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Project MUSE and Knowledge Unlatched announce partnership

Baltimore /Berlin, 9th April 2018. Project MUSE, a leading provider of digital Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) content, and Knowledge Unlatched (KU), the central platform for the sustainable funding of Open Access (OA) models, are pleased to announce their partnership.

Under the agreement, Project MUSE will host all Open Access books from non-commercial publishers unlatched through KU since 2014. The approximately 400 titles will be available to all users of the Project MUSE platform from summer 2018. Usage data will be integrated into KU's statistics, which are provided to all participating libraries and publishers on a quarterly basis.

"We are thrilled to partner with Knowledge Unlatched and welcome the additional open access content to our scholarly corpus," said Wendy Queen, Director, Project MUSE. "The collaboration will allow us to support and increase global discoverability of our publishers' content while providing rich access for users on a trusted platform." "KU's aim is the widest possible distribution of unlatched HSS books thanks to the funding from libraries worldwide," says Dr. Sven Fund, Managing Director of Knowledge Unlatched. "Our partnership with Project MUSE helps us to make another significant step towards that goal."

About Project MUSE: Project MUSE is a leading provider of digital humanities and social science content for the scholarly community. Since 1995 the MUSE journal collections have supported a wide array of research needs at academic, public, special, and school libraries worldwide. MUSE is the trusted source of complete, full-text versions of scholarly journals from many of the world's leading university presses and scholarly societies. Books on Project MUSE were launched in January 2012 and offer top quality long-form scholarship from distinguished publishers, fully integrated with MUSE's journal content. In 2016, Project MUSE was awarded a nearly \$1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to implement MUSE Open, a distribution program for open access (OA) monographs in the humanities and social sciences on the MUSE platform.

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.

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