Balancing Access and Survival: The Narrow Path of the Historical Journal.

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Abstract: Modern academic history journals have to tread a narrow path between generating sufficient funds and providing open access to scholars around the world. The increasingly digitally accessible nature of much academic work has democratized scholarship, particularly among populations with vastly disparate economic circumstances. At the same time, constricting budgets in higher education have drastically reduced the funding necessary to support journal publishing. What methods can journals adopt to stay afloat and continue to disseminate scholarship? This presentation will explore various strategies available to journals in the United States and discuss their advantages and disadvantages.