

On Open Access Publishing in Sweden



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Open Access at the National Library of Sweden

- OpenAccess.se promoting and supporting open access in Sweden since 2006
- Information, infrastructure & services development and policy coordination
- Cooperating with HEI's, funders & research organisations
- Annual conference *Meeting Place Open Access* (MOA)
- Swedish NOAD in the EU-funded project OpenAire
- Open Access expert in the Swedish advocacy platform for H2020 programme "Science with and for Society"
- Member in many international open access networks and organisations: e.g. SPARC, COAR, LIBER and DOAJ

National Guidelines for Open Access to Scientific Information

- 2012 Recommendation from the EU commission to member states
- 2012 Swedish Research Bill addresses open access
- 2015 *A Proposal for National Guidelines for Open Access to Scientific Information* by the Swedish Research Council in collaboration with the National Library of Sweden
 - Identifying opportunities for and obstacles to a transition to open access in regards to scientific publications, artistic works & research data

Swedish Research Bill 2016/17:50

- All scientific publications resulting from research financed with public funds shall be published immediately open access
- Openness is default
- The transition should be fully realised within 10 years
- Common responsibility for all stakeholders within the research system to work towards the goal

National coordination task 2017-2019

The National Library of Sweden shall coordinate the implementation of principles for open access in consultation with the Swedish Research Council

Further studies:

- Research assessment and funding allocation system versus incentives for open access-publishing
- Financing the transition from a subscription-based to an open access publishing system
- Open Access to monographs
- Financial and technical support for “flipping” national journals
- Monitoring OA-mandates & requirements

University based Open Access Journals in Sweden

9 Swedish Universities publishing open access journals listed in DOAJ

Linköping University: 9

Stockholm University: 4

Umeå University: 3

Göteborg University: 2

Most of them with no Article Processing Charges (APC)

University based Open Access books and monographs in Sweden

- Lund University Press
- Stockholm University Press
- Kriterium portal

A number of other university presses mainly publishing scholarly theses

Lund University Press www.lunduniversitypress.lu.se

- Started 2015 (first book to be published 2018)
- Publishes books in English only, with a stringent peer-reviewing process
- Initially, operations comprise the Joint Faculties of Humanities and Theology (HT) welcomes other Faculties joining the enterprise
- The first two years are funded by a special grant allocated. From 2018 onwards, the HT Faculties bear the full cost, with the support of “book-loving donors”
- Cooperate with Manchester University Press, who produces the printed volume and makes the book available Open Access on the OAPEN platform
- Editorial Committee with Humanities and Theology scholars at LU. Sends manuscript to external peer-reviewers
- Lund UP expects to cover the costs of translation, language editing, and production out of its own budget (for books no longer than approx 230 pages)

Stockholm University Press

www.stockholmuniversitypress.se

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- Founded 2014
 - Main focal points are rigorous peer review, open access and global dissemination (also print on demand)
 - Organized at the Stockholm University Library
 - Aim to make journals and books affordable
 - Publish in the humanities, social sciences and the natural sciences
 - Part of Ubiquity Press Network
 - Flat rate of 300 Euro/article and 4200 Euro/book (200 pages)
 - Editorial boards within each discipline, consists of faculty from SU and elsewhere
 - Governed by a Publishing Committee, making decisions based on assessment and recommendations by the editorial boards

Kriterium: not a publisher but a mark of quality

www.kriterium.se



- Started 2014 as a two-year pilot project
- A collaborative venture between universities, funders and publishers
- Steering group represents the consortium
- A portal for review, publication and dissemination of high-quality academic books, in print and open access (Humanities & Social Sciences)
- Stringent peer review according to set guidelines
- Kriterium's academic review board consists of academic representatives from various disciplines and institutions
- Offers a clear and qualitative certification of academic books with intention to strengthen them as a medium for academic publishing
- Titles included in Kriterium are also simultaneously published through another established channel eg. a university series or a commercial publisher
- All Kriterium book projects will involve a cost due to the review and revision process. The fees may vary with the scope, book type and publication channel

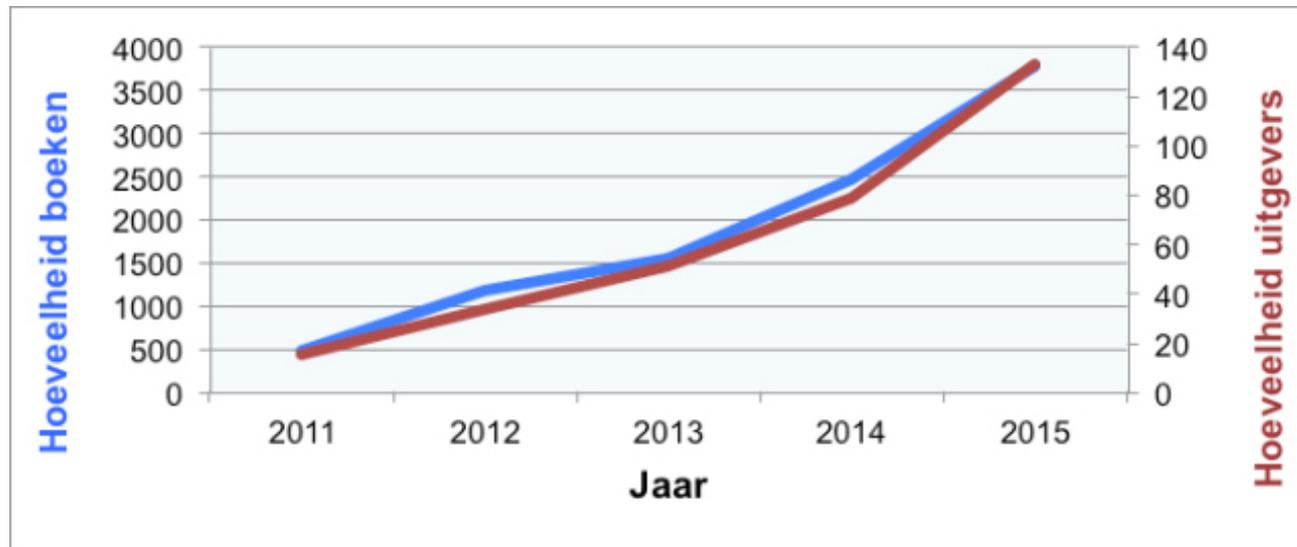
Open Access Books and Monographs

- Less visible in the debate
- The last five years small but significant developments have taken place for the academic book - a shift to an alternative model for book publishing in open access
- Traditionally the domain dominated by the humanities and social sciences
- Even if academic books are not absent from the open access world, a proactive policy for publishing and financing such monographs and essay collections is still in its infancy

Jeroen Sondervan “Open access and the long argument”

Growth of open access books in DOAB

DOAB has more than 4,500 books available online, deriving from 150 publishers worldwide



Amount of publications (blue) and publishers (red) in the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB).

“It’s time to heed the drive towards open books”

Martin Paul Eve on REF principles for a future policy on open access monographs

- In the near future many open access policies will be extended to monographs
- Institutions need to begin thinking about the strategies that they will deploy to meet these forthcoming obligations
- A wrongly-held belief that publishing digital, open-access books means eradicating print
- Economic challenge - a need for new business models with a range of funding routes
- Suggests leadership and risk-taking from the larger publishers who have the funds to do so
- The author-, institution-, or funder-facing charges that have worked in the natural sciences for journal articles are not going to cut it in the book space
- University and library leaders need to begin thinking about their budgetary configurations

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