

## **KU Open Funding simplifies financing of Open Access books**

Central research and accounting tool for researchers and libraries/more than 2000 publishing offers already integrated

*Berlin, 05.10.2018.* Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the leading Open Access marketplace, presents its central database for financing OA books. It enables numerous publishers to make their offerings transparent and thus enables scientists and libraries to find publication partners for book projects.

"The Open Access book market is highly fragmented worldwide," says Dr. Sven Fund, Managing Director of Knowledge Unlatched. "That's why it's difficult for scientists and libraries who frequently finance OA books to get an overview of the very different offerings. Suitable offers can be found on the basis of more than 20 criteria, such as the subject area, the services of publishers, forms of licensing and publication costs. KU Open Funding makes it possible to contact the publisher directly. If the latter accepts the manuscript for publication after quality control, KU organises the approval and handling of payment with the library.

"With KU Open Funding, we want to contribute to increasing transparency and facilitating the settlement of publication costs, thereby stimulating the Open Access book market," continues Fund.

More than 20 publishers such as Berghahn, Duke University Press, Intellect, Michigan University Press, Taylor & Francis, transcript and Ubiquity Press are already participating with their OA offerings. Publishers, scientists and libraries can register for KU Open Funding at [www.knowledgeunlatched.org](http://www.knowledgeunlatched.org) free of charge. The model is financed by a commission, which is due upon conclusion of a publication contract between the scholar and the publisher. KU Open Funding is the first of its kind worldwide.

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