

Knowledge Unlatched and Peter Lang reach agreement on publication of IT-Law program in Gold Open Access

Berlin/Bern, 19.09.2018. The Peter Lang publishing group and the Knowledge Unlatched (KU) Open Access marketplace have reached an agreement on the promotion of Open Access publications in the field of law. Under the terms of the agreement, Peter Lang undertakes to publish ten legal monographs in Gold Open Access per year for an initial period of three years starting in 2019. The titles must originate from the field of IT law and give preference to legal implications of digitisation. An independent panel of experts consisting of Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoeren (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster) and Prof. Dr. Georgios Gounalakis (Phillips-Universität Marburg) will select titles that stand out in terms of topicality, relevance and practical insights. The monographs are financed by the Knowledge Unlatched platform, which calls upon libraries to promote Open Access within the framework of its crowdfunding model ("Pledge"). In addition, Peter Lang will provide five legal titles from his Open Access backlist in 2018.

Peter Lang-CEO Kelly Shergill: "While Open Access is already widely accepted in many disciplines, there have been comparatively few approaches in the legal sciences to making scientific texts freely accessible. Research literature on cutting-edge IT law topics in particular benefits from unrestricted and free access to quality-checked scientific information on the Internet. The jurisprudential series of Peter Lang reflect these topics, at the same time we support the principle of free access to research results. We are therefore pleased to be able to promote Open Access in the legal sciences in cooperation with Knowledge Unlatched".

"Knowledge Unlatched is the central platform for Open Access in all disciplines," says Dr. Sven Fund, Managing Director of Knowledge Unlatched. "Together with Peter Lang, we are pleased to be able to provide attractive titles in the hitherto rather neglected legal sciences with the help of Open Access libraries".

About Knowledge Unlatched: Knowledge Unlatched (KU) offers every reader worldwide free access to scientific content. The online platform provides libraries worldwide with a central point of contact to support Open Access models of leading publishers and new Open Access initiatives.

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