Workshop on Open Access infrastructures in the Social Sciences and Humanities
Session 1: Open Access in Social Sciences and Humanities – Current practices and challenges
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Speaker profiles and abstracts

Session Chair

Prof Alain Peyraube (ERC Scientific Council)
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Alain Peyraube received his Ph.D. from Paris 8 University in 1976 and his Doctorat d’Etat from Paris 7 University in 1984. Research Fellow at the CNRS since 1975, he has been Director from 1984 to 1998 of the Institute of East Asian Linguistics (CNRS and EHESS). He served as President of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics and as President of the European Association of Chinese Studies.

He has been Visiting Professor and Visiting Scholar at Cornell University (Hu Shih Chair), at the University of California at Santa Barbara, at the Hong Kong Baptist University, at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Peking, at the Academia Sinica of Taiwan, at La Trobe University in Australia.

He is distinguished member of the Chinese academy of social sciences, corresponding member of the academia Sinica of Taiwan, honorary professor at the University of Beijing, and adjunct professor at the Hong Kong University Science and Technology.

A specialist in Chinese historical syntax and linguistic typology of Sinitic languages, A. Peyraube has authored five books and more than a hundred of articles on Chinese studies and mainly on Chinese linguistics. His latest research has been done within a broadly functional and cognitive framework in a cross-linguistic perspective. Some of his recent publications are the chapter on Ancient Chinese in the Encyclopaedia of the World’s Ancient Languages (Cambridge University Press), articles on Languages and Genes in China and on the cognitive approaches of the expression of Space in Medieval and Modern Chinese.

Speakers

Niamh Brennan
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Niamh Brennan is Programme Manager for Research Informatics in Trinity College Library Dublin where she works on the development of Trinity’s Research Support System and its institutional repository, TARA (Trinity’s Access to Research Archive). Niamh is a member of several national and international groups working on open access to research outputs and enabling their improved reporting, retrieval and evaluation, including Ireland’s National Steering Group on Open Access Policy (which represents all Irish funding councils and
research agencies and institutions), RIAN (Ireland’s Open Access Research Portal) Steering Group, DART-Europe (Digital Access to Research Theses Europe), OpenAIRE and OpenAIRE Plus. Niamh coordinates a national sectoral project, funded by the Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA) and managed by the Irish Universities Association (IUA), which develops research reporting standards and research evaluation methodologies. She is a member of the management councils of two key Irish journals in economics and social sciences and has partnered in a number of research projects in digital humanities, international development and social sciences.

**On Grasping the Lifeline - and Avoiding the Noose: Open Access in Social Sciences and Humanities**

**Abstract:** Against a background of threats to research funding (particularly in humanities and social sciences) along with the current global questioning of the relevance of universities and the increased requirement to demonstrate the value of publicly-funded research, the presenter shows how developments in institutional research information systems and open access repositories can support researchers, research institutions and funders to save time and money, maximize impact and demonstrate societal relevance and engagement - while honouring the principle of academic freedom and respecting the contribution of ‘traditional’ and ‘non-traditional’ publishing. Open Access is presented as a starting point, rather than an end in itself. Issues around open access in humanities and social sciences are addressed within this context.

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**Professor Colin Jones**

*Professor of History, Queen Mary University of London. Immediate past President, Royal Historical Society*

Colin Jones is a historian of France, especially in the eighteenth century and the French Revolution, and also in the field of the history of medicine. He has just stepped down as President of the Royal Historical Society which is the oldest, largest and most respected learned society in Britain dedicated to the defence and promotion of history as a discipline.

**Open Access in Great Britain: how not to do it?**

**Abstract:** In the summer of 2012, the British government accepted the proposals of the Finch Report on widening open access. Little concern was given to working through an implementation policy, however, with the result of much confusion and uncertainty and with the emergence of perverse consequences of well-meaning proposals. Although there are signs that government is now accepting the need for wider consultation and forethought, there are still severe problems facing the HEI sector and learned societies within Britain. It is hoped that there are lessons to be learnt more broadly about the phasing in of open access elsewhere.

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**Dr Anke Beck**

*Vice President Publishing for Humanities & Social Sciences, De Gruyter Publishers, Berlin*

Dr. Anke Beck earned her PhD in Linguistics from the University of Bielefeld, Germany. She also received her MA from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. She was Editorial Director of De Gruyter Mouton, the English-
language linguistics publishing division of De Gruyter, for many years before becoming Vice President of Publishing in 2008. She has always been involved in the interdisciplinary and international aspects of publishing and was in charge of expanding our North American presence before being entrusted with founding an representative office in China. Presently, her passion is new directions in publishing, such as Open Access and Digital Humanities.

From Trinity College to the Jedi Archives: De Gruyter – A Publisher in Transition

Abstract: The presenter demonstrates how an “utterly traditional publisher” has embraced OA as business model. She argues why current OA concepts for journals are difficult to enforce in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and why OA for book concepts offer conditions suitable for both fields. The presentation also offers insights into which services publishers base their fees on before concluding with some remarks about what needs to be done in order to increase use and acceptability of OA concepts in HSS.

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Stevan Harnad
Canada Research Chair in Cognitive Sciences, Université du Québec à Montréal and Professor of Web Science, University of Southampton

Harnad’s research interests are in cognitive science and open access: categorization, communication, cognition, and consciousness. Founder and editor-in-chief of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, 1978-2002; founded Psycoloquy (an early electronic journal sponsored by the American Psychological Association), CogPrints (an electronic eprint archive in the cognitive sciences hosted by the University of Southampton), and the American Scientist Open Access Forum (since 1998). Harnad is an active promoter of open access (EPrints, EnablingOpenScholarship (EOS), Open Access Scholarly Information Sourcebook (OASIS), SPARC Campus Open Access Policies).

The Common OA Policy Needs of SSH and STEM

Abstract: Open Access (OA) means, first and foremost, free online access to refereed journal articles for all users, not just those whose institutions can afford to subscribe to the journal in which the article was published. Every author and every user in every discipline -- SSH and STEM -- wants and needs that, without exception. Other types of content, such as books or data, and various re-use rights, such as text-mining, re-mixing, and re-publishing, are secondary, differ from discipline to discipline, and each entail special complications. First things first. OA can be provided in two ways. Journals can provide OA (Gold OA publishing) or authors can provide OA (Green OA self-archiving of published articles in authors' institutional repositories). No need to wait for publishers to convert to Gold, nor to pay pre-emptively for Gold while subscriptions still need to be paid. Green OA can be and is being mandated (required) by institutions and research funders. Once Green OA mandates have prevailed globally, all the rest -- Gold OA and as much re-use, book OA, and data OA as authors want to provide -- will follow as a natural matter of course. But if we just keep fiddling instead about Gold OA, re-use, book OA, data OA, and putative discipline differences, the Green OA to articles that has long been within our reach and that everyone needs and wants will continue to elude our grasp.