Cambridge **Core** Share
FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

What is Cambridge Core Share?

Cambridge Core Share is a tool that enables authors and readers to easily generate a link to an online, read-only view of a journal article. This link can be freely shared on social media sites such as Twitter and scholarly collaboration networks such as ResearchGate to enhance the impact and discoverability of research and opportunities for collaboration in research.

What content is included?

There are over 250 journals with *Cambridge Core Share* enabled. A full list can be found at www.cambridge.org/coreshare

Why are you doing this?

Social sharing of content – usually journal articles but also books and chapters – is a vital part of research life and we support responsible social sharing for the dissemination of knowledge and the growth of learning. PDFs of journal articles are already being shared extensively on the internet, but this risks damaging the sustainability of our journals programme. By providing links to free-to-read versions of journal articles through our platform, we will be able to report on content usage to our customers, which will help protect our journals programme.

Is this new feature available for book content as well?

No, but depending on future needs of researchers, we might later consider extending the service to book content.

Who will be able to generate sharing links?

Typically authors and institutional subscribers, and also anyone else authorized to view the full text of journal content.

Where can the links be posted?

The links can be posted anywhere.

How can this link be used on scholarly communication networks such as ResearchGate or Academia.edu?

The link can be directly posted to many websites. But for those sites that do not allow link posting, such as ResearchGate, a PDF can be generated with the link embedded which can then be posted to the site.

Are there any limitations on who can view the free-to-read versions of an article, or how often they can view it?

No.

Will the links expire, after some time period or some number of uses?

No.

Why do I see an error message?

Unfortunately this is because some of our content is unable to convert to a read-only view due to font types and the quality of the scanned document.

Why is the content fuzzy?

Although Cambridge University Press started digitising content in 1997, some of our journals did not start this process until much later. Therefore, to digitise the archives of these journals, the content had to be scanned which means the quality is lower. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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