**Background:**
- Democratizing *access to* vs. democratizing *production of* scientific literature
- There exist cases when Editors would appreciate independence, even from their own departments
- When the journal is indexed in databases, its publisher is listed as something like:
  - Dr Kai Nonnenmacher
  - Contemporary Aesthetics, Inc.
  - ACSIJ Press

**Countries with Most Independent Journals**

**Expected Outcomes:**
- Understand strategies used by editors to overcome challenges of independence
- Develop a guide for establishing independent journals

**Methodology and Research Agenda:**
- Identify independent journals in DOAJ (329 journals)
- Determine potential cash-flow channels
- Describe journals using data from DOAJ and Journal websites
- Send out a questionnaire to journal editors to better comprehend their experience