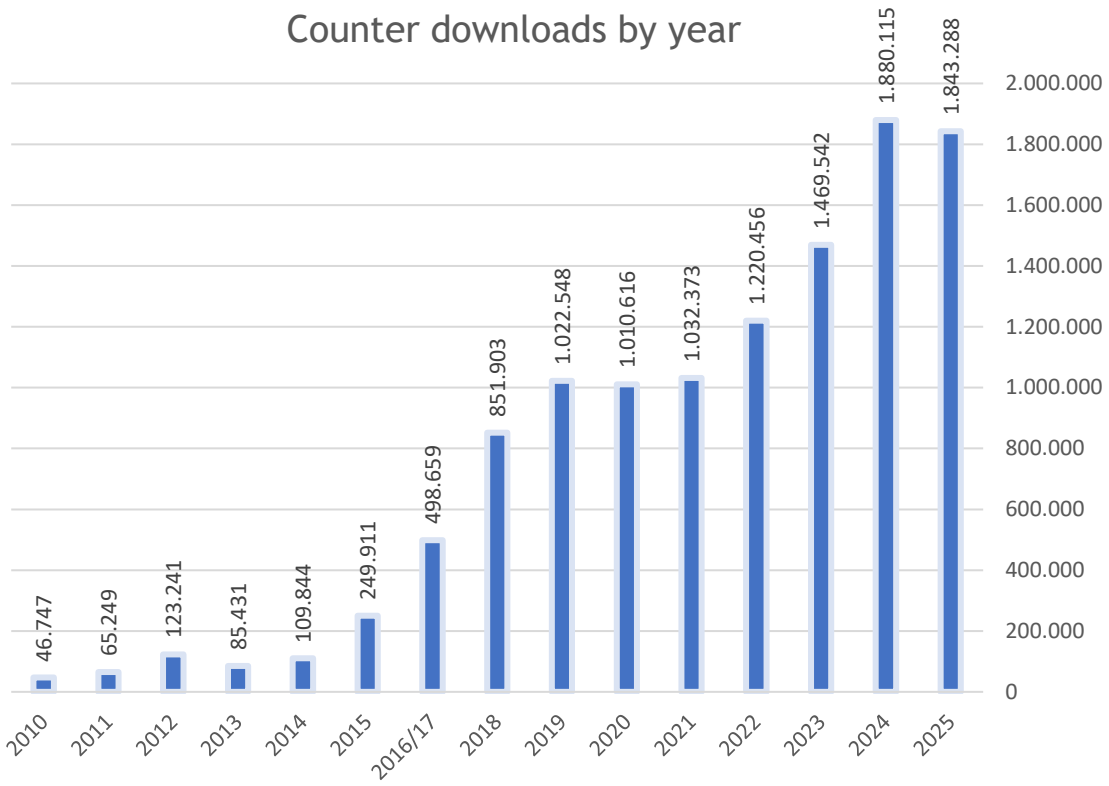
- Free download
- 10,00 € each copy in print-on-demand
- 440 €: tototal cost paid by students

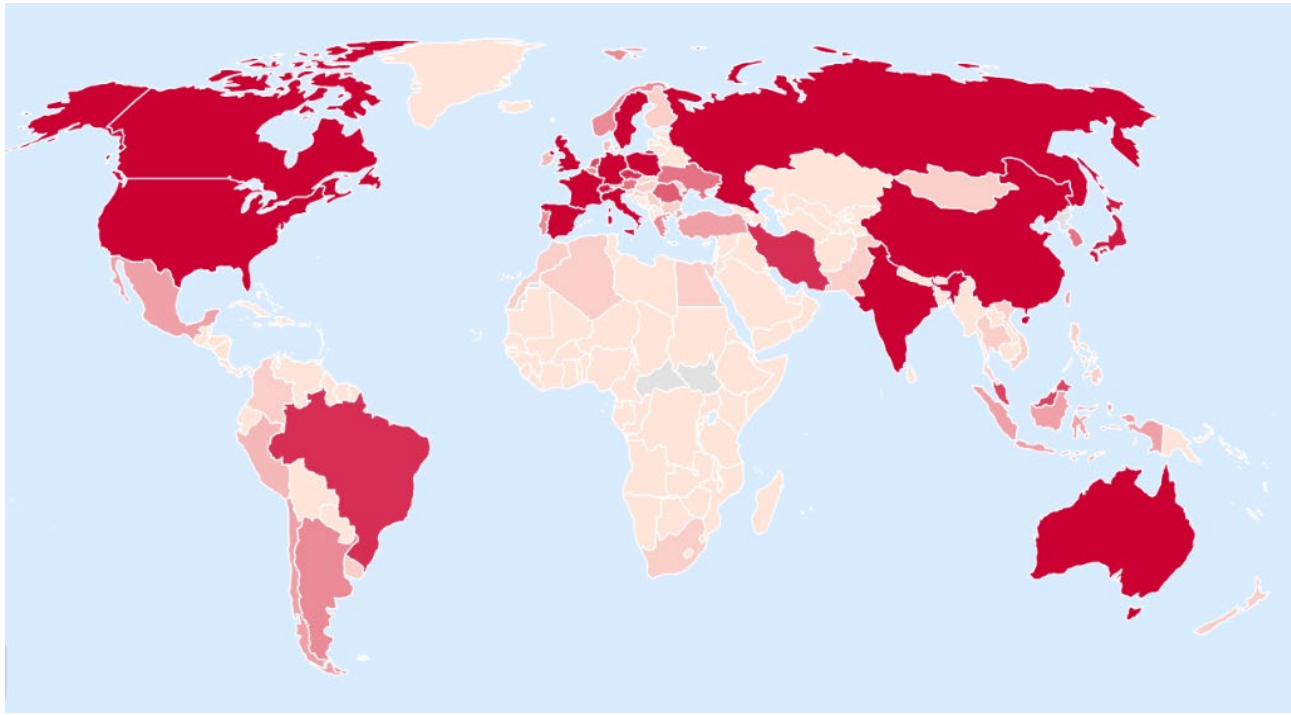
Impact

- Wide dissemination
- Cost savings for students
- Increase in the number of students passing exams

Source: Free the textbook, https://zenodo.org/records/14289313

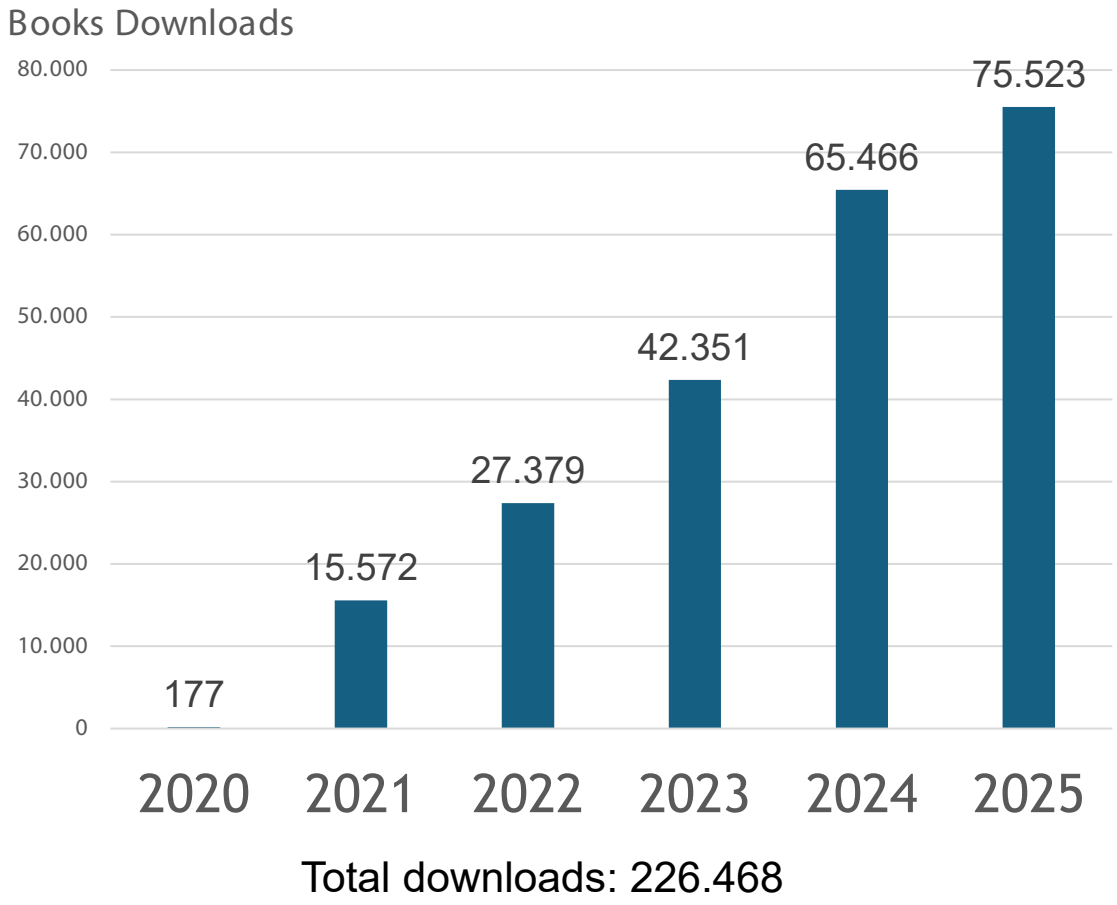
Riviste Unimi downloads

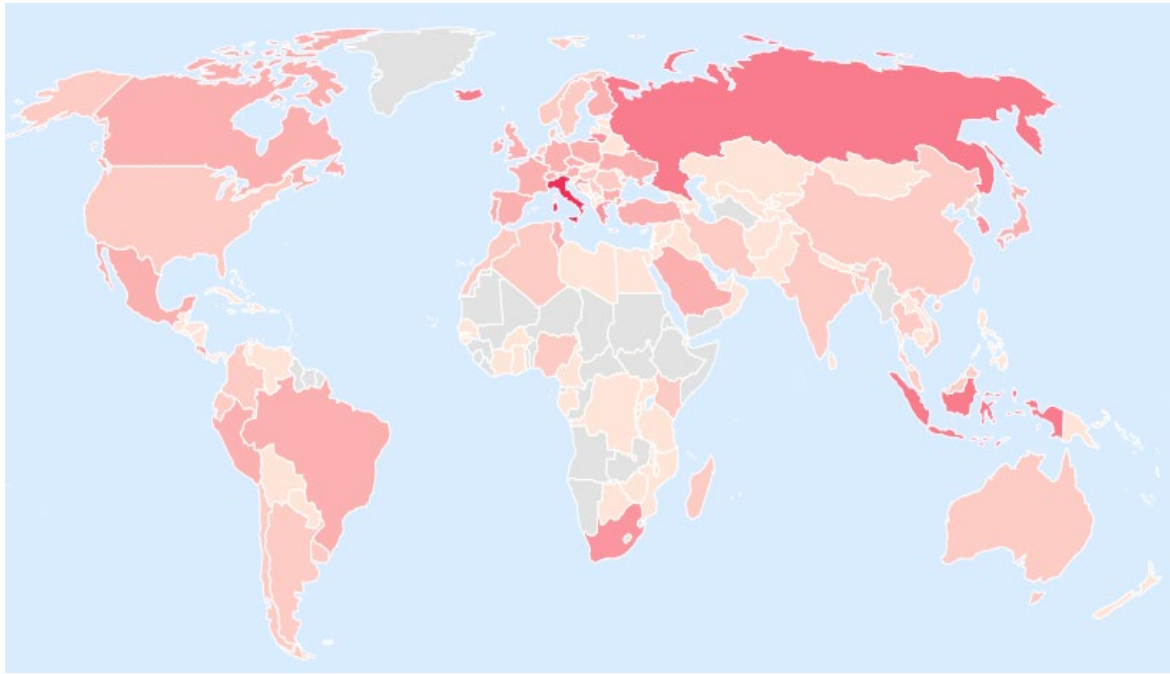




Geographic distribution of journal downloads
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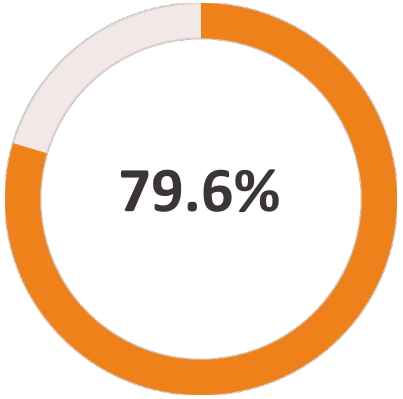
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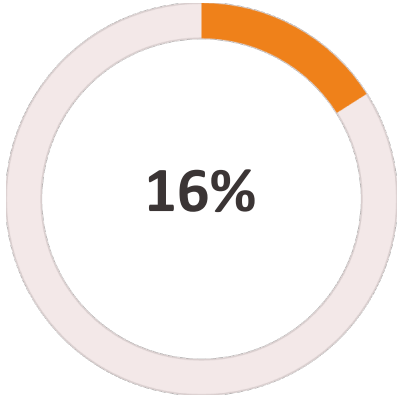
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Languages in books



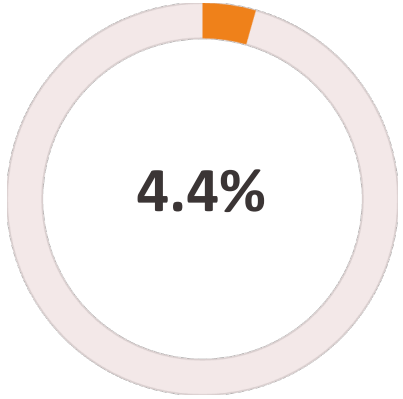
Italian

129 books



English

26 books



Other languages

7 books

Portoguese: 2 books
Spanish: 2 books
Multilinguage: 3 books

Text formats

Current formats



PDF
Journals and Books



ePub
Books



HTML
Only 3 Journals

Next steps

XML and HTML

Accessibility and translation

Quality procedures

Peer-review

- Each contribution is reviewed by 2 referees:
- for the Books section: Volume Editor + 2 reviewers
- for Journals: each editorial board determines the type of review

Metadata

- title
- author
- keywords
- abstract
- references
- funding
- affiliations

Identifiers

- ISSN/ISBN
- DOI
- ORCID
- ROR

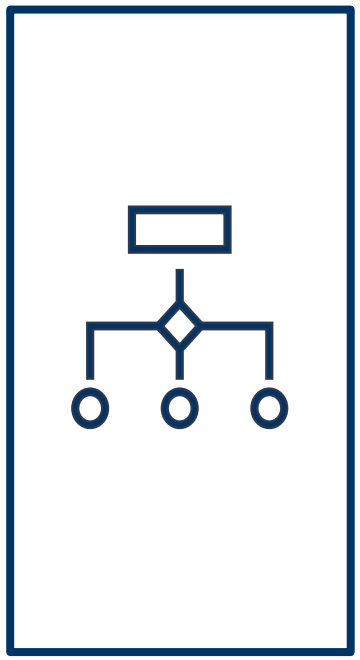
FAIR Data

Authors are invited to deposit research data in a FAIR repository.
All authors can use the university's Dataverse, even if they are not affiliated

Statistics and reports

Annual reports though open analytics sistems (OJS/OMP and Matomo)

Work organisation: Journals section



Support Office

- Staff: 3 FTE
- IT staff: 2 FTE 20%

Activities: Training for new journals, help-desk on OJS, check on requirementes, indexing, editorial layout and publication in OJS, reports, promotion

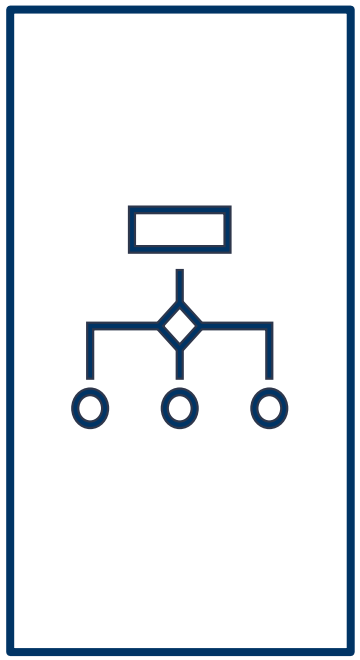
Journals Editorial team

- Editor-in-chief
- Scientific Board
- Editorial Board (optional)

Each journal has its own editorial team and has **scientific autonomy** whilst complying with **quality requirements**

Activities: Editorial workflow, relations with authors and reviewers, CFP, optional autonomous editorial layout and publication in OJS

Work organisation: Books section



Support Office

- Staff: 3 FTE
- IT staff: 2 FTE 20%

Books Board

- Rector
- Editorial Board

Activities: support in the peer review process, copyediting for texts in Italian, validation of typesetting, metadata attribution and publication in OMP, indexing

Series Scientific Board

- Editor-in-chief
- Scientific Board

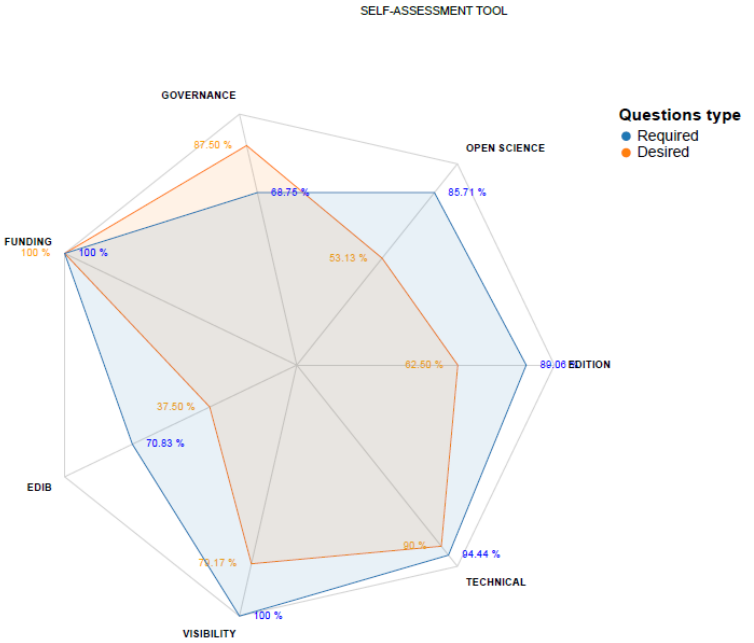
New series are approved by the Books Board. Once approved, each series has its own Scientific board and **scientific autonomy**

Best practice in the Journal Section

All journals published on our platform must comply with the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) standards

Starting in 2024, we are aligning our journal requirements with the new Diamond Open Access Standard (DOAS), developed by the DIAMAS project (Developing Institutional Open Access Publishing Models to Advance Scholarly Communication).

Committee on Publication Ethics: guidelines and best practices on ethics in publication

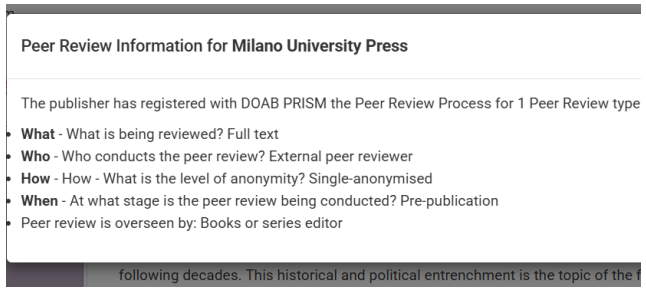


DOAS self-assessment result on 2026-04-29

Best practice in the Book Section

The books comply with the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) standard

They receive a PRISM (Peer Review Information Service for Monographs) from DOAB in order to display the kind of peer-review adopted





Indexing in open infrastructures

Milano University Press takes special care to ensure that its content is indexed in **open-access aggregators** and resource indexes developed by **nonprofit research organizations**, in accordance with the principle that scientific research benefits from the free circulation of research outputs funded by public money.

OpenAIRE

A European nonprofit partnership of more than 50 organizations dedicated to promoting Open Science in research

OpenAlex

Developed by OurResearch, it indexes titles from around the world without giving preference to English as the language of communication. All data are open and interoperable.



EDCH e DDH

Part of the Operas project, the European Diamond Capacity Hub and the Diamond Discovery Hub serve as a registry of publishers, service providers, and technology providers involved in promoting Diamond Open Access in Europe



Thoth

Open infrastructure platform for Open Access Books

International and National Networks

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OAPEN Open Access

OAPEN (Online library of open access books) promotes the transition to Open Access for academic books

OPERAS
open scholarly communication in the european research area for social sciences and humanities

University is part of Operas (JRU Operas) to develop an open infrastructure for scholarly communication in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)

Open UP

Italian network of the Open Access University Presses

Fundings

Milano University Press is totally funded by the University of Milan, which pays for:

- Server hosting and OJS/OMP software maintenance and support
- Crossref membership for DOIs and iThenticate
- ISSN and ISBN
- Copyediting service in outsourcing
- 2 internship salary (nov 2025 - oct 2026)



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Fundings in the history of the University Press

2008 → 2019 → 2020 → 2025

The beginnings

- Adoptions of **software OJS: for free**
- **server hosting** funded by University

From Riviste Unimi…

- **First person** assigned to the platform

… to the University Publishing House

- Foundation of the **Milano University Press**
- **OMP** adoption for books
- **One person** assigned to the **books** section
- **Crossref for DOIs registration**
- **Typesetting service** for books

2025

- Central **typesetting service** also for journals
- 3 people on Journals, 3 on Books

Typesetting managed by journals boards

Promotion of the University Press

Books and Journals

- Social media: Linkedin, Instagram, Mastodon
- Maxi-screen in front of Aula Magna
- Newsletter
- 8/year presentations to researchers

Books

- *LibroAperto*, podcast series with interviews to books authors
- Disciplinary Mailing List

Open Science Education

Building awareness and skills in Open Science is essential for researchers and academic staff

Our offices provides **annual training courses** covering different Open Science practices

Promoting and disseminating Open Science practices helps challenge **research assessment systems**

It also supports the growth of **Diamond Open Access publishing,**

to promote a

community-driven scholarly communication system

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