Open Dialogues on Open Access / Publishing for Early Career Faculty & Graduate Students

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Our publishing program:

- Research monographs and edited collections
- Palgrave Pivots
- Handbooks and reference titles
- Selection of professional and practitioner titles
- Upper-level textbooks
- Journals
Award-Winning

Co-awarded the British Society of Criminology Book Prize 2014

Winner of the PROSE Award 2014

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Winner of the Falstaff Award for Best Book in 2014

Nobel Laureates: 33 Nobel prize-winners
Award-Winning

Choice coverage: over 20 positive reviews per month and Palgrave Macmillan (and clients) won 21 Choice Outstanding Awards in 2013 and 23 in 2014
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We are part of an unbroken tradition of over 170 years of academic publishing in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Business. We’ve published some of the leading scholarly works, such as the first *Dictionary of Economics*, *The Golden Treasury* and *The Shakespeare First Folios*. But we are also known for our publishing in new, cutting-edge areas. We are similarly committed to promoting interdisciplinary publishing and providing a venue to publish work in new sub-fields.
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- Inter-American Development Bank
- Academy of International Business
- Royal Shakespeare Company

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New Directions in Academic Publishing

Palgrave Pivot – fully peer reviewed, short monographs (25,000-50,000 words)

‘A breathtaking example of academic responsiveness to world events’ – the LSE Review of Books on Helen Lenskyj’s recent Palgrave Pivot, Sexual Diversity and the Sochi 2014 Olympics

Titles published to date: 485

Average time to publish: 9 weeks  Shortest time to publish: 5.14 weeks  (Sporting Times by Kath Woodward)
New Directions in Academic Publishing

Policy Impact: *Adoption* by Peter Conn was published in January 2013; the following month it was cited numerous times in an Amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court of the United States in opposition California’s Proposition 8, which restricted the recognition of marriage to same sex couples.

Cultural Impact: The Olympic Museum in Lausanne ran an exhibition on *Sporting Times* inspired by Kath Woodward’s Palgrave Pivot, and Kath went on to curate the exhibition.

Critically Acclaimed: Palgrave Pivots have received very positive reviews from respected venues, including many academic journals, the LSE Review of Books (such as *Football’s Dark Side* and *The Digital Afterlives of Jane Austen*) and from Times Higher Education (such as *Watching Arabic Television in Europe*).
What is Open Access (OA)?

- Open access is the free, unrestricted online access to scholarly research\(^1\)
- OA works are usually free to share and free to reuse without special permission beyond attribution
- Often involves publishing under Creative Commons Attribution licenses (CC BY)
- As works are free to read without a subscription, the costs of publishing, disseminating and archiving are typically covered through research funding provisions.

\(^1\) [http://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm](http://legacy.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm)
New Directions in Academic Publishing

OPEN

• First publisher to offer OA options across all scholarly formats: journal, mid-form monograph (Palgrave Pivot), and traditional monograph

• All work published via Palgrave Open receives the same professional and rigorous peer-review process. In fact, the OA option is not available until the work has been approved for publication, ensuring our research is of the highest standard
The Two Main Routes to OA

**Green Open Access**
- Deposit of author’s accepted manuscript version in a repository
- Individual self-archiving policies by publisher/journal
- Embargo periods may apply

**Gold Open Access**
- Fully OA journals and Hybrid OA option for subscription-based journals
- Final publisher version of OA content is freely available immediately
- Gold OA removes permission barriers (most copyright and license restrictions)
Benefits of Open Access

• Unrestricted access to knowledge
• Potential for research to travel outside the research community (e.g. public, government)
• Better return on investment in research for funding bodies
• Increased visibility and readership of articles
• Increased citation impact\(^1\)
• Facilitates interdisciplinary collaboration
• Text and data mining enabled
• Driving innovation in publishing e.g. speed, open data

1. The Open Access Citation Advantage Service [http://sparceurope.org/oaca/](http://sparceurope.org/oaca/)
OA Trends in Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) in 2015

• In 2015, 676 (8.5% of total) fully OA HSS journals listed in Scopus - increase of 20% from 2014

• 34% increase in no. of articles published in OA journals in 2014 (18,060) vs. 2013 (13,514) according to Scopus

• Faster growth compared to STM (9% - journals; 13% - articles)

• More than 3,300 titles indexed in Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) from >100 Publishers

http://www.doabooks.org/
Growth in Open Access by Discipline

Laakso and Björk *BMC Medicine* 2012 10:124 doi:10.1186/1741-7015-10-124 (Reproduced under CC-BY http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0)
Funding and Mandates for OA monographs

Only ten funding bodies fund OA fees for monographs – but this is increasing.

All monograph funders support HSS & STM
*Excluding institutions only distributing OA block grants.

- Only four OA monograph funders mandate OA for monographs: Wellcome Trust (UK), FWF (Austria), NWO (Belgium), SNSF (Switzerland). Primarily STM funders, and most will accept green OA as an alternative.
Other HSS OA Developments

• **Forthcoming, 2015:** Open Access Publishing in European Networks (OAPEN)-UK report

• **October 2015:** Knowledge Unlatched Round 2 collection opens [http://www.knowledgeunlatched.org/](http://www.knowledgeunlatched.org/)

• **September 2015:**
  • Open Library of Humanities publishes first articles [https://www.openlibhums.org/](https://www.openlibhums.org/)
  • First articles published in a multidisciplinary (including HSS) journal from Elsevier

• **August 2015:** American Sociological Association (ASA) launches a fully OA journal, *Socius*
Other HSS OA Developments

- **January 2015:**
  - *Palgrave Communications*, a fully OA journal for HSS disciplines publishes first articles
  - HEFCE report on OA monographs finds “there is no single dominant emerging business model”
- **November 2014:** Paul Martin Eve’s (OA) book, Open Access and the Humanities, published
- **April 2014:** British Academy report on OA publishing in HSS
  
## Palgrave Macmillan’s Response to OA

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**Palgrave Communications**

**Scope**
- Multi and interdisciplinary in scope, covering all areas of the humanities, social sciences and business
- Journal features regular thematic collections

**Editorial Board**
- Around 120 members reflecting the journal’s broad scope.
- Thirty associate editors who oversee peer review of submitted papers
Palgrave and OA Books

• OA possible for monographs, pivots and individual chapters
• Authors/their funding agency charged an ‘Open access publishing charge’
• ALL online versions of book are open access (PDF, ePub, Kindle version)
• Licensed under CC BY
• Print versions sold at cost
• Now largest commercial publisher of OA books following joint venture with Springer (Springer Nature)

http://www.palgraveconnect.com/pc/browse/listcollection?pcode=oa
http://www.springeropen.com/books
Usage and Sales of OA titles

• On average our OA books have received 8 times the usage of non-OA books

• All our OA books are in the top 100 most-accessed titles in our ebook collections

• Negative effect on print sales; extent of the effect varies significantly by title

⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ Causes of Mycoses 22 Jun 2014
By Colin Stewart
Format: Kindle Edition | Verified Purchase

What a fascinating read. With all this going on its a wonder anybody is healthy. From the early discoveries to the latest treatments and potential downsides of antibiotic treatment.
Publishing OA – Considerations when Choosing a Journal/Publisher

• Open access is well established, some brands have been with us for 15 years

• Some open access journals are the most highly ranked in their fields

• Open Access journals should be judged on the same criteria as any subscription journal for quality

• Use services such as Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association (OASPA), and #thinkchecksubmit to check the credentials of OA publishers
Publishing OA – Considerations when Preparing your Manuscript

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• Legal requirement for attribution of any reuse
  • Including a link to the original work and license
• No assumed endorsement of derivative works
• Publisher often offers further protection if there is evidence of infringement of authors’ rights
• Authors and institutions can create derivatives and updates easily and efficiently
• Commercial use restrictions can vary (including restricting teaching) in some jurisdictions

Life cycle of a Palgrave monograph

- Proposal submitted and vetted by editor
- Top-level editorial work between editor and author
- Peer review process (2-3 months)
- Editorial board
- Contract
- Manuscript prep
- Permissions
- Manuscript delivery
- 2nd peer review / Editorial vet
- Manuscript enters production (6 months)
- Copyediting
- Proofs
- Publication!
Revising the Dissertation

- Do your research: great books available like *The Thesis and the Book, From Dissertation to Book, The Future of Scholarly Writing* and *Stylish Academic Writing* – plus you can email our editors for advice
- The audience has changed, so you will need to adapt the book’s scope and approach accordingly
- Look at published books in your field
- Rethink your content, structure, length, style, readability
- Get rid of excessive quotation/documentation
- Revise chapter titles, cut notes down, and cut all mention of the book being a thesis in the work (i.e. in acknowledgements page)
- Use active, not passive voice
Five Things We Look for in a Book

- Original research (new archival discoveries, unique synthesis of ideas, interdisciplinary work)
- Relevant to an ongoing debate in the academic field
- A clear and persuasive argument
- Connects with a defined audience, i.e. has a big enough audience to support the book
- Does the book fit with our list? Is there a series your book would fit with? Your proposal or cover letter should demonstrate some familiarity with the press
The Proposal – our top tips

1. Title

Be clear and descriptive. And think about search terms!
Some examples:
• *The Unruly PhD: Doubts, Detours, Departures, and Other Success Stories*
• *Governing Risk: The IMF and Global Financial Crisis*
• *Islam and Controversy: The Politics of Free Speech After Rushdie*
• *Tiananmen Exiles: Voices of the Struggle for Democracy in China*
• *Digitizing Government: Understanding and Implementing New Digital Business Models*

2. Description

Think about who’s going to read the proposal and ensure it conveys the aims and contribution of the book.

3. Content

We’ll need a detailed breakdown + Table of Contents (TOC)
The Proposal – our top tips

4. Market
Primary and secondary; be realistic!

5. Competition – or comparable titles
How will your book fit with the rest of our list? This is worth some research as it tells us how many sales we can expect, whether we have published books that your title can be marketed alongside, and how we might be able to get the edge over competitors in terms of positioning.
The Proposal – our top tips

6. 3rd party material
Illustrations, extended quotations, maps – anything that will require permission to use

7. Technical details
Extent, delivery date, contact details
Copyright and Intellectual Property

Palgrave needs permission to be cleared before we’ll put the book into production.
- Permissions clearance can take a lot of time and cost a lot of money.
- Only include illustrations and 3rd party material where really necessary to advance your argument.
- Lots of advice and guidance available online...
Contact Information

To submit a proposal:

http://www.palgrave.com/page/submit-a-proposal/

List of editorial contacts:

http://www.palgrave.com/contacts/editorial-contacts/

More publishing resources: http://www.palgrave.com/page/the-publishing-process/

Author queries regarding marketing and promotion:

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We pride ourselves on supporting the work of Early Career Researchers who we recognise as future leaders in their disciplines and the lifeblood of the fields in which we publish. As well as publishing the very best new research, our editors regularly give presentations on campus to doctoral students and ECRs on the publishing process and we have collected a range of resources to support those looking to develop an academic career. In addition to advice from our editors a number of our authors have also kindly provided advice of their own and described their experiences.

Palgrave Macmillan accepts proposals based on dissertations, even when those dissertations have been made available in online repositories. To be considered ready for publication, those dissertations must have been significantly revised. To help with this revision our editors have put together the following advice...

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