



UJ Press

Portfolio

The University of Johannesburg Library founded UJ Press in a launch event in November 2020. Prof Maria Frahm-Arp, the Executive Director of the Library and Prof Saurabh Sinha, the DVC: Research and Internationalisation at the University of Johannesburg, took the lead in this new venture.

Journals

UJ Press is successfully hosting a number of journals on their Open Journal System (OJS). The UJ Library Open Journal System (<https://journals.uj.ac.za/>) supports open access publishing and disseminating information through open access platforms, as part of the mission at the UJ Library is to support research. We are expanding the platform by hosting journals from other institutions as well.

Books

The book publishing programme at the Press is growing fast. All titles will be hosted on the Open Monograph Press (OMP) platform (<https://ujonlinepress.uj.ac.za/>). All books and journals published by the Press will be subjected to a rigorous double-blind peer-review process, ensuring the quality of these publications. Books will be made available on a print-on-demand basis through platforms like Amazon Paperback, Lightning Source, Takealot and Loot. **UJ Press** publications will also be available from the leading scholarly platforms like JSTOR, EBSCO Host, Google Scholar and ProQuest.

Apart from scholarly books and journals, the Press also aims to do co-publications with international publishers. This will ensure that books published by South African authors with global publishers are available locally at a reasonable price.

UJ Press will also become involved in reviving out of print titles. We will clear the copyright on behalf of the author and make the title available in print and electronic format again. We will also venture into the publishing of textbooks.

Distribution

UJ Press will also make a selection of their titles available as Open Access through the OJS, OMP, Directory of Open Access Books (DOAB) and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

Books and journals will be published in electronic format in PDF, XML and EPUB formats. This will ensure that these publications will be accessible in as many ways as possible. It will also increase the reach, access and impact of these titles.

Marketing

UJ Press also has a compelling marketing and events team to back it up. Alrina de Bruyn, Director: Events and Marketing, UJ Library, and her team has successfully hosted 95 Conferences and 286 virtual events in 2021. This included webinars, conferences, book launches and reading groups. All these events were hosted via Zoom and live-streamed via Facebook Live and YouTube. It was also well publicised on social media platforms, including Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter. For 2022, the events and marketing team are planning hybrid events with a state of the art hybrid events venue and a podcast studio.

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