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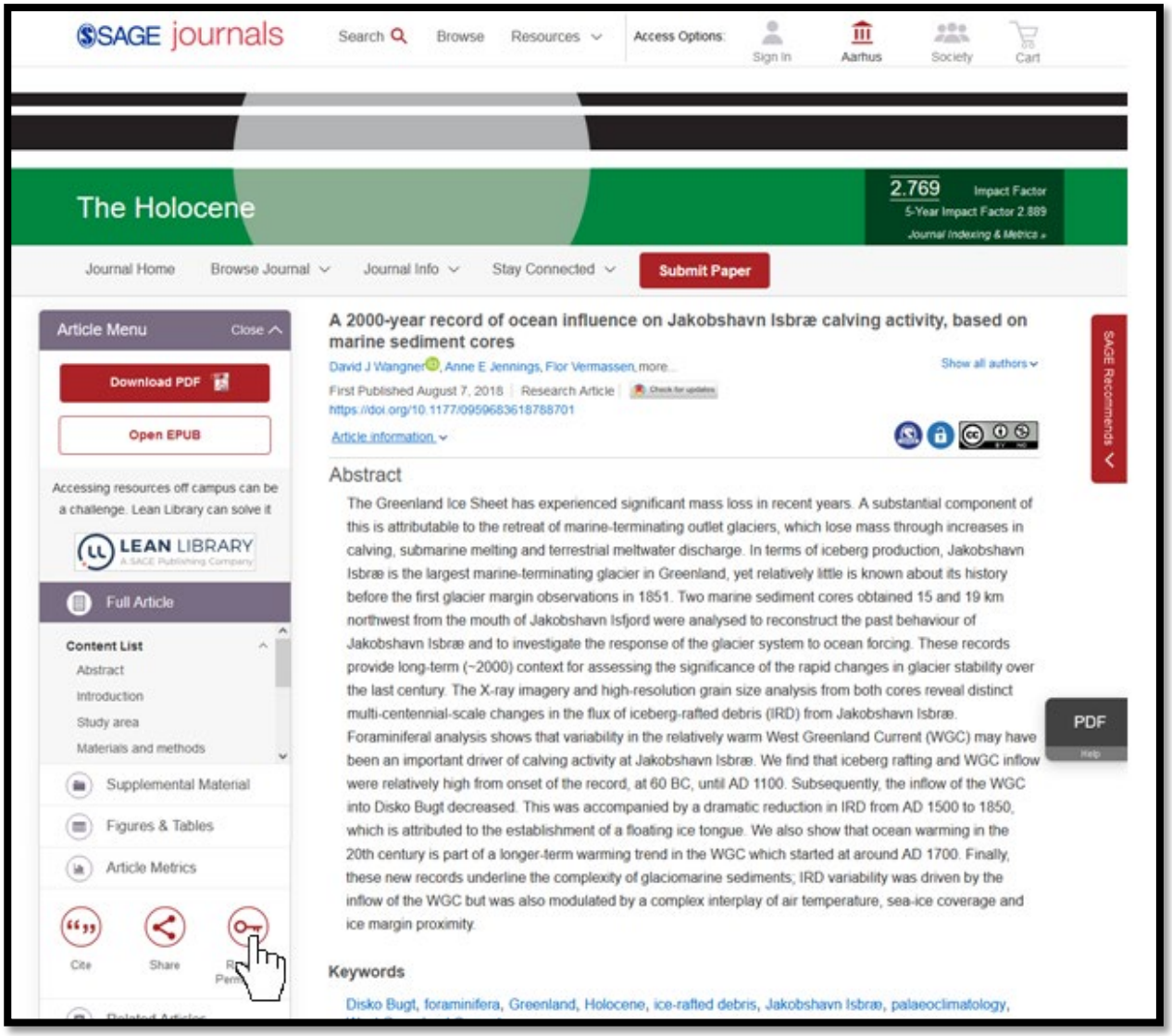
If you wish to republish your own papers or use elements, e.g. figures, from them, you will in most cases need a permission from the journal that published the paper. Many international journals make it possible to obtain this permission through a service named “Rightslink”, which is maintained by “Copyrights Clearance Center”.

To obtain the permission to republish or use elements from your paper, you need to find the paper on the journal website. Here, you will find a link to take you to Rightslink. It can look different depending on the journal, but in the following, you will find examples from four different journals. Following these examples, you will find a guide to Rightslink.

Example 1: Sage Journals

Below you see a paper from the journal “The Holocene”, which is published by Sage Journals. Here you need to click on “Rights & Permissions” in the bottom of the left menu, which will take you to Rightslink.



Example 2: Elsevier

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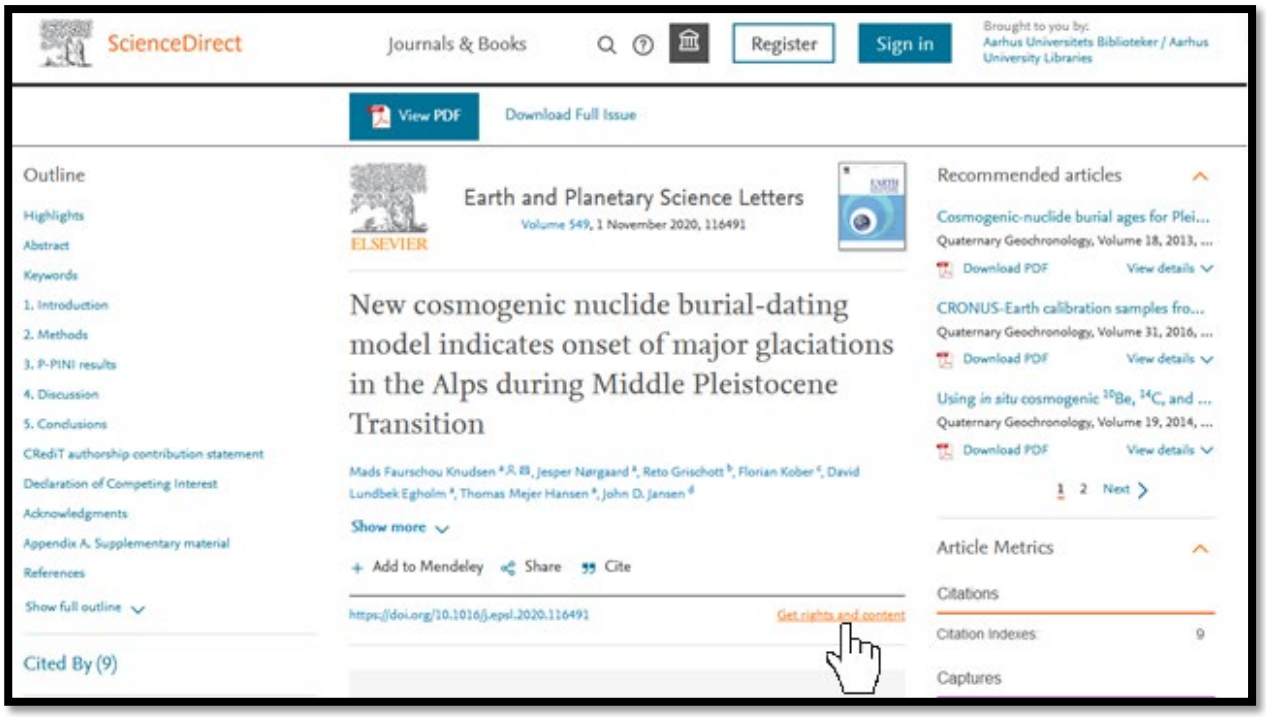

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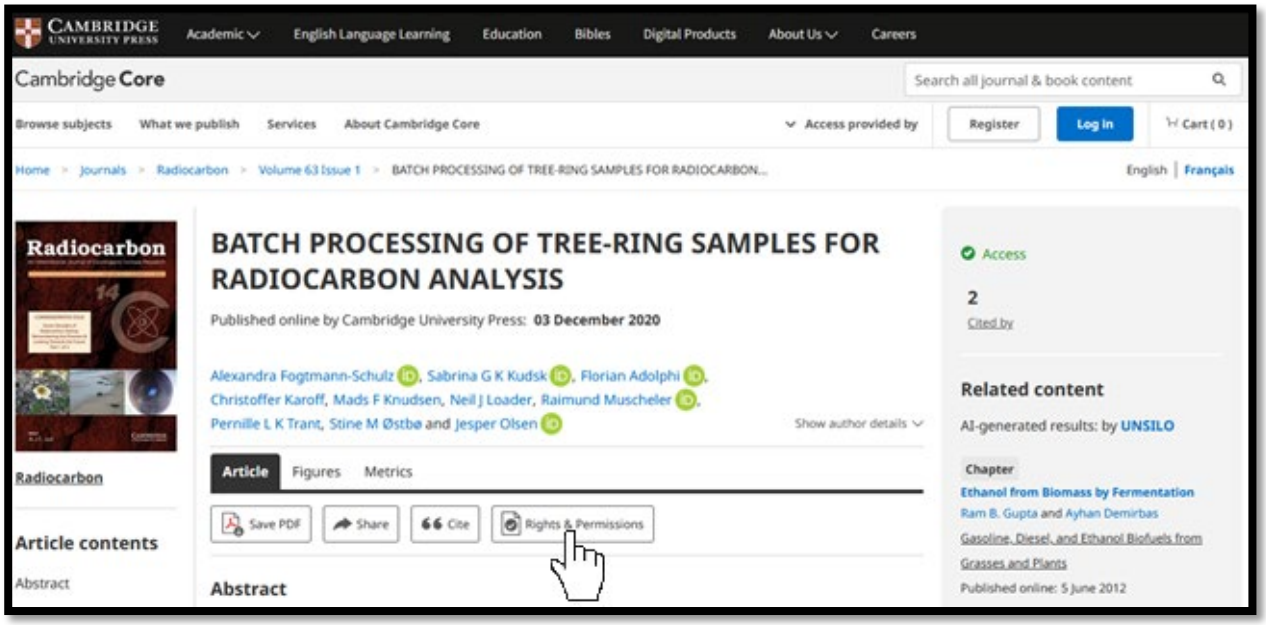
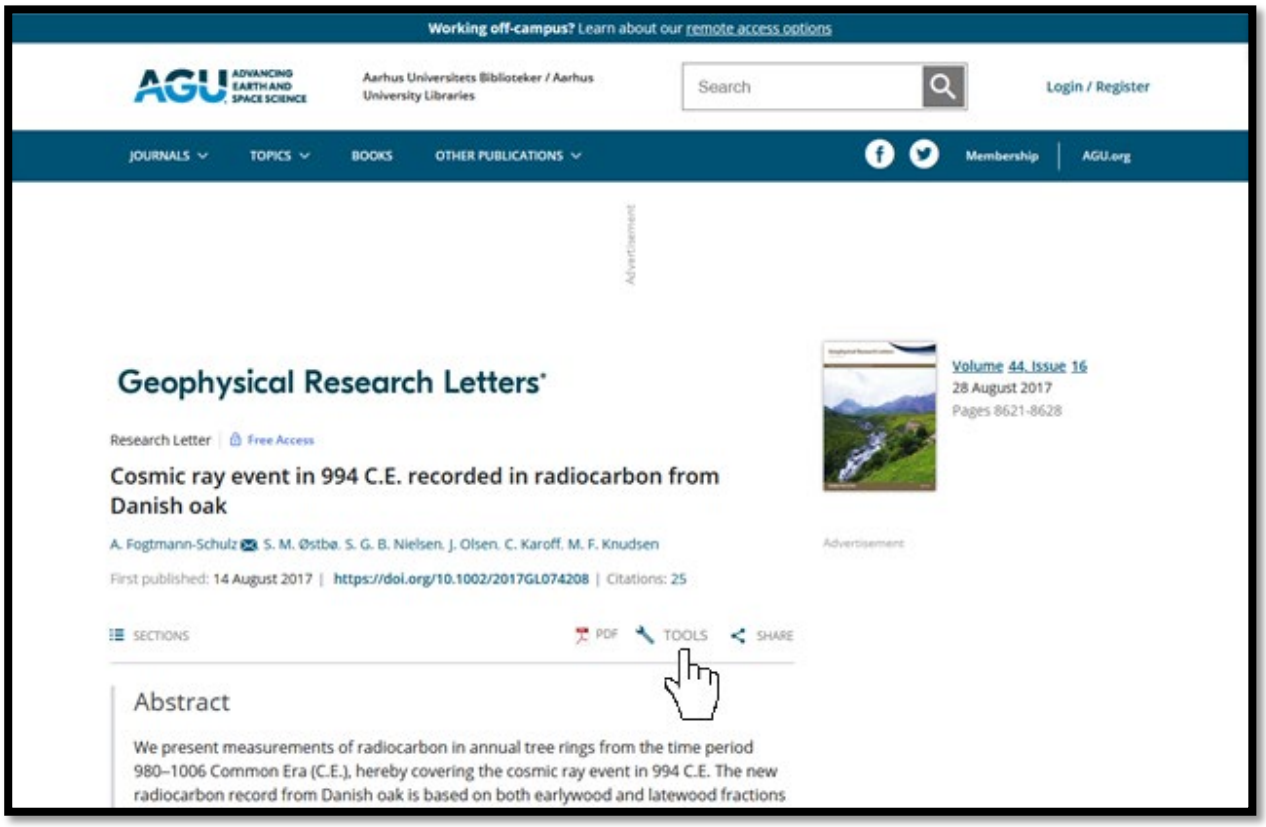
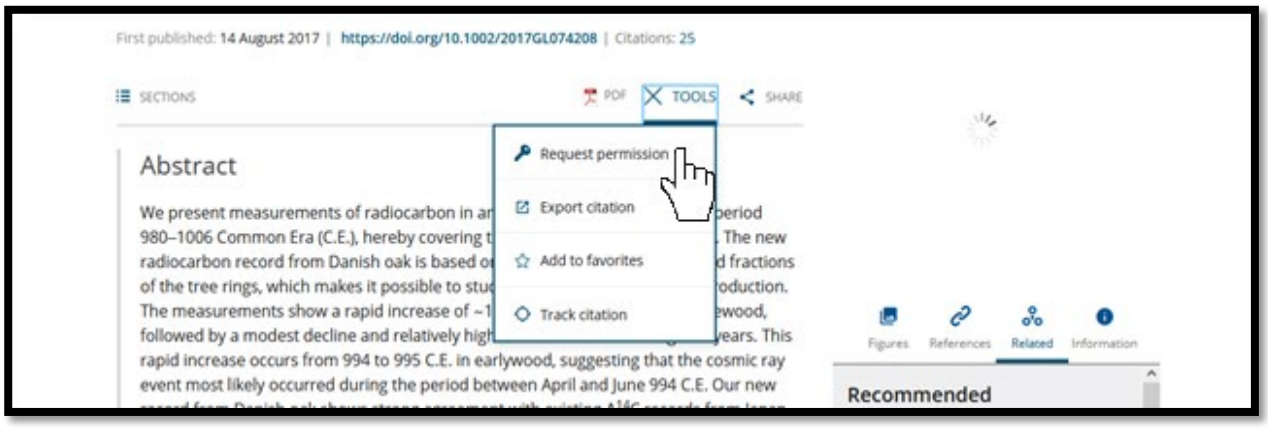


Example 4: Wiley

The last example shows a paper from the journal “Geophysical Research Letters” from Wiley. Here, you first need to click on “Tools”.

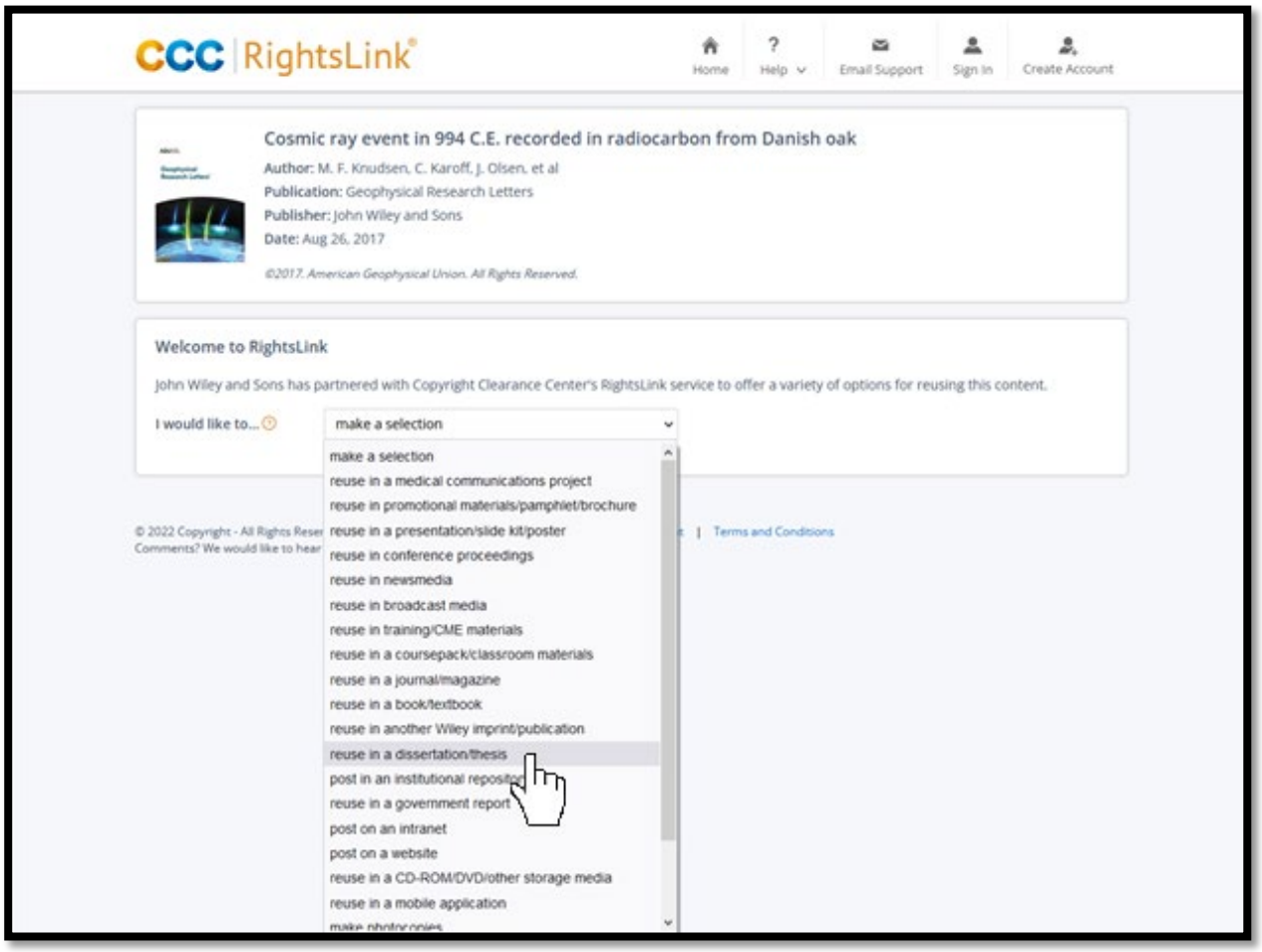


This will open a drop-down menu, where you need to click on “Request permission”. This will take you to Rightslink.



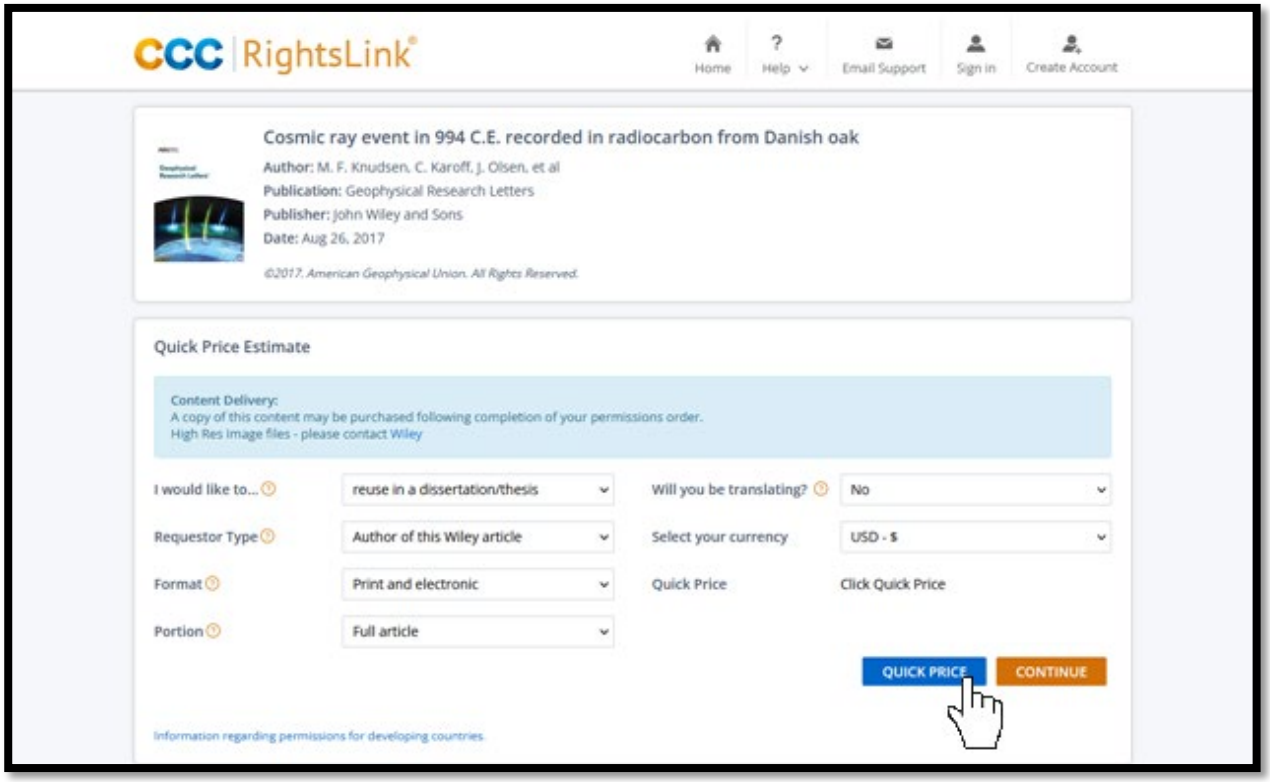
Rightslink
When you have followed a link to Rightslink, the webpage will look as shown below.

First, you need to choose your purpose of your request from the drop-down menu. If you want to use the paper in your PhD thesis, you should choose “reuse in a dissertation/thesis”. If you want to republish the paper in an e-book, you should choose “reuse in a book/textbook”.



Depending on your chosen purpose, you will now have to fill out more information. Below you can see an example where the purpose “reuse in a dissertation/thesis” was chosen.

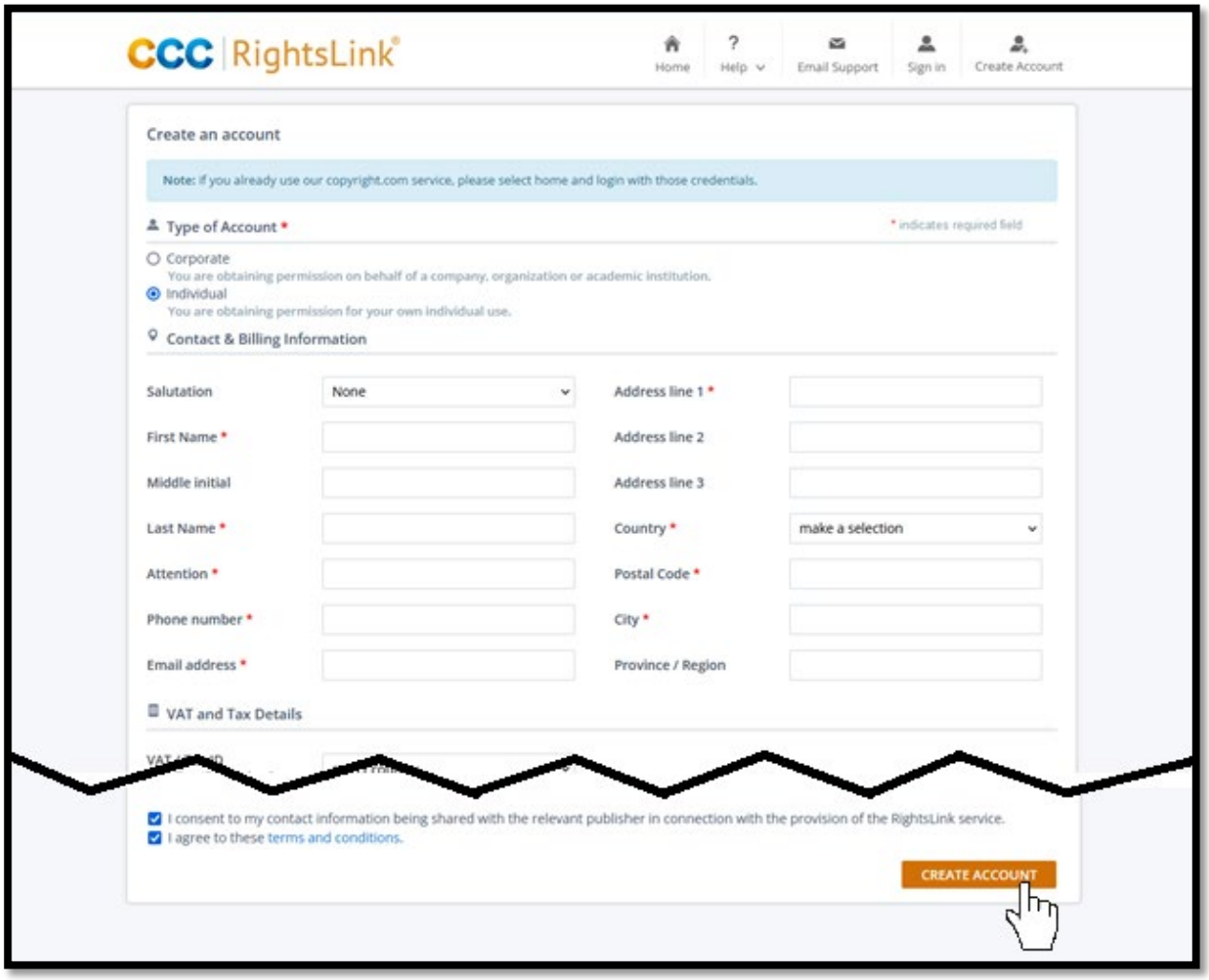
When you have filled out all the information, you can click the “Quick price”-button. This gives you a price, which may be zero, since many publishers allow you to republish your own papers in a PhD thesis for free. However, you will still often be required to obtain a written permission for this. Therefore, you still need to continue filling out and clicking your way through the form by clicking the “Continue”-button.



You will now see the screenshot below (unless you already signed in previously).

If you already have a user account, you need to sign in using your username and password. If you do not have a user account, you need to click “Need to register?” instead.

To register yourself as a user, you need to fill out the information as shown below and afterwards click “Create account”.



When you have completed the user registration and/or have signed in, you can continue filling out your request to republish the paper and finally obtaining the permission.