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Enabling Library Support for Open Access Books:
From Vision to Implementation

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Today's session

- An overview of COPIM: a **collaborative** project building **infrastructure to support Open Access books**

- Our structure

- Our approach

- Our work so far

- What is most relevant to **libraries**

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UC SANTA BARBARA LIBRARY

doab directory of open access books

ScholarLed

MATTERING PRESS

BRITISH LIBRARY

Loughborough University

dpc DigitalPreservationCoalition

Birkbeck UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Coventry University

p. punctumbooks

OpenBook Publishers

meson press

Lancaster University

TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

OPEN HUMANITIES PRESS

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- 3 years: 1 November 2019 – 31 October 2022

- Funded by Research England (£2.2M), Arcadia (£800K), and by contributions from consortium partners (£576K)

- Enable the development of OA book publishing through the creation of **open and community-governed infrastructures**

Open documentation

- Open documentation site: https://copim.pubpub.org/

- Website: https://www.copim.ac.uk/

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Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs

Open Documentation on the COPIM project is intended to provide discoverable and reusable insight into the development of community-owned infrastructure for the publication of open access books.

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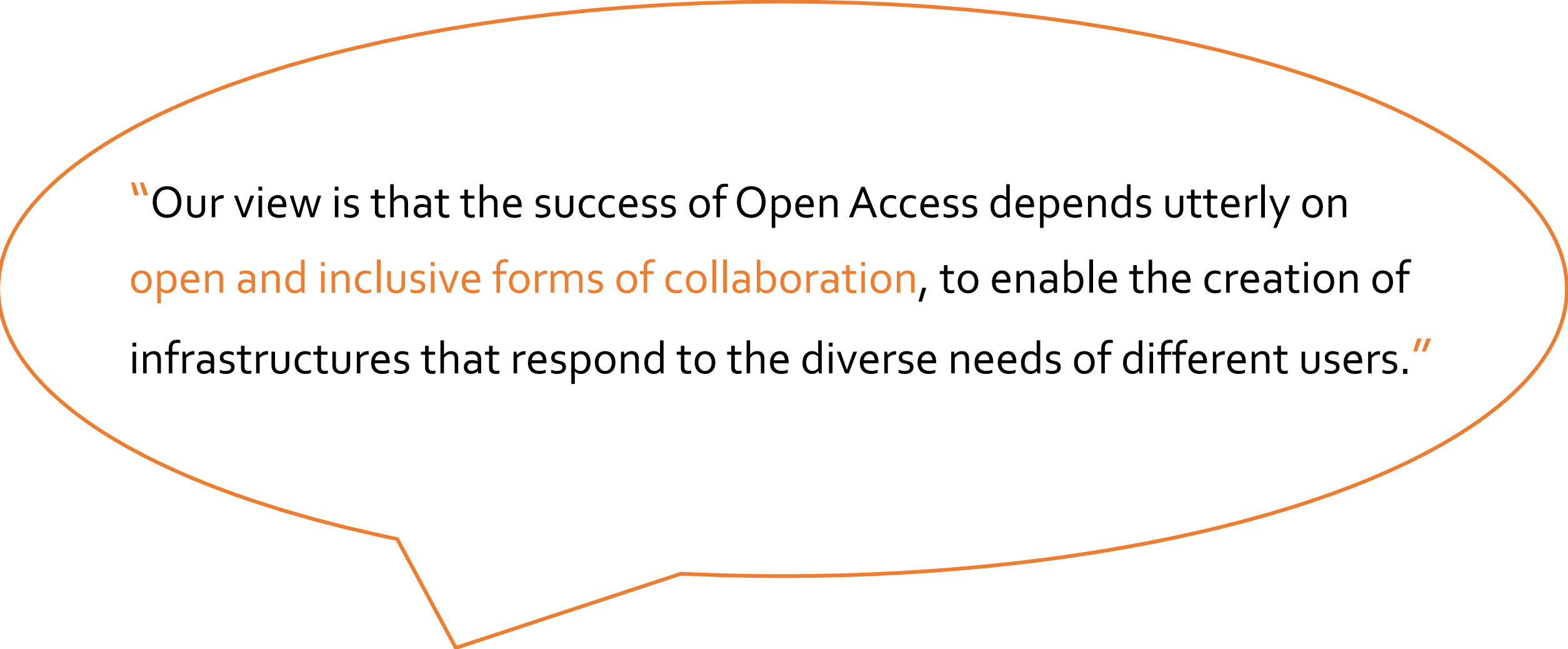COPIM/CEU Press Opening the Future initiative announced as a

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Problems and solutions

✕ Closed access: problems with physical and ebook provision (cost, restrictive licensing, single platforms)

✕ Unsatisfactory OA solutions: BPCs or so-called 'transformative' agreements (a limited number of universities & publishers benefit)

✓ We want to create **open alternatives** that enable **greater participation**: a diverse OA ecosystem supporting more authors, readers, libraries & publishers

✓ COPIM: not competitors. Creating alternatives to BPCs, to so-called TAs, to monopolistic systems **through collaboration**

"Our view is that the success of Open Access depends utterly on open and inclusive forms of collaboration, to enable the creation of infrastructures that respond to the diverse needs of different users."

—Joe Deville, 'Radical Futures', OASPA 2019, https://oaspavideos.org/video/panel-5-radical-futures-realising-community-owned-infrastructures

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Project
Management

Revenue
Infrastructures
& Management
Platform

Knowledge
Exchange &
Piloting
Alternative
Business Models

Community
Governance

Building an
Open
Dissemination
System

Experimental
Publishing,
Re-use and
Impact

Archiving &
Digital
Preservation

Key technological, structural & organisational hurdles to wider adoption & impact of OA books

✕ Funding channels

✕ Appropriate business models

✕ Integration into library, repository, and digital learning environments

✕ Effective and robust archiving of OA content

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Revenue Infrastructures & Management Platform

Joe Deville
(Lancaster University & Mattering Press)

Eileen Joy
(punctum books)

The vision

- A consortial library information & funding platform

- Showcasing OA publishers, OA consortia & information on OA books

- Libraries can choose whether to support an individual publisher, a group, or their own bespoke combination

So far

- Workshops undertaken with over 120 publishers and libraries in 18 countries across the UK, US and Europe

- Two reports published: *Academic Libraries and Open Access Books in Europe: a Landscape Study* (in collaboration with OPERAS) and *The Promise of Collaboration: Collective Funding Models and the Integration of Open Access Books into Libraries*

- Platform being scoped with developers & governance model devised

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Knowledge Exchange & Piloting Alternative Business Models

Martin Eve
(Birkbeck University)

The vision

- Transition the business models of at least two non-OA book publishers to a new Open Access model
- An online, open-source toolkit to guide others through the process of booting up and running an OA book press
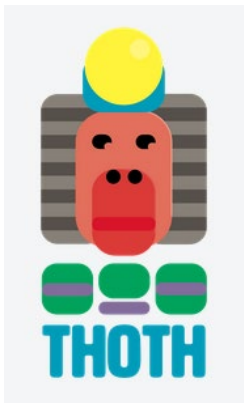
So far

- Devised a model, 'Opening the Future', enabling library subscription to a closed-access backlist to support publication of an OA frontlist
- Two presses (Central European University Press and Liverpool University Press) have implemented the model
- The first OA book has already been funded
- A scoping report: *Revenue Models for OA Monographs 2020*

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Building an Open Dissemination System

Rupert Gatti
(Trinity College, Cambridge &
Open Book Publishers)

THOTH

The vision

- An Open Dissemination System enhancing the discovery of Open Access books using open metadata

- A pilot case implementing the ODS infrastructure with the OA publishers in COPIM

- A "best practices" digital catalogue to enable adoption by others

So far

- Our Open Dissemination System, Thoth, fully operational with punctum books & Open Book Publishers

- Other presses in talks to adopt

- Scoping report published: *Building an Open Dissemination System*

- Workshops undertaken with publishers & libraries in US & UK

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Archiving & Digital Preservation

Gareth Cole
(Loughborough University Library)

Rupert Gatti
(Trinity College, Cambridge & Open Book Publishers)

The vision

- Technical methods for effectively archiving complex digital research publications

- Pilot case archiving a subset of publications in different locations (Loughborough, UCSB Library, British Library)

- A model enabling the expansion and uptake of the methods by other presses and libraries, plus best-practice recommendations

So far

- Workshops undertaken with participants including Cambridge University Library, Educopia, Internet Archive, Library of Congress, and Portico.

- Scoping report in progress

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Collaboration and support

- Libraries are **involved in COPIM at all levels**: consortial members, work project participants, consultation, advice and implementation

- The future of the infrastructure we build, and the approach to OA book publishing we want to foster, **depends on support from libraries**

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