

The movie

Paywall: the Business of Scholarship

<https://paywallthemovie.com/>

14.00 Pep Torn, EUI Library Director: *Welcome and introduction to the Open Access event*

14.10 Prof. Renaud Dehousse, EUI President: *Introduction: Open Access at the EUI*

14.30 Streaming of the movie

Paywall: The Business of Scholarship is a documentary film, launched on 5 September 2018 in Washington D.C, which focuses on the need for open access to research and science. It questions the rationale behind the \$25.2 billion a year that flows into for-profit academic publishers, examines the 35-40% profit margin associated with the top academic publisher Elsevier and looks at how that profit margin is often greater than some of the most profitable tech companies like Apple, Facebook and Google.

The world of academic publishing is all about credibility, and most scholars want to be published in the nation's most reputable academic journals. But accessing those journals can be very expensive. While large universities can often afford to foot the bill, researchers at smaller colleges, or those in developing countries, may find themselves unable to afford access to the latest scientific research.

Producer & Director: Jason Schmitt, professor at Clarkson University in Potsdam, NY, filmmaker and journalist

15.40 Prof. Peter Drahos, Department of Law: *Wrap-up and conclusions*, and chair of the discussion and debate

Intervention by **Anna Krisztian**, Editor-in-Chief, European Journal of Legal Studies (EJLS), an EUI Open Access Journal

Questions and Discussion

16.30 Coffee, Tea and Snacks

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