

Library Collection Policy

Given the objectives of the Globethics library (see About the libraries), the library acquisition policy (guiding principles for our collection development) is as follows:

1. Our primary focus is on obtaining full text with metadata of academic knowledge re-sources in the field of applied ethics, theology and ecumenism such as journals, theses, e-books, encyclopaedias, reference works etc.

Comment: we strive to offer only full-text, but we cannot guarantee access to full- text for the content that comes from open repositories, since a lot of them provides mixed content (open access full-text, but also commercial or restricted content). Neither can we guarantee the validity of external links in our own sub-mitted content (manual control and elimination of dead links will be made twice a year, in May and in November).

2. Our secondary focus is on supporting our primary content with ancillary material that is useful to our users such as case studies, audio and visual material, etc.

Comment: The offer of auxiliary documents will increase, but for now, we concentrate on our primary focus.

3. We acquire both free and commercial content for our collection.

4. We follow a proactive approach in including content submitted by registered participants.

5. We facilitate the inclusion of ethics journals and theology and ecumenism journals especially from the global South.

6. We place a priority on acquiring content in various languages for our collection.

Comment: this is again a long-term commitment. For now, English is still the most represented language in the collection.

7. We provide access to content via pdf-documents hosted on our server or via stable url links.

Comment: for now stable url links is still a developing field in the library world. We try to have stable links wherever it is possible, but we cannot guarantee it.

8. We impose a 5MB limit (as far as possible) on the size of documents in our collection.

9. We respect all copyright regimes.

10. We enforce access control over all our licensed content.

We also try to maintain the quality of our collection through our library disposal policy:

1. We annually review our subscriptions to ensure that we maintain our primary and secondary focus (see here above, points 1 and 2).

2. We remove metadata without any links to online full text documents (e.g. pdf or url-links) from our collection (see 1 and 7 above).