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How Copyright Law Can Fix Artificial Intelligence's Implicit Bias Problem

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The Right to Research for Text and Data Mining

Reproduction
• All works (including whole works)
• All users (commercial, individual)
• Non-expressive research

Communication
• Validation
• Collaboration
• Cross-border
The Impact of Copyright Exceptions for Researchers on Scholarly Output

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Abstract

High prices restrict access to academic journals and books that scholars rely upon to author new research. One possible solution is the expansion of copyright exceptions allowing unauthorized access to copyrighted works for researchers. I test the link between copyright exceptions for health and science researchers and their publishing output at the country-subject level. I find that scientists residing in countries that implement more robust research exceptions publish more papers and books in subsequent years. This relationship between copyright exceptions and publishing is stronger in lower-income countries, and stronger where there is stricter copyright protection of existing works.

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Table 4. Results of multilevel regressions with DM share as dependent variable and with varying intercept (random effects).

| Model | (Intercept) | Copyright [Ref. Not allowed] | | | |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|       |             | Allowed | Prohibited allowed | Not allowed | Allowed | Prohibited allowed |
| Model 1 | 0.542*** | 0.301 | 1.466*** | 0.073 | 0.301 | 1.466*** |
|       | (0.075) | (0.280) | (0.161) | (0.137) | (0.280) | (0.161) |
| Model 2 | 0.709 | 0.342 | 1.453*** | 0.296** | 0.342 | 1.453*** |
|       | (0.860) | (0.357) | (0.168) | (0.130) | (0.860) | (0.357) |
| Model 3 | 3.362*** | 0.288 | 1.246** | 0.183 | 0.288 | 1.246** |
|       | (0.928) | (0.335) | (0.166) | (0.131) | (0.928) | (0.335) |
| Model 4 | 3.812*** | 9.678 | 0.821*** | -0.075 | 9.678 | 0.821*** |
|       | (0.936) | (27.063) | (0.191) | (0.150) | (27.063) | (0.191) |

| Corr | .72 |
| n   | 416 |

GDP/capita ($1,000)  
Population (log)  
Rule of Law  
Total research output (log)  
Definitely allowed*Rule of Law  
Probably allowed*Rule of Law  
Probably not allowed*Rule of Law  

R² | 0.165 | 0.168 | 0.278 | 0.308 |
F | 50.07*** | 18.70*** | 30.572*** | 24.65*** |
(df = 3; 763) | (df = 6; 557) | (df = 7; 556) | (df = 10; 553) |
N | 767 | 564 | 564 | 564 |
Figure: Global Map of Research Exceptions Enabling TDM Research

- Blue: Private Reproduction
- Yellow: Private Reproduction of Articles and Parts, No Whole Books
- Red: Open Use not open to TDM
- Green: Non-commercial Research or TDM Reproduction
- Purple: Research Institutions can make TDM copies

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Africa
Open General Exceptions

United States, Fair use, Sec. 107
the fair use of a copyrighted work ... for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use), scholarship, or research, is not an infringement of copyright. In determining whether the use made of a work in any particular case is a fair use the factors to be considered shall include—

(1) the purpose and character of the use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
(2) the nature of the copyrighted work;
(3) the amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole; and

Kenya
Art. 26. ...copyright in any such work shall not include the right to control—
(a) the doing of any of those acts by way of **fair dealing for the purposes of scientific research**, private use, criticism or review, or the reporting of current events subject to acknowledgement of the source;
(a) the copy is made for the purpose of —

(i) computational data analysis; or

(ii) preparing the work or recording for computational data analysis;

... 

[may] supply (whether by communication or otherwise) the copy to any person other than for the purpose of —

(i) verifying the results of the computational data analysis carried out by X; or

(ii) collaborative research or study

Japan

It is permissible to exploit work .. where such exploitation is not for enjoying or causing another person to enjoy the ideas or emotions expressed in such work; ... [such as] exploitation for using the work in a data analysis
Implications

Domestic law reform
International law reform (WIPO SCCR)
Information exchange