

**Towards a new model  
for scientific publishing**

# **Fair Open Access A Roadmap**



## Classical Journal Publishing Model (CJPM)

### Publisher-centric

The *publisher* calls the shots

- Publishers own the journal titles and the copyright of the articles
- Publishers set pricing and conditions, determine the marketing
- Publishers control editorial assistance, workflow, copy-editing, storage, and indexing

### Dualistic

Publishers vs. Researchers & Libraries

### User pays

Researchers pay for access to journal articles

### Subscription based

University libraries pay increasingly unaffordable yearly subscriptions to the publisher

## Fair Open Access Publishing Model (FOAPM)

### Researcher-centric

*Researchers* call the shots

- Researchers author, review, and edit articles
- Editors own the journal titles, and use Publication Services Providers (PSPs) to make articles available online at low cost
- Researchers own copyright
- University libraries provide editorial assistance, storage, publication fees

### Pluralistic

Researchers, university libraries and Publication Services Providers (PSPs) collaborate

### Producer pays

Editors/university libraries pay for Article Processing Charges (APCs) with public money

### Production cost based

University libraries pay for the real production costs of online publishing

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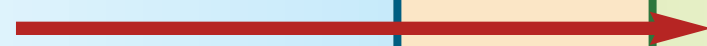
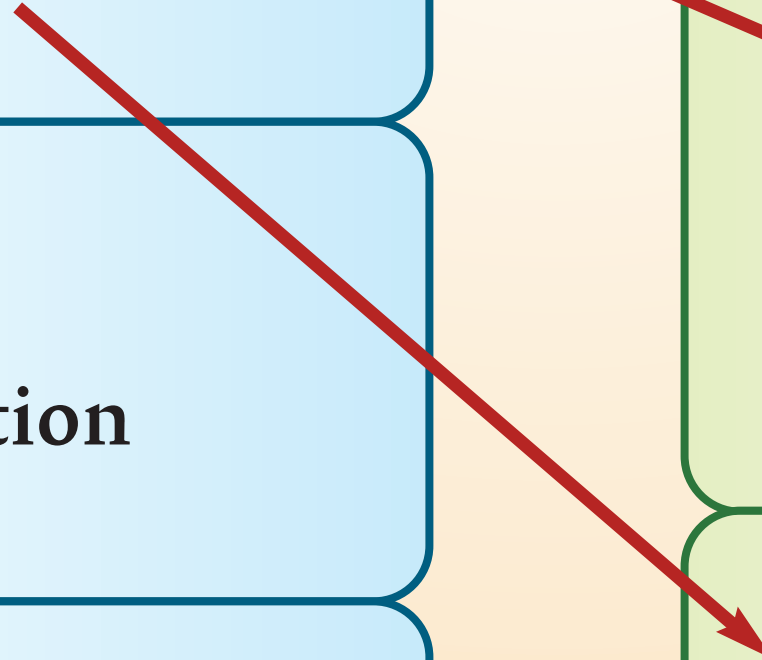
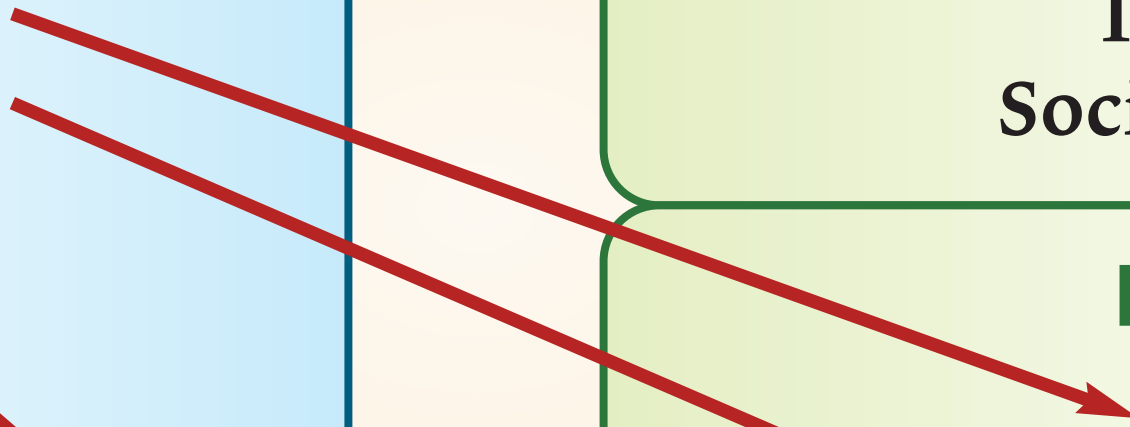
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**Linguistics in Open Access**



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- Authors do not individually pay for APCs. APCs are covered by a dedicated fund during the 5-year incubation period. After the incubation period, library consortia similar to the Open Library of Humanities take over APC payments in lieu of subscriptions



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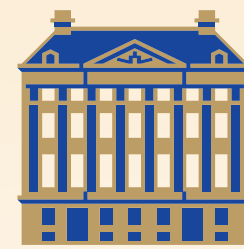
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**Provide a financial guarantee for APC's**



**Support**



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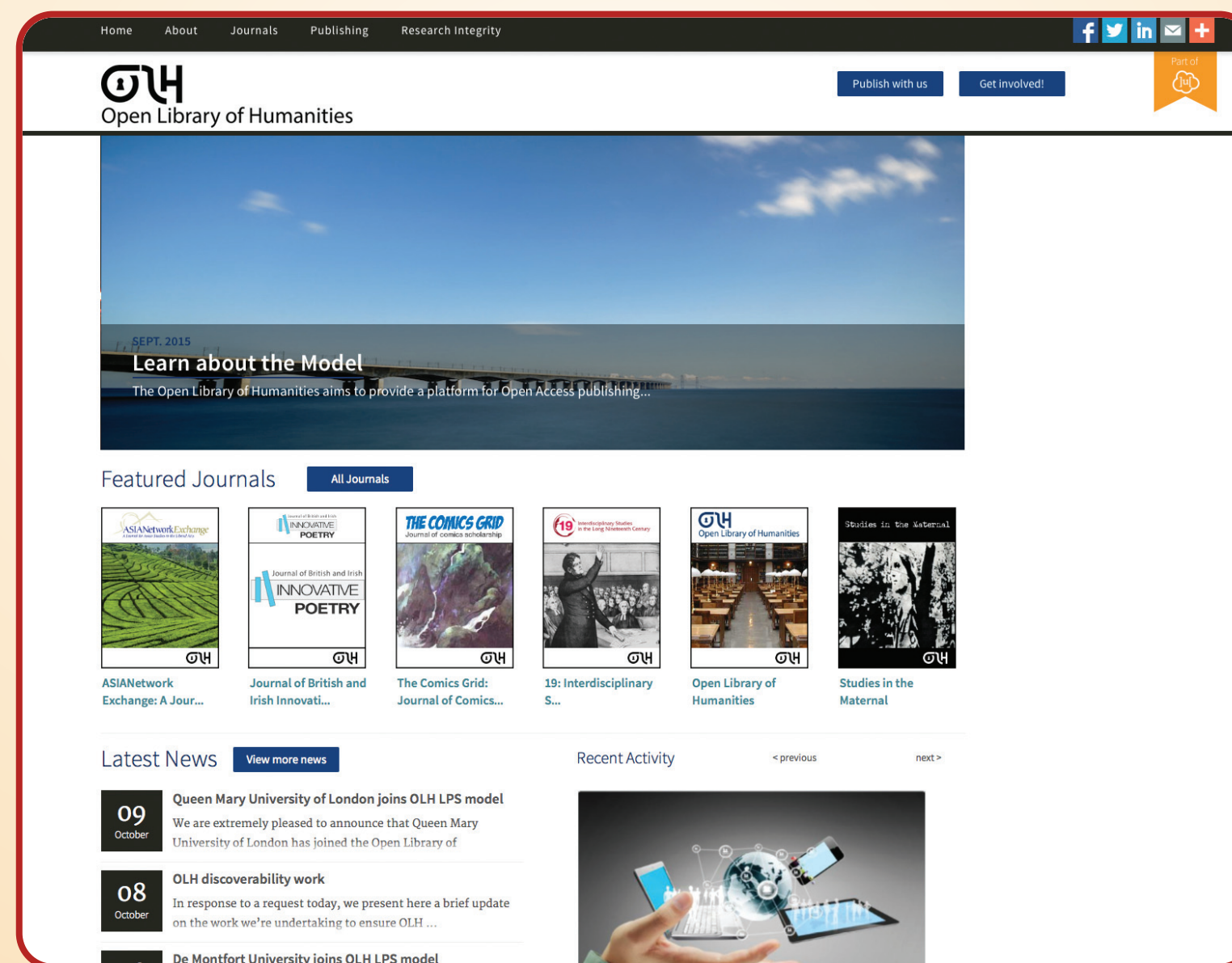
## Monitoring impact



Long term sustainability



# Open Library of Humanities



The Open Library for the Humanities – [www.openlibhums.org](http://www.openlibhums.org)

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**3. Long term sustainability.**

- After 5 years, journals join a multi-disciplinary library consortium such as the Open Library of Humanities (OLH [www.openlibhums.org](http://www.openlibhums.org)).
- The library consortium pays for APCs through its worldwide consortium of 200 contributing libraries.
- This sustainably redirects library funds from subscription to Open Access.

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### Final stage

APC-based  
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- Libraries pay for publishing in Fair Open Access through Open Library Consortia
- Academics face no costs for publishing or accessing research results



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Open Access publishing is often said to be the future of academic journals, but the actual move from a subscription model to an Open Access model is not easily achieved. Several international linguistics journals are currently moving from their traditional publisher to a new open access publisher, moving their entire editorial staff, authors, and peer reviewers from the traditional subscription model to Fair Open Access.

LingOA facilitates this radical move by paying for the Article Processing charges of the articles published in these journals during the next five years. Academic articles will be published on an online platform called 'Ubiquity Press'. In addition, LingOA has an agreement with the Open Library of the Humanities (OLH). OLH will guarantee the continued publication of the journals associated with LingOA after the first five years. This ensures long-term sustainability: authors will never pay for APCs out of their own pocket.

The Open Access publisher has to comply with the following conditions:

- The editorial board owns the title of the journals.
- The author owns the copyright of his articles, and a CC-BY license applies.
- All articles are published in Full Open Access (no subscriptions, no 'double dipping').
- Article processing charges (APCs) are low (around 400 euros), transparent, and in proportion to the work carried out by the publisher.

After the successful transition of these journals, LingOA hopes to convince the editors of many other prominent linguistics journals to join them. We believe that a successful transition to fair Open Access can be achieved within a relatively small and close-knit discipline such as linguistics. As such, LingOA hopes to become a model for the transition to fair Open Access in other disciplines as well.



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