The hidden truths of JUSTICE, Japan

- Not only one of the largest(30B JPN+), but one of the world's "cheapest" consortia
  - No real budget
  - Minimal staffing(3 FTEs), salaries paid by someone
- An experimental future form of library consortium, library utility, and a replacement of the existing Japan's utility

My talk in 3 minutes

- Personally, I graduated from library to university
- From the general higher education point of view
  - Ebooks is a serious issue because books are used in education, while Journals are an "esoteric" medium, not a large issue for education
  - Employment exists where there are people, that is Asia(more than a third), which has tried to import the Western civilization including the concept and practice of "research," whose only exportable product is higher education. The nightmare of the 19th century imperialism again? Submission/Download imbalance is a fact but you have a good track record

A few observations

- Ebooks are not integrated in research process
  - Textbooks are normally bought by students, so they are not integrated into education, either?
  - There is no standard way of using various kinds of books in the course of research
  - Books are bound, printed, but that is physical characterization, not in terms of content
  - We need a recategorization of "books" using different parameters
- Open access as enemies of libraries as going concerns
  - Thought open access content is, and will be for some time, less than (maybe) 10%, libraries have no control over the way your patrons use the content.
  - Libraries will be skipped, hence no more need for libraries
  - Apart from open access, publishers are directly approaching management and researchers/authors, almost neglecting libraries, though online delivery simply means no library
  - Or the reversal, researchers and students only need libraries and laboratories, but no classrooms and offices, ie university campuses