

Knowledge Unlatched and JSTOR to study usage of Open Access books

Berlin/New York, 06.02.17. Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the Open Access initiative supporting monographs in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and JSTOR, the digital library of academic journals, books, and primary sources, are partnering to study usage patterns in Open Access by cross-promoting KU titles. While KU will continue to host its titles on the OAPEN and HathiTrust platforms, it will expand the hosting of 30 Open Access titles to JSTOR. This set includes titles in History, Literature, Political Science, Anthropology, and Media & Communications—all published by leading scholarly presses and “unlatched” with the support of libraries around the world.

“The broad use of content is at the core of Open Access, and it is very important to Knowledge Unlatched,” says Dr. Sven Fund, Managing Director of KU. “The publishers and libraries working together in our initiative are constantly looking to ease access and hence broaden usage to the monographs in the Humanities and Social Sciences.”

“We’re delighted to partner with Knowledge Unlatched to make these high-quality titles available to researchers,” added Frank Smith, Director of Books at JSTOR. “We are looking forward to conducting an in-depth study to gain insights on the usage and impact of Open Access titles.”

Continued study of usage will be under the auspices of KU Research led by Associate Professor Lucy Montgomery of Curtin University, Australia.

The full list of Open Access e-books available through JSTOR is available here: <http://about.jstor.org/open-access>

About Knowledge Unlatched:

Knowledge Unlatched is an Open Access cooperative funding Open Access books and journals in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Founded by Frances Pinter in 2012, the initiative has so far unlatched over 100 titles and is presently finishing its third pledging round with 343 monographs, both front list and backlist.

About JSTOR:

JSTOR is a not-for-profit digital library that provides access to academic journals, books, and primary sources to nearly 10,000 institutions and millions of individuals around the world. By using JSTOR, people can discover centuries of historical and current content through a powerful set of research and teaching tools while also being assured this content is stable, preserved, and will be available for future generations. JSTOR is a part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Portico, Artstor, and Ithaka S+R.