

COPIM Conference: Futures of Collective Funding

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1) What are the key issues you expect OA monographs to confront in the coming years?

- Disparity of global funding body mandates
- Will the UK government's focus on STM in schools and universities start to affect funding/researchers in SSH?
- Publishers entrenching the BPC model
- Building an evidence base on how OA monographs effects sales
- Authors attitudes towards and awareness of OA.
- Will REF2027 include OA requirement?
- Infrastructure and discoverability of OA book content
- How can OA books be included on third party platforms/catalogues? How will aggregators react to the move to OA?

2) In the contexts you work, what are the key issues you expect collective funding models to confront in the coming years?

- Global focus to maximise spread of supporters/ reduce pressure on particular countries.
- Can various negotiation bodies share agreements between themselves if due diligence done?
- Lack of / or threat to library budgets for new spend
- How do libraries decide which to support? Publishers to provide more data on usage and author affiliation. Can open infrastructure to facilitate this
- Can titles in Diamond agreements be identified up front to help libraries supporting from a collection development perspective?

3) What would a fairer and more equitable landscape for OA books look like?

- More streamlining/agreement over pricing BPCs/CPCs/self-archiving & deposit conditions/licensing
- Support for authors and OA embedded at high levels within institutions
- Licensing issues around third-party images and copyright resolved
- Peter Barr's LSE blog:
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2023/04/03/greater-expectations-the-academic-library-should-be-a-benefactor-for-community-owned-publishing/>

4) How can sustainability in OA books, and the models that seek to enable them, be assured?

- For legacy publishers: Diamond OA fees in line with purchase price of content.
- Agreements to include perpetual access rights if not published OA to make it a no-brainer for libraries
- Dashboard to highlight publishers/packages a library should support based on previous authorship