


Open Press at UoS: publishing OER via Library- academic partnerships



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Background to OPUS

- Library-based open access publishing service
- Using the Pressbooks platform
- Supporting open scholarship
- Free to publish, free to access
- Sustainable
- Diamond open access = more inclusive publishing

Pressbooks

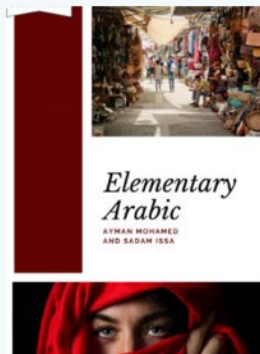
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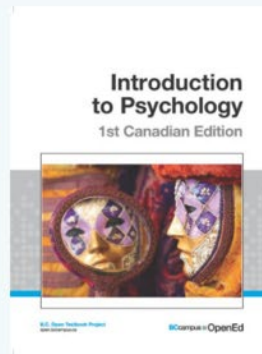
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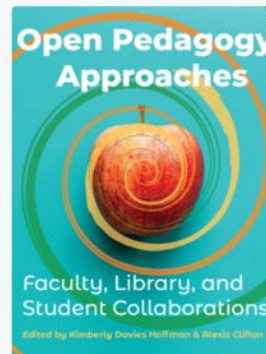
Curated Collections



Language Learning



High Enrollment



Open Education



Interactive OER



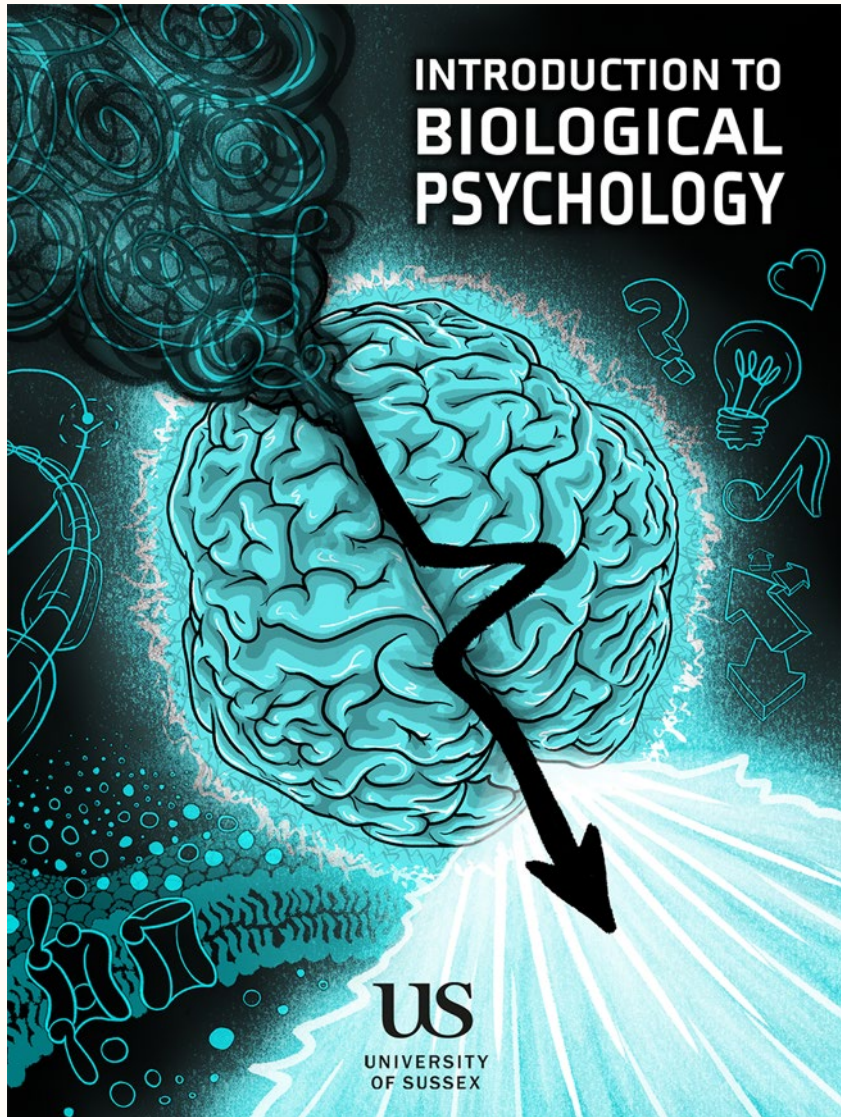
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What services do we offer?

- Online publication via Pressbooks (+ download options eg PDF, EPUB)
- Fully open access with choice of Creative Commons licences
- ISBNs, DOIs, MARC records, metadata delivery
- Tailored editorial support, advice, copyediting/proofing
- Dissemination and discovery



Our pilot textbook project



- A first? Creation of an [open textbook](#)
- Collaborative project with other institutions
- Supports teaching, benefits students... and the Library
- Free for individuals or other institutions to use
- Launched February 2023
- Over 80K views, 17K downloads on the platform alone

Lessons learned

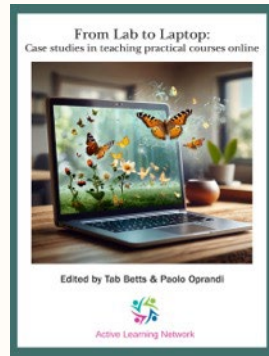
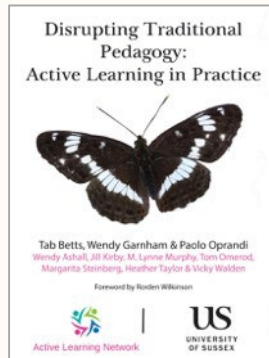


- Post-pilot debrief collaboration with Bloomsbury Publishing

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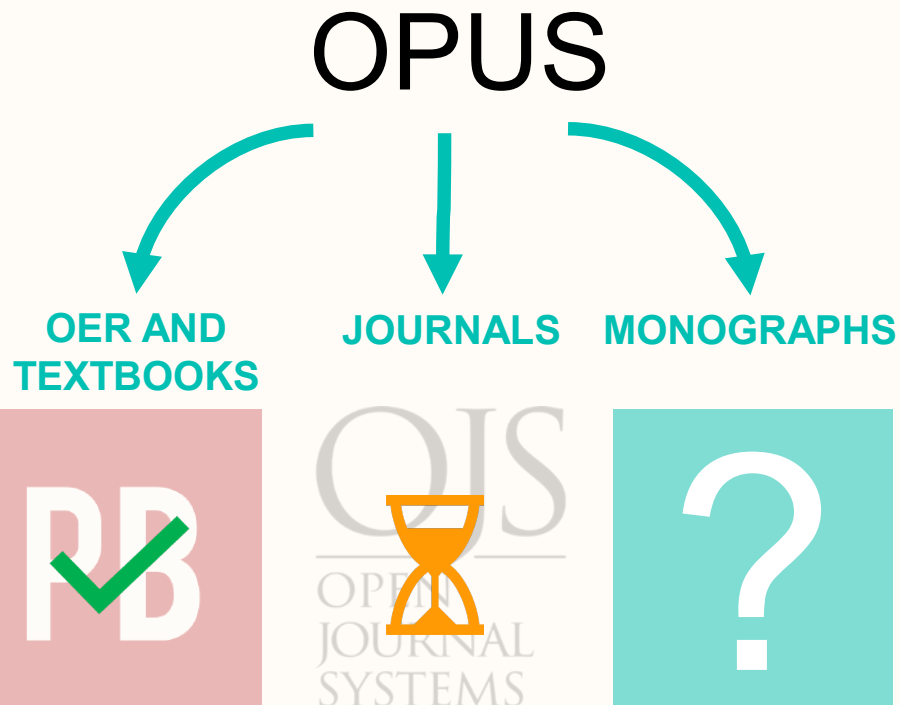
- OPUS is now an established service offered by the Library.
- Reflects the University of Sussex's commitment to open research.
- OPUS sits within the Library's Research and Open Scholarship team.

Building on its success



- We have published a range of material – 8 OERs/textbooks, 1 of which is a finalist in the British Council’s ELTon awards.
- We provide a tailored approach to support researchers.
- Plans for a future textbook.

Broadening our offering



- We aim to support a range of research outputs, including journals and monographs.
- We are designing policies to formalise the aims of the press.

Building connections



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OpenBook
Collective

- Founding member of the Open Institutional Publishing Association (OIPA).
- Member of the Association of University Presses (AUP).
- Supporter of the Open Book Collective.

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Benefits of working with the Library

- The OPUS team handles many of the production processes required to publish a book.
- However, we rely on ongoing support from other teams in the Library.
- This makes it possible for us to keep offering a diamond open access publishing service.

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A white rectangular box containing the text 'Thank you! Any questions?' in a black, serif font. The background of the slide is a photograph of a brick staircase leading up to a brick building under a concrete archway. A small potted plant is visible on the right side of the stairs.

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