

HighWire Introduces 5-Star Article Rating Feature on SAGE Open

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With the recent launch of the peer-reviewed research journal, [SAGE Open](http://www.sageopen.com) (www.sageopen.com), and its new, interactive article rating feature, HighWire Press once again demonstrates its support of independent scholarly publishers with a tool designed for Open Access publications.

This new feature, 5-star article rating, gives readers the opportunity to weigh in on the quality and impact of a particular article in a transparent open community forum. As a supplement to the basic peer review that is practiced by the rapid publication process for open access journals, article-level comments and ratings offer real-time feedback from readers, allowing them to contribute publicly in the scholarly journal discussion. Over time, as the article accrues comments and ratings, the combined scores will become more and more meaningful as a metric to evaluate its importance and quality.

“We see this feature as part of an enhanced community-building process,” said Bob Howard, Executive Director for SAGE’s Social Science Journals. “SAGE Open manuscripts are peer-reviewed, but with the public commenting and article rating tools, members of the community are invited to participate in the post-publication discussion.”

☐ **Reader Responses**

- ▶ Submit a comment
- ▶ No comments published
- ▶ **Quality**
Rate the quality of this article

(4.0, average of 1 response)
- ▶ **Impact**
Rate the impact of this article

(4.0, average of 1 response)
- ▶ Sign in to rate this article
What is this?

SAGE Open, a new publication created to support open access publishing in the social and behavioral sciences and the humanities, allows colleagues to share their insights about the quality of papers online. In order to rate an article, contributors must be a registered user of [SAGE Journals Online](http://online.sagepub.com) (online.sagepub.com).

“The HighWire platform provides a series of enhanced features to give readers greater power to determine the significance of articles published,” said Tom Rump, HighWire’s Managing Director. “Along with usage metrics, commenting, subject categories, and recommendation services, article ranking is a means to leverage the insights of the larger community, connecting the outside world with the content inside the paper.”

About SAGE

SAGE is a leading international publisher of journals, books, and electronic media for academic, educational, and professional markets. Since 1965, SAGE has helped inform and educate a global community of scholars, practitioners, researchers, and students spanning a wide range of subject areas including business, humanities, social sciences, and science, technology, and medicine. An independent company, SAGE has principal offices in Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington DC. www.sagepublications.com

About HighWire Press

At the forefront of strategic scholarly publishing, HighWire Press provides digital content development and hosting solutions to the scholarly publishing community. A department of the Stanford University Libraries, HighWire has partnered with influential societies, university presses, and other publishers since 1995 to produce the definitive online versions of high-impact, peer-reviewed journals, books, reference works, and other scholarly content. The distinguished HighWire community shares ideas and innovations in publishing through regular meetings, an active discussion forum, and through the service of its highly qualified staff.

The underlying infrastructure of HighWire's electronic publishing platform is Web-services-oriented, flexible, and permeable, allowing publishers to easily layer new software and services to their sites that will meet the ever-changing needs of today's online and mobile readers. Additional information available at <http://highwire.stanford.edu>

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