

The Problem of Proper Incentives for the Production and Analysis of Research Data – the Case of Socio-economic Data

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Problem

- Open access is fine for researchers, but it may destroy incentives for the production of high quality research data
- How can we overcome this problem?

Content

- Implications of open access for incentives in different institutional settings
- Creating incentives for open access
- Outlook

Incentives

In „theory of science“ incentives are no problem:

- researcher must grant open access to their data
- in reality researchers try to restrict access
- not only due to bad reasons
- because restrictions help to produce high quality publications,
- which are the ultimate aim of science !!!

Incentive Regimes

- Official Statistical Agencies: bureaucratic organizations, which cannot attract the very best researchers, because high quality publications are no aim of the agencies
- Data Archives: organizations under academic control, but they are not under the regular publication pressure because they do not produce data by themselves

Incentive Regimes

- Research Data Providers (like ALLBUS, ESS and SHARE or one-shot-studies):
studies under academic control,
with the aim to produce high quality
research data and
because of this aim they are under
publication pressure

Incentives for Open Access

- Change of citation ***culture***:
„Credit Where Credit Is Due“

Incentives for Open Access

Helpful instruments for a change of the citation culture:

- Unique Data ID
- Unique Researcher ID
- Special journals / sections in journals for documentation of research data of any kind

Outlook

- Working Paper No. 150 of RatSWD
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- EDAMAX