‘Preparing Journals for the Open Access Era’
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Journal Development in an Incubator

Utrecht University Library Open Access Journals (Uopen Journals) uses the so-called ‘incubator model’. This model aims to help academic journals become high-quality, peer-reviewed journals within six years. At the end of this period a journal will ideally have a sustainable financial model, maximum impact in its subject area and will be ready for self-publishing or a transfer to the (commercial) open access market.

Uopen Journals was founded in 2003, then called: Igitur, Utrecht Publishing & Archiving Services. Anticipating on developments in the publishing market, ‘Uopen Journals’ was launched in 2014 with an enhanced team and the incubator model for Utrecht affiliated journals.

Sharing Expertise in a Community

As of 2015 Uopen Journals started to explore the potential of public engagement in research along with marketing and community building. Openly sharing knowledge with a community can drive progress and help develop academic journals. A tweet becomes more than just a tweet when it’s embedded in a content strategy and linked to a journal’s goals. Therefore Uopen Journals supports affiliated editorial boards in centering a community or content strategy around their journal and research publications.

This community vision exceeds the journal level. The Uopen team wishes to make their expertise open access as well and share it with the entire academic community. Via the @UOpenJournals and @UniUtrechtLib twitter accounts you can follow the latest news, articles, events and infographics on open access publishing, open science and education.

Our Services

- Website hosting & management (OJS)
- Installation at Ubiquity Press Partner Platform
- Permanent backup & content archiving CLOCKSS
- DOI’s (Digital Object Identifier) for all articles
- Editorial support (workflow and OJS functionalities)
- Journal development (e.g. quality, policies, etc.)
- Accessibility and visibility; SEO (Search Engine Optimisation)
- Quarterly reports on statistics (to be developed in 2015)
- Support in marketing, design and social media
- Business planning & publishing advice

Our Journals

- Utrecht Law Review
- Religion and Gender
- De Zeventiende Eeuw
- International Journal of the Commons
- TS -> Tijdschrift voor Tijdschriftstudies
- BMGN - Low Countries Historical Review
- Incontri - Rivista europea di studi italiani
- International Journal for Court Administration
- Journal of Social Intervention: Theory and Practice
- RELIEF - Revue électronique de littérature française
- International Journal of History Culture and Modernity
- LIBER Quarterly. The Journal of European Research Libraries
- Studium - Tijdschrift voor Wetenschaps- en Universiteitsgeschiedenis
- ERLACS - European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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