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Knowledge Unlatched sees more than 20% growth for KU Select 2017

Berlin, 5th January 2018. Knowledge Unlatched, the central Open Access (OA) platform, has once again demonstrated the success of its OA programmes in Humanities and Social Sciences with KU Select 2017 growing more than 20% on the previous year.

KU is to make **300 HSS books** and **15 OA journals** freely available to readers around the world. In addition, its partnership with the linguistics initiative Language Science Press makes a further 90 titles OA. In total Knowledge Unlatched has supported the unlatching of more than 1200 monographs in HSS since 2012, representing more than 10% of all titles registered in the Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB). From January onwards, KU will ensure an end to Article Processing Charges (APCs) for the 15 journals in their collection. Both books and journals in the programme now cost the library community less than closed equivalents. KU also **provides enriched MARC records** to aid the seamless discoverability of these titles.

“We are grateful for the strong support from academic libraries around the world”, says KU Managing Director Dr. Sven Fund. “While we achieved strong overall growth, funding for some books and journals fell short of original expectations. We would, therefore, like to thank the publishers whose commitment to Open Access allowed us to unlatch the majority of the titles offered to libraries. Only broader participation from libraries will help with the unlatching of more HSS books and journals in the future.”

KU would like to thank every member of the library community who has pledged their support this year. In response to demand from the library community, KU has a number of projects lined up for 2018, including partnerships with **Luminos (University of California Press)**, **HAU Books**, **OAPEN**, and **The Open Commons of Phenomenology**, alongside the launch of a French language collection with **OpenEdition** and **KU Select Science & Technology (STEM) 2018**.

About Knowledge Unlatched: Knowledge Unlatched (KU) offers free access to scholarly content for every reader across the world. Our online platform provides libraries worldwide with a central place to support Open Access models from leading publishing houses and new OA initiatives alike, including new author-led presses.

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