

# **OPEN ACCESS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES: A UK PERSPECTIVE**

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# CHANGES IN HSS RESEARCH DISSEMINATION: CAUSE AND EFFECT AND OA OPPORTUNITY(1)

## *Cause*

- ✘ The pressure to publish quickly in order to meet Research Assessment Exercise deadlines

## *Effect*

- ✘ More publication by HSS authors in journal articles, less emphasis upon publication in monographs, unless those monographs can be published within the RAE timescale

## *OA opportunity*

- ✘ The open access model suits the move towards HSS journal article or individual chapter publishing
- ✘ It is easier to deposit individual articles or book chapters in a repository than it is to deposit an entire monograph

## CHANGES IN HSS RESEARCH DISSEMINATION: CAUSE AND EFFECT AND OA OPPORTUNITY (2)

### *Cause*

- ✘ Ever-increasing proportion of library budgets spent on STM journal “big deals”

### *Effect*

- ✘ Libraries have less money to spend on HSS research monographs, so publishers do not find it economic to publish research monographs unless the author/topic is known to be very popular

### *OA opportunity*

- ✘ Repository deposit enables use of monographs chapter by chapter, an advertising tool which could increase sales of an entire monograph

# CHANGES IN HSS RESEARCH DISSEMINATION: CAUSE AND EFFECT AND OA OPPORTUNITY (3)

## *Cause*

- ✘ Government emphasis upon accountability for taxpayer's money

## *Effect*

- ✘ University administrations look very critically at the cost of maintaining a university press, leading to the closure of many presses or their sale to commercial publishers (N.B. this has a disproportionate effect upon HSS authors)

## *OA opportunity*

- ✘ OA provides better value for money than conventional publication
- ✘ A university press could develop publications derived from repository copies, using repository usage statistics as a guide to future sales

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