

# Introduction

## 1.1 Introducing Scholar

The screenshot displays the Scholar website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Community', 'Creator', 'Publisher', 'Analytics', and 'Bookstore', along with a search bar for 'Peers and Communities...'. Below this is a 'Collections (12)' section featuring five featured items: 'Getting Started in Scholar', 'Common Ground Publishing', 'Literacies Learning Modules in Grades 4-12', 'Learning By Design Modules K-12', and 'Higher Education Modules'. The 'New Works (22,304)' section below shows a grid of six document icons, each with a view count and a title. The titles include 'Investigating Current Social, Economic and Educational Issues using Framework and Tools of Complexity Science', 'Revista Internacional de Humanidades', 'Training the Next Generation of Environmental Engineers', 'Secular Mysticism', 'Revista Internacional de Educacion y Aprendizaje', and 'Pasado, presente y futuro de la Mentoría en la EPSEM'.

### 1.1.1: Scholar consists of five spaces:

- **Community:** A space for discussion between peers and among community members. Community is a cross between a social media feed, a blog, and a personal and community profile page.
- **Creator:** A place for creating and peer reviewing multimodal works, including text, image, video, audio, dataset, and many other options for representing what you know. Your works can become well designed PDFs or web pages.
- **Publisher:** This is where you can design and run peer-reviewed projects, from draft, to feedback, to revision and publication phases.
- **Analytics:** Data-mining Scholar, tracking the publication process, and providing rich assessment data.
- **Bookstore:** An area for the publication and distribution of Journals, Books, and Learning Modules.

**1.1.2:** Scholar helps organize Knowledge Communities with a number of different roles:

- **Peers:** People who join together peer to peer to share ideas in the Community space. When a scholar makes an update from their personal profile page, the update goes to their peers.
- **Community Members:** People who belong to a community. Whenever an update is made in the community, members are notified.
- **Community Admins:** The person or group of people who coordinate a community.
- **Creators:** People who create textual or multimodal works in the Creator space.
- **Feedback Contributors:** People who offer feedback to peers' works—including reviews, annotations, or publication recommendations.
- **Publishing Admins:** People who create and manage projects, including deadlines, peer feedback assignments, and publication of the finished work. They can also access detailed assessment data in the Analytics area.
- **Organization Admins:** People who manage accounts for closed communities, such as schools.

**1.1.3:** Community, Creator, and Bookstore are open to any user at no charge. Access to Publisher and Analytics is available at no charge on a trial basis, after which there is a per-user charge. Please contact us at [support@cgscholar.com](mailto:support@cgscholar.com) to discuss your licensing needs.