A more equitable model for Open Access? The pilot model of KU OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

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**OPEN ACCESS BOOKS PUBLICATION.** KU Open Opportunities collections will include at least 30% of books from scholars like:

- Contingent faculty who are not eligible for the open access funding available to tenure-track scholars.
- Independent, unaffiliated scholars with no possibility for institutional support for making their work open access.
- Early career researchers such as PhD candidates who have little or no access to institutional funds.

Announced in Apr 2022. Funding period Apr-Dec 2022. YTD results:

- 5x of target (necessary supporters) contacted.
- 20% of target has pledged.
- 100% of target in discussion.
- High likelihood of reaching target given prior experiences.

KU Open Opportunities: Peace and Justice 2023

Partnering with University of Michigan Press the first KU Open Opportunities package focuses on the current topic of peace and justice. As we see daily the struggle for democratization and political participation is ongoing globally, affecting a great many people in countless different ways.

Peace and justice come in the aftermath of conflict and violence. Topics will include: challenges to authoritarianism; the power of elections to create expanded access to political participation; the quests for stability in the Middle East, in Europe, and in Asia; public policies and migrant communities in Western democracies; and the marriage of technology and symbols in the act of protest around the world.

**Key Features:**

- 10 new titles due for publication in the course of 2023.
- Global spread: includes cutting-edge research from all over the world.
- At least 30% of the titles from researchers who would not otherwise be eligible for funding.
- Scholarship from the world-renowned Political Science and International Relations frontlist catalogs of the University of Michigan Press.
- Title list available.