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Bilingual Scholarly Journal Publishing in Canada

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About Coalition Publica

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→ **Coalition Publica is a partnership between Érudit and the Public Knowledge Project** to advance research dissemination and digital scholarly publishing in Canada. Together, we are supporting the social sciences and humanities journal community in the transition towards sustainable open access.

→ We are developing a **non-commercial, open source national infrastructure** for digital scholarly publishing, dissemination, and research—combining Open Journal Systems and the erudit.org platform—as well as research investigating the Canadian scholarly publishing ecosystem.

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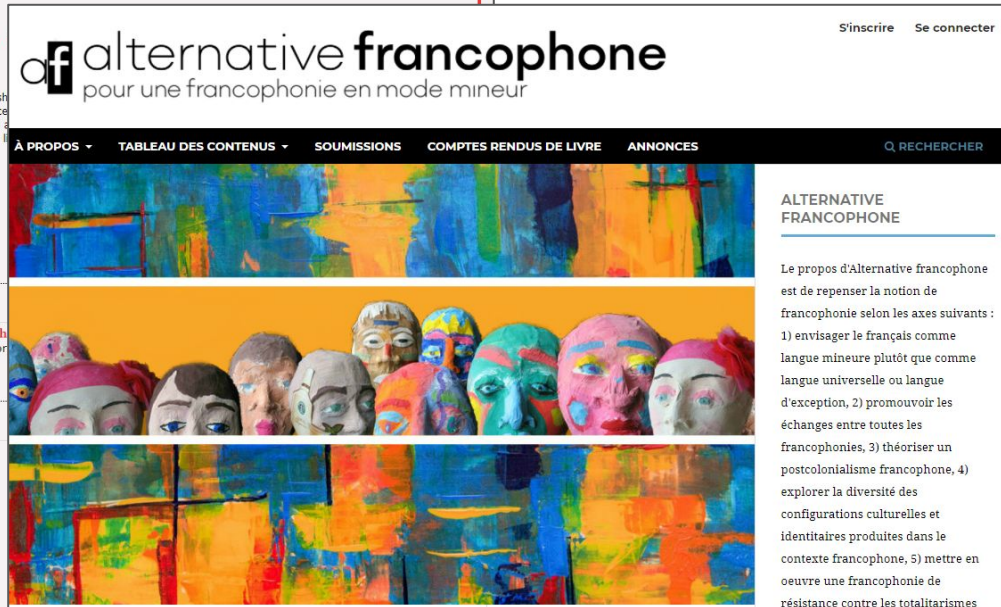
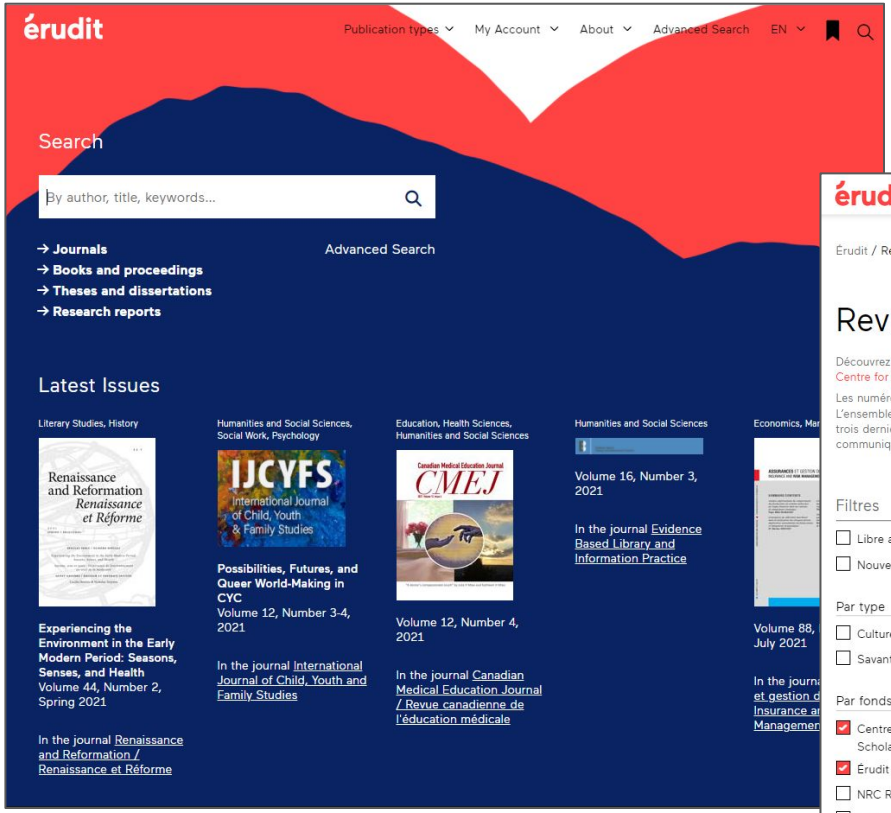
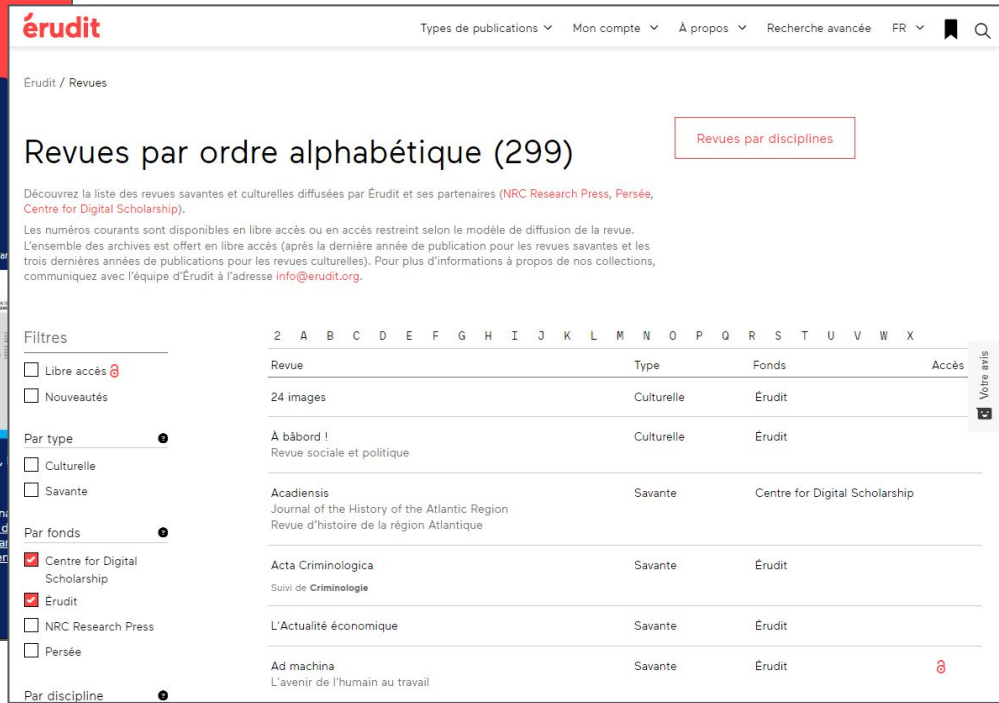
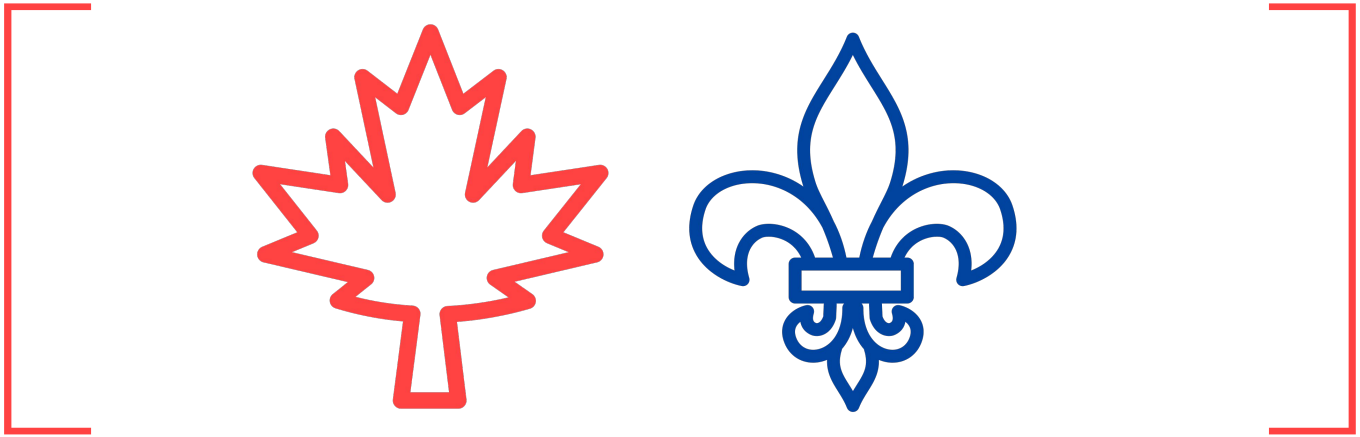
Open Journal Systems (OJS)



The Érudit Platform (erudit.org)

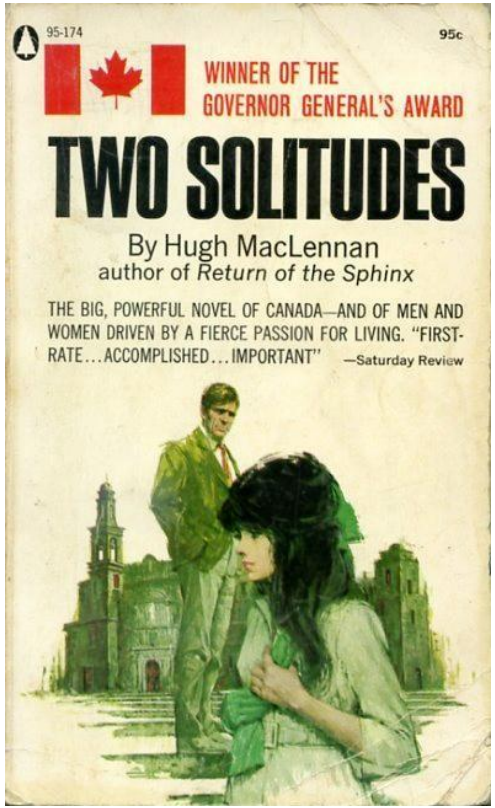






Context

Canada & Bilingualism



- Francophone majority in Quebec, Anglophone majority in rest of Canada
- Official bilingualism since 1969
- Recent push for equity, diversity & inclusion (EDI)
  - Why not include language?

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Canadian Journals & Bilingualism

- Many “officially” bilingual journals
  i.e. *Canadian Journal of… / Revue canadienne de…*
- Even more accept submissions in both English & French
- But **most** publish primarily in English (some primarily in French)
- Small sector with limited resources

Making it work

Acceptance of Publishing in “not-English”

- Scopus → → → → → → → → → →
  - *“What is the reason to not publish all articles in English?”*
- Research from Finland
  - **https://doi.org/10.1002/leap.1405**
  - *“Our findings indicate that Finnish language publications are particularly important for reaching students, citizens, experts and politicians.”*
- Research assessment
  - Helsinki Initiative on Multilingualism #InAllLanguages

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Working Together

- Beyond technical and policy challenges
- Embrace language as an element of EDI
- Individual experience of language
- Letting go/getting over linguistic perfection
- Respect as a foundation

Multilingual Metadata

- More challenging that you might expect (some scenarios)
  - Unilingual metadata
    - ex: EN article with EN metadata
  - Translated metadata
    - ex: EN article with EN & FR metadata (ex: title, abstract, keywords)
  - Translation metadata
    - ex: EN article translated to FR - EN original with EN metadata, FR trans with FR metadata
- No clear standards
- Except **no one** wants bilingual metadata combined in one field
- What happens to multilingual metadata downstream?
- What could we do with multilingual metadata with better standards?

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Thank you!

Merci !

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