

Science communication journals between theory and practice

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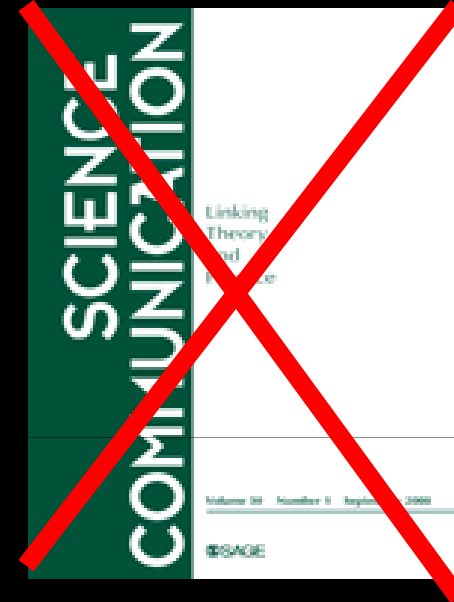
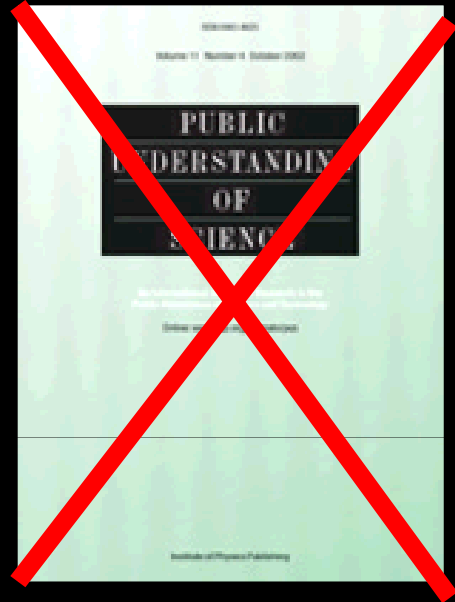
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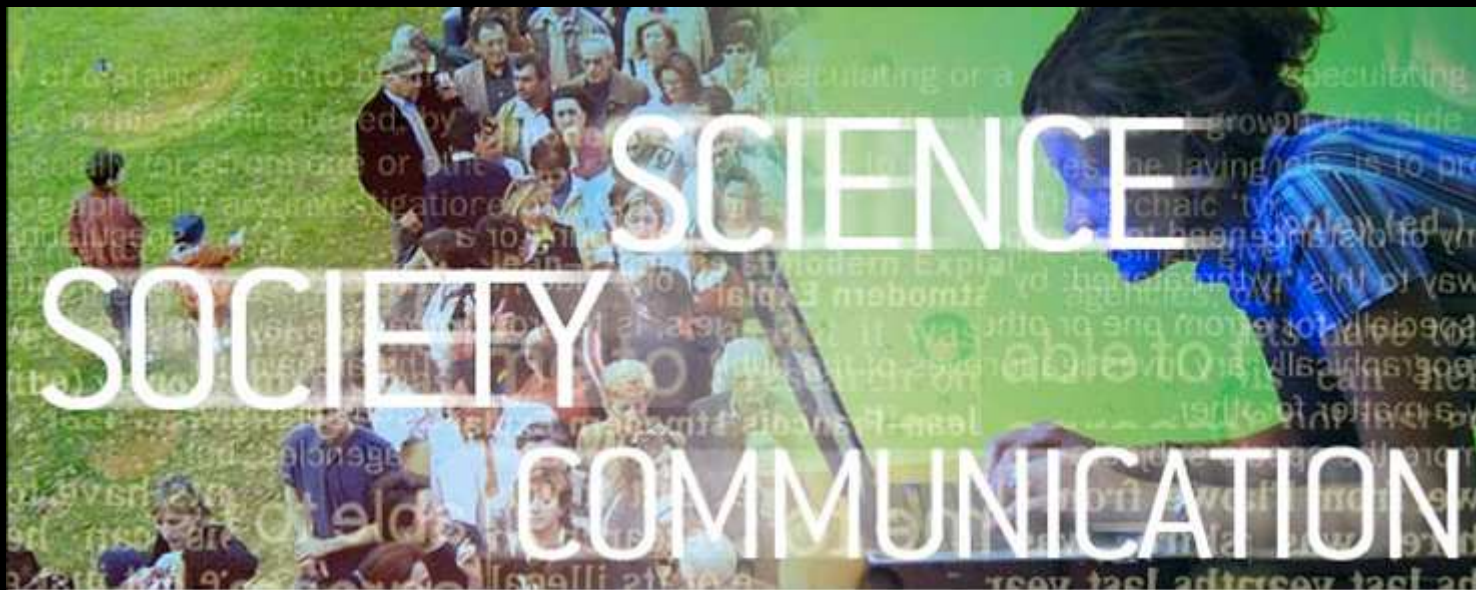


What kind of research journal in science communication do we need?



Do practical science communicators read peer-reviewed journals in science communication? Not so much

Miller, S. (2008) "So Where's the Theory? On the Relationship between Science Communication Practice and Research" in Cheng, D. *et al* (eds) *Communicating Science in Social Contexts* Springer Netherlands: 275-287



A new contract?

No strong link between research and practice: some possible reasons

- Journals difficult to read
- Fragmentation and diversity
- Accessibility
- Language



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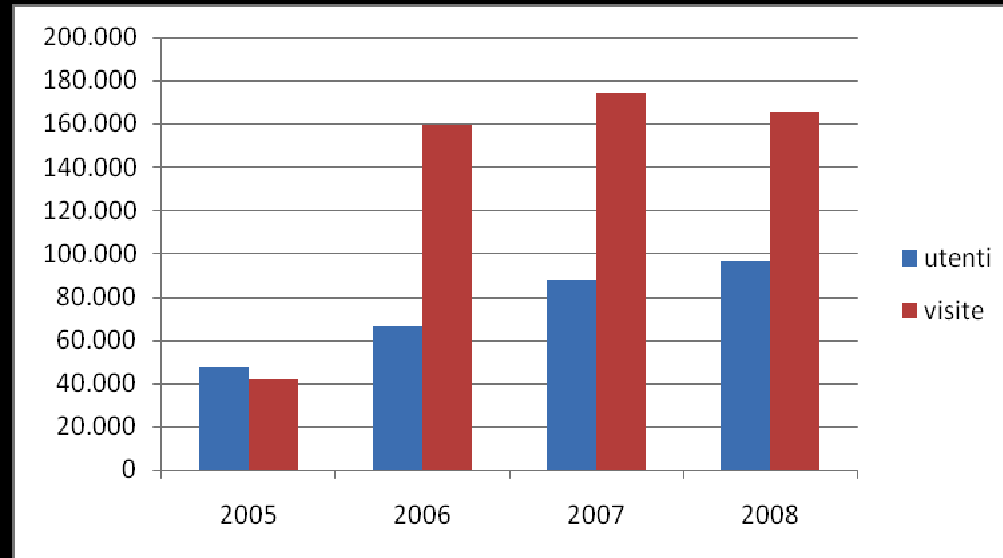
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- To meet distant communities
- To write in one's mother tongue language
- Topics not completely covered in other discussions forum: the case of explainers

