Open Access Week

Theme 2021: *"It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity"*

EUI Open Access 'Roundtable'

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 26 October 2021, 14.00-16.00

Room Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana, San Domenico di Fiesole & Zoom

14.00 Welcome by Pep Torn, EUI Library Director

14.05 Introduction by Prof. Renaud Dehousse, EUI President: *Introduction to Open Access at the EUI*

Chair of Roundtable: **Lotta Svantesson**, Open Science office coordinator, EUI Library

14.15 Speech by Prof. Simon Hix, Professor, Political and Social Sciences Department (SPS), EUI

The Importance of Replication in the Social Sciences, and a Practical Experience of Sharing Data

Giving an insight from his perspective on open science from the CIVICA network and LSE, and about his first impressions at the EUI.

Simon Hix is the Stein Rokkan Chair in Comparative Politics in the Political and Social Sciences Department at the EUI. Prior to this position, Simon was the Pro-Director (vice president) for Research and the Harold Laski Professor of Political Science at the LSE. Simon's research and teaching focusses on comparative political behaviour and institutions, in particular political parties and party systems, public opinion and voting behaviour, electoral system design, and legislative behaviour, as well as the study of political behaviour and institutions in the European Union.

14.30 Speech by Dr. Demmy Verbeke, Head KU Leuven Libraries Artes, Associate Professor of Open Scholarship, Faculty of Arts

Transformative Agreements (TAs): the good, the bad and the beautiful

- What do we mean when we say 'Transformative Agreements (TAs)?
- What is good about them, what is bad about them?
- Examples of 'good' deals that should be called transformative and are a step forward.

Lately, there is a lot of talk about transformative agreements (TAs), not in the least in the context of compliance to the Open Access rules and regulations imposed by funders and governments. But what is a transformative agreement exactly? Is this not just a better-sounding synonym for read-and-publish deals with legacy publishers? Be that as it may, more and more academic institutions and research libraries are trying to secure this newish

type of contract with publishers since they consider it an efficient way to support Open Access. At the same time, there is a lot of opposition against this approach to achieve more Open Access, so we also need to consider the arguments against such deals. There are many different models to stimulate Open Access. Question is: do all of these deserve to be called transformative?

As Head of KU Leuven Libraries Artes, Demmy Verbeke is responsible for collections and services for the Arts and Humanities. As a member of the management team with primary responsibilities for research, he also contributes to the strategic development and operational management of KU Leuven Libraries as a whole. He combines this position in the library with an appointment as associate professor of open scholarship at the Faculty of Arts. His research and teaching primarily focus on non-profit and community-driven forms of scholarly communication in the humanities.

14.45 Speech by Andy Redman, Director – Open Access / OA books director, Oxford University Press

Publishers and Models: The Ecstasy of Gold?

Oxford University Press' perspective on open access models for journals and books.

15.00 Speech by Dr. Eva María Méndez Rodríguez, Deputy Vice-President for Scientific Policy, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

Open Science to Build Parachutes in the Post-COVID Time

Bringing expertise in Open Science advocacy, but also in groups such as OpenAire2020, the Research Data Alliance (RDA), and the UNESCO Expert Group of Open Data and Open Data Repositories

Eva Méndez holds a PhD in Library and Information Sciences (LIS) and is an expert in metadata. She defines herself in her Twitter profile as an 'open knowledge militant' (@evamen). She has been a lecturer at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M), LIS department since 1997.She has been an active member of several international research teams, advisory boards and communities including: DCMI, OpenAire, Metadata2020, RDA, etc. In 2005-06 she was awarded a Fulbright Research Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA). She has taken part in and led several research projects and acted as advisor to many more in the fields related with standardization, metadata, semantic web, open data, digital repositories and libraries, in addition to information policies for development in several countries. In 2015 she won the Young Researcher of Excellence award of her University. In November 2017 she was named "Open Data Champion" by SPARC Europe. She is currently Deputy Vice President for Scientific Policy-Open Science at UC3M and member of the EU-OSPP (European Open Science Policy Platform) on behalf of YERUN (Young European Research Universities Network). She is the OSPP chair for the 2nd mandate of the platform.

15.15 Discussion, Conclusions and Wrap-up

With the participation of the EUI Library Open Science office: Lotta Svantesson, Open Science office coordinator, Simone Sacchi, Open Science Librarian, and Thomas Bourke, EUI Library Information specialist, Economics and Research Data