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Knowledge Unlatched to Preserve E-books with Portico

Knowledge Unlatched and Portico have entered into an agreement to preserve Knowledge Unlatched's Pilot Collection of Open Access e-books in the Portico Archive.

"Portico is excited to partner with Knowledge Unlatched for its Pilot," stated Kate Wittenberg, Managing Director, Portico. "I am pleased that preservation is a critical part of this initiative and that we are able to provide an important service."

The Knowledge Unlatched Pilot Collection includes 28 new books from 13 recognised scholarly publishers: Amsterdam University Press, Bloomsbury Academic, Brill, Cambridge University Press, De Gruyter, Duke University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Liverpool University Press, Manchester University Press, Purdue University Press, Rutgers University Press, Temple University Press and University of Michigan Press.

"We want to assure libraries that this content will be available to researchers and students for the long term," stated Frances Pinter, Executive Director, Knowledge Unlatched. "To that end, we are delighted to offer preservation of these books in Portico."

The deadline for signing up to the Knowledge Unlatched Pilot Collection is 28 February 2014.

About Portico

Portico is a digital preservation service for electronic journals, books, and digitized historical collections. The Portico archive has been certified as a "trustworthy digital repository" by the Center for Research Libraries. Portico is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization with a mission to help the academic community use digital technologies to preserve the scholarly record and to advance research and teaching in sustainable ways.

About Knowledge Unlatched

Knowledge Unlatched is a collaborative, not-for-profit initiative based in London. By working with libraries, publishers, researcher funders, and foundations, Knowledge Unlatched seeks to make scholarly books freely available to readers on an open access license, while retaining the best aspects of the existing publishing system. The initiative enables libraries to work together to reach a sustainable open future for specialist academic books. Our vision is a healthy market that includes free access for end users.