

## **KU Select 2016 off to a strong start: 53 Publishers submit 681 titles**

*Berlin, London, June 20, 2016.* Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the global initiative for Open Access monographs, has commenced preparations for its next front list and backlist collections: **KU Select 2016**.

KU Select 2016 follows on from the successful unlatching of new books earlier this year, bringing the total to over 100 Open Access books. This time KU will offer subject-based packages of both new books and complementary older books that will be of high value to both researchers and students in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

The shortlist for KU Select 2016 is currently being curated by the KU Library Selection Committee, which consists of 40 librarians analysing the quality and relevance for as many libraries worldwide as possible. KU expects an acceptance of around 50% of all titles submitted, making it one of the strictest selection processes for monographs.

681 titles (258 front list and 423 backlist) in 17 subject areas were submitted by 53 well-respected scholarly publishers in 5 continents, from university presses and commercial publishers to Open Access publishers.

“We are pleased to see that KU is gaining further traction,” said Frances Pinter, founder of Knowledge Unlatched. “The number of international publishers submitting titles has doubled, submitting more than four times the number of titles compared to the last round.”

In September, libraries can start pledging for titles in KU Select 2016. Librarians can now pre-register their interest at <http://collections.knowledgeunlatched.org>.

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