

# Open Science – a blueprint for the university in the 21st century?

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- ☐ Open Science a view from LERU
- ☐ Future of Scholarly Publishing
- □ Next Steps



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## **European Commission: Open Science Policy Platform – 8 pillars of Open Science**

Future of Scholarly Communication	
EOSC (European Open Science Cloud)	
FAIR Data	
Education & Skills	
Research Integrity	
Rewards	
Next Generation Metrics	
Citizen Science	



#### League of European Research Universities

23 leading universities pushing the frontiers of innovative

- ☐ LERU has produced an Open Science Roadmap for universities
- Launched on 12 June 2018 at <a href="https://www.leru.org/publications/open-science-and-its-role-in-universities-a-roadmap-for-cultural-change">https://www.leru.org/publications/open-science-and-its-role-in-universities-a-roadmap-for-cultural-change</a>
- □ Open Science Implementation Report - November 2020





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#### The role of the Funder

- ☐ For research, research funders have set the agenda
- ☐ Plan S from Science
  Europe is the latest
  attempt to deliver a
  meaningful transition to
  immediate Open
  Access
- ☐ A kick to Open Access that was badly needed

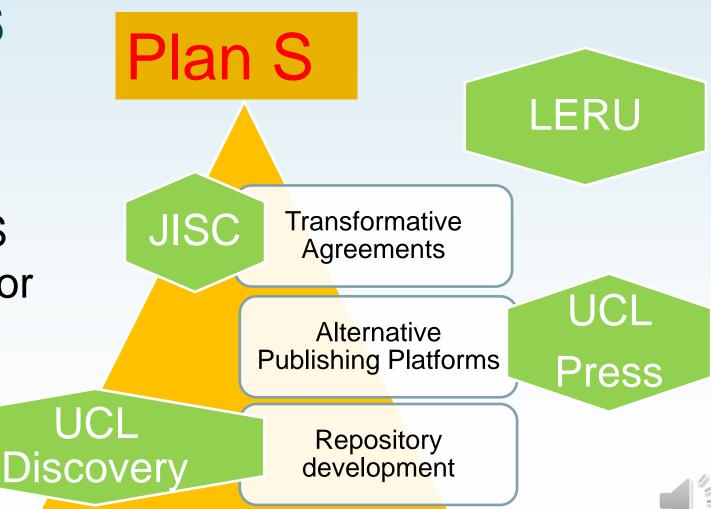






## Plan S

 How does Plan S work for UCL?







#### Plan S

- ☐ Issues for universities
- Positives
  - □ Timeframes
  - ☐ The role of Green OA
  - □ Copyright retention
- ☐ Challenges
  - ☐ Cost LERU universities do not want to pay more than now
  - ☐ Define a transformative agreement
  - □ A European solution only?







### **Benefits of an OA University Press**

Taking publishing back into the university system - the university supports the entire research life cycle

Challenge the prevailing scholarly publishing model - issue of low dissemination

Support for OA to AHSS outputs, which receive less funding than STEM

Social impact: research available to the public and policy makers

Global impact: outputs reach regions in which research is unavailable or unaffordable Motivation for academics: they want their research to be widely read

Added reputational value of a university press, through global dissemination, publicity, reviews

Consistent with Open Science agenda

Opportunities for integration of research and learning





#### **UCL LIBRARY SERVICES**



#### **Statistics**

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Countries and

**Published Titles** 

244

161

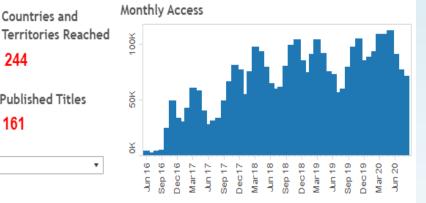
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Print unit sales total

20,268

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Global Reach





## **Use & Impact**

## 4 million+



246 countries



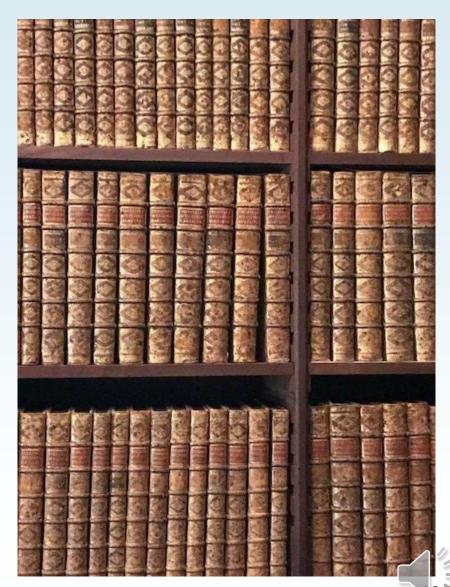




## UCL Press offers publishing services



- □ Dublin City University is the first university to buy publishing services from UCL
- □ All outputs to be branded as Dublin City University Press
- □ All enquiries welcomed
- □ <a href="https://www.uclpress.co.uk/">https://www.uclpress.co.uk/</a>





Megajournal platform, *UCL Open,* launched 31 January 2019



- □UCL Open: Environment <a href="https://ucl-about.scienceopen.com/">https://ucl-about.scienceopen.com/</a>
- □Inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary content
- □ Fast turn-around times being planned





## Our Aims for a UCL Press Megajournal





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### **UCL Open Science Office**

- launched October 2020



## Open Science Pillar

**Scholarly Publishing** 

**EOSC** 

**FAIR Data** 

**Education & Skills** 

Research Integrity

Rewards

**Next Generation Metrics** 

Citizen Science

Activities planned in all areas for 2020-21





#### Conclusion

- □Open Science is a blueprint for the university of the 21st century
- ☐ Benefits are obvious
- ☐ Challenges are not easy to address
- ■Not a given that Open Science will be the default way to proceed
- ☐ Universities have to make a choice



UCL Student Centre, opened 18/2/19

