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Foreword

Professor Dame Sarah Worthington, Chair, and Niamh Tumelty, Managing Director, LSE Press

We are delighted to present the Annual Report 2024 for LSE Press, showcasing all that has been achieved in the past year. Great strides forward have been made this year and we've summarised particular highlights on pages 5 and 6.

LSE Press's ambition is to be a leading social science publisher of high-quality research that influences academic debate, public policy and the broader conversation. In 2024 we moved forward in achieving this goal in a number of ways.

Our publications continue to be recognised for their outstanding quality and excellence. David Luke's edited book *How Africa Trades* won the Press's first book prize – the Business Council for Africa's Business Book on the Year. Meanwhile, Naila Kabeer's new book *Renegotiating Patriarchy* has been receiving tremendous reviews – it has been acclaimed as “a masterpiece”, “a landmark account” and “a must read”. It is perhaps an encouraging sign of changes in academic publishing more broadly that LSE Press is also now home to the prestigious LSE Monographs on Social Anthropology series. Initially established in 1940, and most recently published by a commercial press, the series has flipped to an open access model in publishing with us. Find out more about our books programme on pages 7-18. Our journals programme also continues to flourish – we published a record number of articles this year and achieved significant growth in usage. See pages 19-28 for more on our journals programme.

The wide reach of our publications, enabled through our open access model, continues to grow. Total usage of our books and journals surpassed the one million mark in 2024, and were read in over 217 countries and territories. We have also successfully drawn on the convening power of our home institution to amplify the work of our authors, hosting a successful panel at the LSE Festival with Naila Kabeer and authors Monica Ali CBE and Philip Hensher on “Power and Storytelling” as well as popular Public Lecture Programme events with authors Terhi Rantanen and J. McKenzie Alexander. The continued impact of our publications both within academia and beyond is discussed on pages 31-36.

We are particularly pleased at our growing reputation for outstanding author care and the appreciation of the quality of the service we provide to our authors – page 38 sets out some of the impressive feedback we've had this year.

LSE Press is part of a new movement of institutionally based, non-profit open access publishers and we are proud of the role we play in supporting this community – page 41 sets out some of the ways we've done this in 2024. In particular our symposium, “*What's in store for the future of social sciences publishing?*”, held during Open Access Week, allowed us to make the case for the importance of open access publishing for social

scientists. Our membership of the Open Book Collective and the launch of a library membership scheme in partnership with Jisc will also help us in our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion in academic research and publishing, allowing us to publish more via an equitable diamond open access model than ever before – more on our evolving business model can be found on pages 39-40.

The Report also provides a glimpse of our plans for 2025 – see page 17 for a preview of next year’s book programme, which includes some highly eminent authors, and page 42 for areas we will focus on in the development of the Press.

The work of the Press would not be possible without the enthusiastic support we receive from LSE’s School Management Committee and the funding provided by LSE Library and endowments. We thank our Editorial Board for their invaluable assistance and guidance, as well as our authors, editors, reviewers, endorsers and readers. We also would like to thank the LSE Press staff team for their dedication and professionalism in managing the day to day running of the Press.

Professor Dame Sarah Worthington
Chair, LSE Press

Niamh Tumelty
Managing Director, LSE Press

Highlights of 2024

2024 was an incredibly busy year for the Press, with much to celebrate. Here we highlight some of our key achievements.

LSE Press passes a key milestone in the reach of our publications

LSE Press usage (downloads and online reads) exceeded **one million** across our book and journal content in 2024. Our most accessed title, *Advanced Macroeconomics*, has been downloaded over 90,000 times. Continuing to improve discoverability of our content will be a key focus for 2025.



A prize-winning publisher

How Africa Trades, published in 2023, won the **Business Council for Africa's Business Book of the Year Award 2024** – our first book prize and a recognition of the quality and impact of our publications. Editor Professor David Luke received the award at a prize-giving ceremony in central London in July.

Publishing outstanding social science

We saw further successes in our mission to publish high-quality social science research. *Renegotiating Patriarchy* by Professor Naila Kabeer has been described as “a masterpiece”, “a landmark account” and “a must-read” in reviews since its publication in September. We also acquired a new series, the prestigious **LSE Monographs on Social Anthropology**, and announced a new call for proposals in the summer.



Highlights of 2024



Leading the conversation on open social sciences

During Open Access Week we held our first symposium, *What's in store for social science publishing?* featuring panels on the benefits of open access and demystifying the publishing process. Philippe Sands, Professor of the Public Understanding of Law at UCL, gave a keynote on "Writing for a wider audience".

Building an equitable business model

LSE Press was accepted as a member of the **Open Book Collective**, which will help us attract library funding in support of our books programme. An agreement with **Jisc** will also help raise financial support for our journals. With support from libraries across the world we will be able to publish more work with no author or reader fees, helping to create a more equitable publishing ecosystem.



Expanding the LSE Press team

A new **Head of Publishing** joined the team in April, and we began recruitment for two new roles – a **Production Manager** and a **Publishing Assistant** – in November. These new additions to the team will further help drive our ambition to establish LSE Press as a leading academic publisher and powerful advocate for open social science.

Books Programme

Books Overview

LSE Press published four new books in 2024, bringing our total list to 18 titles. All LSE Press books are published on the LSE Press's website in PDF, EPUB, and Mobi formats, as whole book or individual chapter downloads, and can also be read online. In addition, all our book publications are available for purchase as low-cost paperback print editions. As well as the LSE Press site, our ebooks are available on the open access platform OAPEN, Google Books and LSE Research Online (LSERO). Our titles will be available on the University Press Library Open (UPLOpen) platform from 2025 onwards. All books are assigned both ISBNs and DOI numbers and we distribute metadata information to all relevant sources, including the Directory of Open Access Books, OCLC WorldCat and Nielsen.

Table 1 collates usage from all sites where our books are available to download and/or read, covering the period 2018–2024. 'Usage' denotes how many online reads and downloads a title has received. The table also provides an overall total usage figure for each title over its lifetime.

- Total usage for all books across the programme now stands at 246,607. This compares to total usage of 165,658 at the end of 2023 – a 49% increase.
- Usage in 2024 alone increased only slightly from 80,507 in 2023 to 80,949 in 2024 – but this occurred despite a decrease in publication numbers from five books published in 2023 to four books in 2024. Maintaining usage at similar levels to 2023 demonstrates the growing quality and reach of our publishing programme.
- Average usage per title currently stands at 13,700. This is an increase in average usage from 2023 when it was 11,833 per title.
- The median usage figure at the end of 2024 was 5,780. This is a significant increase from the 2023 median usage of 3,351.
- Our textbook, *Advanced Macroeconomics*, remains our most accessed title with over 90,000 downloads.
- *Renegotiating Patriarchy*, which published in September 2024, has been accessed 2,860 times in just three months, already outperforming older titles.

Book title	Date	Total	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Advanced Macroeconomics	Oct 2021	91,159	0	0	0	10,600	20,331	36,830	23,398
The UK's Changing Democracy	Nov 2018	56,617	2,650	9,959	6,828	8,544	12,902	9,632	6,102
COVID-19 in Southeast Asia	Jan 2022	17,824	0	0	0	0	6,888	5,733	5,203
Conflict, War and Revolution	Jan 2022	16,750	0	0	0	0	4,247	4,780	7,723
Spectrum Auctions	Feb 2023	8,733	0	0	0	0	0	4,538	4,195
Afghanistan	Nov 2022	8,180	0	0	0	0	162	3,737	4,281
How Africa Trades	May 2023	8,072	0	0	0	0	0	3,841	4,231
Decentralised Governance	Sept 2023	6,646	0	0	0	0	0	2,591	4,055
How Did Britain Come to This?	Oct 2023	6,584	0	0	0	0	0	2,272	4,312
Populism	Aug 2022	4,975	0	0	0	0	580	2,281	2,114
Ukraine	Dec 2023	4,374	0	0	0	0	0	741	3,633
If You're So Ethical, Why Are You So Highly Paid?	Nov 2022	3,484	0	0	0	0	538	1,350	1,596
Pension Policy and Governmentality in China	Oct 2022	2,943	0	0	0	0	328	1,194	1,421
Renegotiating Patriarchy	Sep 2024	2,860	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,860
Dead Men's Propaganda	May 2024	2,723	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,723
Wellbeing	Aug 2022	2,429	0	0	0	0	594	987	848
Australia's Evolving Democracy	Dec 2024	1,297	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,297
The Open Society as an Enemy	Nov 2024	957	0	0	0	0	0	0	957
TOTAL		246,607	2,650	9,959	6,828	19,144	46,570	80,507	80,949

Table 1: LSE Press books usage by year and in total.

Figure 1 provides a breakdown of usage by platforms where our book content is being accessed. It shows that the LSE Press website accounts for 56% of total usage, followed by OAPEN at 24%. Google Books and LSERO account for 11% and 9% of usage respectively.

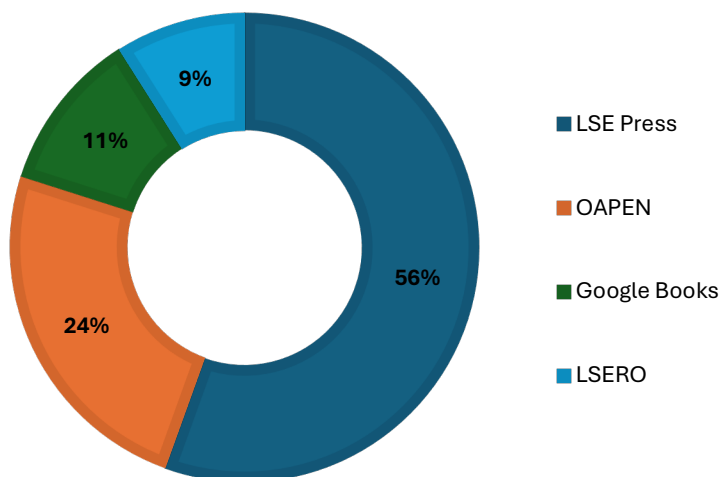


Figure 1: LSE Press books usage by platform.

Table 2 shows total print sales for each LSE Press book.

- We have sold 1,862 copies of LSE Press titles since our launch in 2018. The average sale per book is 103, but the median is 32.5, indicative of a sales picture that ranges from a low of 6 to a high of 917.
- *Advanced Macroeconomics* tops the table for both online usage and print sales. This supports research that suggests making books freely available via open access does not necessarily undermine print sales and can, in fact, help drive them.
- *How Did Britain Come to This?* is our 9th most accessed title in digital editions but has performed much better in print sales where it is the 2nd most purchased title. The launch event for this book has been viewed over 230,000 times on YouTube, suggesting the book has been able to reach an audience beyond academia, which could be a factor in driving print sales.
- *Renegotiating Patriarchy* only published in September 2024 but is already our 7th most purchased title, suggesting it will continue to perform strongly through 2025.

Title	Print Sales
Advanced Macroeconomics: An Easy Guide	917
How Did Britain Come to This?	277
Conflict, War and Revolution	123
If You're So Ethical, Why Are You So Highly Paid?	104
How Africa Trades	93
The UK's Changing Democracy: The 2018 Democratic Audit	76
Renegotiating Patriarchy	62
Spectrum Auctions	57
COVID-19 in Southeast Asia	49
Ukraine: Russia's War and the Future of the Global Order	16
The Open Society as an Enemy	16
Wellbeing	15
Afghanistan	15
Dead Men's Propaganda	12
Pension Policy and Governmentality in China	9
Decentralised Governance	8
Australia's Evolving Democracy	7
Populism	6
TOTAL	1,862

Table 2: Print sales of LSE Books.

Table 3 provides a broader view of the impact and reach of our books programme, providing information on citations and Altmetric scores.

- Our books have an average citation of 2.4 per book but this is heavily skewed by one title, *The UK's Changing Democracy*, which has significantly more citations – 13 – than other titles.
- *Renegotiating Patriarchy* has already been cited twice despite only publishing in September 2024.
- *Australia's Evolving Democracy* has already achieved an Altmetric score of 517, our 2nd-highest scoring title, despite only publishing in December 2024. This is driven by significant social media engagement and the book featuring in 63 news stories across 59 outlets. It suggests the book has already made a strong impact beyond academia.

Book title	Pub Date	Citations	Altmetric Score
The UK's Changing Democracy	Nov 2018	13	413
COVID-19 in Southeast Asia	Jan 2022	7	110
Advanced Macroeconomics	Oct 2021	6	726
Afghanistan	Nov 2022	4	48
Conflict, War and Revolution	Jan 2022	2	111
Spectrum Auctions	Feb 2023	2	60
Renegotiating Patriarchy	Sept 2024	2	104
How Africa Trades	May 2023	1	278
Decentralised Governance	Sept 2023	1	113
How Did Britain Come to This?	Oct 2023	1	94
Ukraine	Dec 2023	1	100
If You're So Ethical, Why Are You So Highly Paid?	Nov 2022	1	37
Wellbeing	Aug 2022	1	29
Dead Men's Propaganda	May 2024	1	58
The Open Society as an Enemy	Nov 2024	1	52
Populism	Aug 2022	0	23
Pension Policy and Governmentality in China	Oct 2022	0	20
Australia's Evolving Democracy	Dec 2024	0	517

Table 3: LSE Press book citations and Altmetric scores. Source: Altmetric.

New Books for 2024

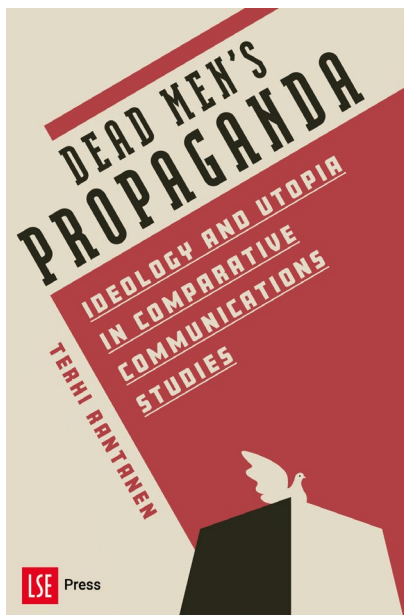
Our new publications for 2024 are showcased over the next few pages, detailing usage and print sales data to the end of December 2024 and including details of endorsements, reviews or publicity for each title, where available. The four featured titles are:

- *Dead Men's Propaganda: Ideology and Utopia in Comparative Communications Studies*, by Terhi Rantanen
- *Renegotiating Patriarchy: Gender, Agency and the Bangladesh Paradox*, by Naila Kabeer
- *The Open Society As An Enemy: A Critique of How Free Societies Turned Against Themselves*, by J. McKenzie Alexander
- *Australia's Evolving Democracy: A New Democratic Audit*, edited by Mark Evans, Patrick Dunleavy and John Phillipmore

Dead Men's Propaganda: Ideology and Utopia in Comparative Communications Studies

Terhi Rantanen, Professor in Global Media and Communications, LSE

May 2024



[DOI: 10.31389/lsepress.wmf](https://doi.org/10.31389/lsepress.wmf)

In this book, Terhi Rantanen investigates the shaping of early comparative communications research between the 1920s and 1950s, notably the work of academics and men of practice in the United States. Often neglected, this intellectual thread is highly relevant to understanding the 21st century's challenges of war and rival streams of propaganda.

By focusing on a generation at the forefront of comparative communications at this pivotal time, this book challenges orthodoxies in the intellectual histories of communication studies



2,723

Total usage

Metrics

LSE Press: 1,278

OAPEN: 215

Google Books: 1,093

LSERO: 137

Print sales: 12

"Anyone teaching or studying media and communications around the world will find this fine, well researched book to be utterly absorbing"

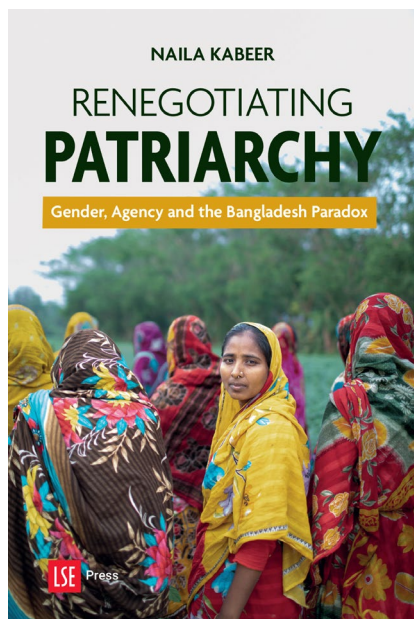
James Curran, Professor of Communications, Goldsmiths, University of London

"A deeply sympathetic, thoroughly researched and comprehensive history" *LSE Review of Books*

Renegotiating Patriarchy: Gender, Agency and the Bangladesh Paradox

Naila Kabeer, Professor of Gender and Development, LSE

September 2024



[DOI: 10.31389/lsepress.rpg](https://doi.org/10.31389/lsepress.rpg)

The idea of the “Bangladesh paradox” describes the unexpected progress that Bangladesh has made in recent decades to address poverty and gender equity. This has evoked a great deal of interest within the international development community because Bangladesh had been dubbed an “international basket case” at the time of its independence in 1971, seemingly trapped in a development impasse.

The book examines how norms and practices can change in progressive ways despite unpropitious circumstances. This came about, Kabeer argues, as a result of the efforts of poor women in Bangladesh to renegotiate what has been described as one of the most non-negotiable patriarchies in the world.



2,860

Total usage

Metrics

LSE Press: 2,052

OAPEN: 95

Google Books: 439

LSERO: 274

Print sales: 62

“A landmark account ... Lucid and luminous, even as it deals with some of the most complicated political and social conundrums, the style of the text is signature Naila Kabeer” *Agricultural Extension in South Asia Network*

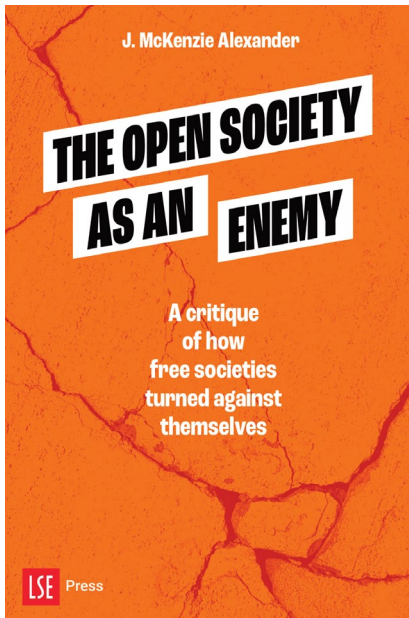
“A masterpiece” *From Power to Poverty Blog*

“A must-read, offering profound insights” *The Bangladesh Daily Star*

The Open Society As An Enemy: A Critique of How Free Societies Turned Against Themselves

J. McKenzie Alexander, Professor of Philosophy, LSE

November 2024



[DOI: 10.31389/lsepress.ose](https://doi.org/10.31389/lsepress.ose)

In 1945, Karl Popper's *The Open Society And Its Enemies* gave a spirited philosophical defence of the Open Society. In this book, J. McKenzie Alexander argues that a new defence is urgently needed as many of the values espoused by Popper have come under threat once again. Populist agendas on both the left and right threaten to undermine fundamental principles that underpin liberal democracies, and what were once seen as virtues of the Open Society are now seen by many as vices, dangers or threats.

This book is an essential read for anyone wishing to understand some of the powerful currents that have engulfed public debates in recent years, and what to do about them.



957

Total downloads

Metrics

LSE Press: 635

OAPEN: 88

Google Books: 234

LSERO: Not yet added to the site

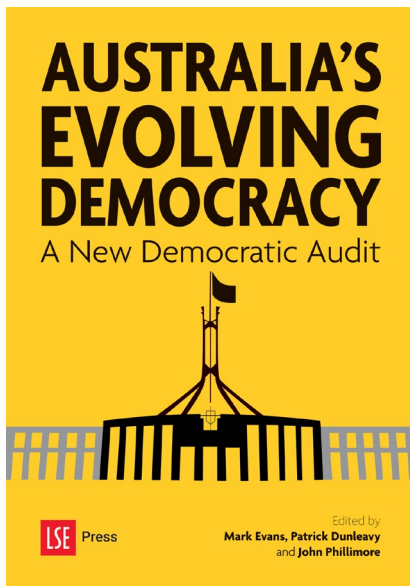
Print sales: 16

"An intellectually rich contribution to the ongoing dialogue about the future of liberal democracies" *LSE Review of Books*

Australia's Evolving Democracy: A New Democratic Audit

Edited by Mark Evans, Patrick Dunleavy and John Phillimore

December 2024



[DOI: 10.31389/lsepress.ose](https://doi.org/10.31389/lsepress.ose)

In recent times, Australia has developed into one of the world's leading liberal democracies. In this new book, a team of leading academics use an audit approach to critically explore national government institutions as well as state and territory level politics to examine how each has contributed or held back Australian political life as it has changed and diversified.

By taking an in-depth and nuanced approach to multiple democratic issues across the country's whole political system, this book provides analysis that is accessible for students new to Australian politics along with many insights for political scientists of comparative democratic politics and Australian Institutions.



1,297

Total downloads

Metrics

LSE Press: 842

OAPEN: 213

Google Books: 240

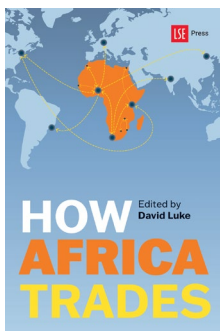
LSERO: 2

Print sales: 7

Publicity for *Australia's Evolving Democracy*

- Article published in *The Conversation* by Mark Evans
 - Launch event at Parliament House Australia
- Articles published on the *LSE British Politics and Policy* blog by Patrick Dunleavy and the *LSE Business Review* blog by Patrick Dunleavy and Max Halupka
- Patrick Dunleavy appeared on the Yindyamarra podcast

Recognition and Reviews Highlights of 2024



How Africa Trades

Edited by David Luke

Winner of the Business Council for Africa's Business Book of the Year Award 2024.

Judges praised the book's lucid storytelling, evidence-based research and its accessible writing style noting "it is an excellent primer to understanding the often-tangled world of African commerce."



How Did Britain Come To This? A Century of Systemic Failures of Governance

By Gwyn Bevan

Selected as a Book of the Year 2024 in the *Times Literary Supplement*.

"The book is rich with examples and historical detail from the UK [and its] strengths lie ... in its detailed narrative of the past century and description of what has gone wrong." – *European Political Science Journal*

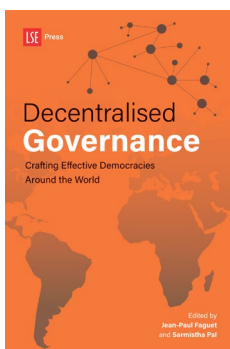


Ukraine: Russian's War and the Future of the Global Order

Edited by Michael Cox

"The strength of Cox's volume is the combination of diverse perspectives ... Cox is a prodigious scholar and this book will be of interest to those wishing to understand the causes and consequences of the war." – *International Affairs*

"[The book] develops a comprehensive approach to understanding the war." – *LSE Review of Books*



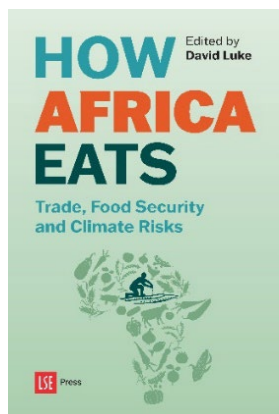
Decentralised Governance: Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World

Edited by Jean-Paul Faguet and Sarmistha Pal

"The volume provides good insight into the academic debates within the field ... For instructors of comparative politics, political economy and economic development, this is a useful reference text from which to pull examples that can be used in lectures. For regional or country scholars, and for policymakers within these countries, this book is a valuable resource." – *LSE Review of Books*

Forthcoming in 2025

A sneak preview of titles coming for 2025 reveals publications from academics with outstanding global reputations in their field, authors returning to publish with us for a second – or even third – time, and the first titles in our new series in partnership with the Royal Geographical Society.



How Africa Eats: Trade, Food Security and Climate Risks

Edited by David Luke

Publication Date: July 2025

David Luke's second book with LSE Press will be launched at the LSE Festival 2025.

Navigating the 21st Century Business World: Case Studies in Management

Edited by Dorottya Sallai and Alexander Pepper

Publication Date: Summer 2025

A Growth Story for the 21st Century: Building Sustainable, Resilient and Equitable Development (final title TBC)

By Nicholas Stern

Publication Date: Autumn 2025

The London Consensus: Economic Principles for the 21st Century

Edited by Tim Besley, Andrés Velasco and Irene Bucelli

Publication Date: Autumn 2025

Doing Open Social Science: A Guide for Researchers

By Patrick Dunleavy and Tim Monteath

Publication Date: Autumn 2025

The first titles in the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Monograph Series

Climate Hegemony: The Power and Politics of Environmental Impasse

By Laurie Parsons

Publication Date: Autumn 2025

Nonauthoritarian Authority: A Speculative Geography

By Julian Brigstocke

Publication Date: Autumn 2025

Book Series

LSE Press is proud to be the publisher of two, established monograph series.

The Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers) Monograph Series

Previously published by Wiley, the Royal Geographical Society moved its longstanding monograph series to LSE Press in 2023, flipping to a fully open access series in the process, with half of the titles in the series funded by UKRI open access funds or equivalent grants. There are now 10 titles contracted for publication over the next three years on topics such as climate action, everyday life during the pandemic, and asylum and welfare. The first books are due for publication in Autumn 2025.

LSE Monographs on Social Anthropology

LSE Press has become the new publisher of the LSE Monographs on Social Anthropology series. This prestigious series was established in 1940 by the LSE Department of Anthropology and has been published by a series of presses since then, most recently Routledge. This new partnership with LSE Press converts this series to fully open access for all future publications.

In 2024, the series relaunch was formally announced by LSE Press and the Department of Anthropology. The series Editorial Board, headed by Mathijs Pelkmans, Professor of Anthropology at LSE, ran a competition aimed at early career scholars looking to publish their first book. This resulted in three winning proposals of outstanding quality being accepted by the Board, which are due to publish from 2026 onwards.

Journals Programme

Journals Overview

LSE Press publishes five journals:

- The Journal of Illicit Economies and Development
- The Journal of Long-Term Care
- LSE Public Policy Review
- Economica LACEA Journal
- Philosophy of Physics

All LSE Press journals are preserved in CLOCKSS and we aim to index journals in Directory of Open Access Journals, Scopus, Web of Science and Google Scholar Metrics, amongst others.

Figure 2 shows total usage across all LSE Press journals plotted against the total number of articles published across the programme. 'Usage' denotes how many online reads and downloads an article has received. 2024 saw a significant increase in usage from 235,752 in 2023 to 642,934 in 2024 – a 173% increase. We also published 120 articles in total – the highest number of articles published in a single year during the Press's lifetime, and a 64% increase on 2023 article numbers.

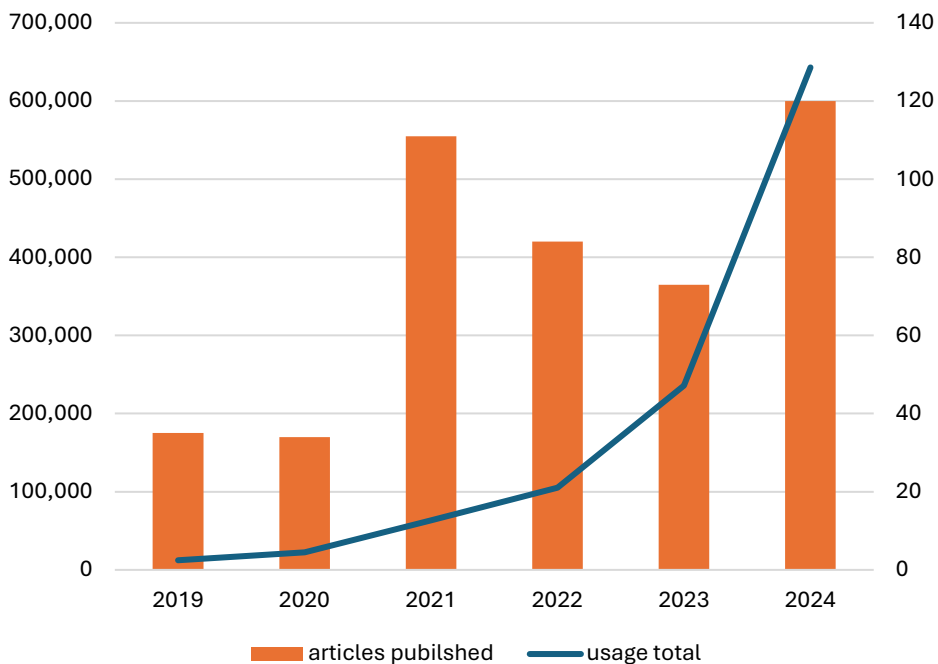


Figure 2: LSE Press journals total usage and articles published 2019–2024.

Figure 3 shows usage by journal in the period 2020–2024. It shows significant usage increase across all journals in 2024 compared to 2023, but particularly for *Economia* which saw an increase in usage of 320% in its second year of publication with LSE Press. *Philosophy of Physics* also saw a significant increase in usage, but 2024 was its first full year of publication as it launched in November 2023.

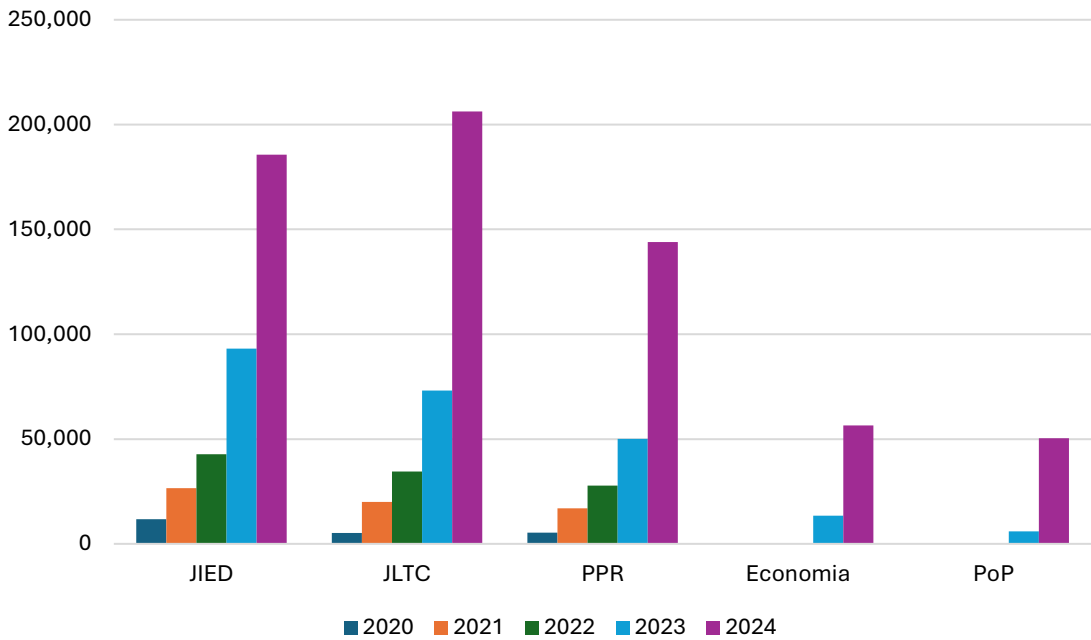


Figure 3: Usage by journal 2020–2024.

Figure 4 shows usage share by journal, with *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*, *Journal of Long-Term Care* and *Public Policy Review*, as our longest standing journals, all accounting for the largest share of usage to date.

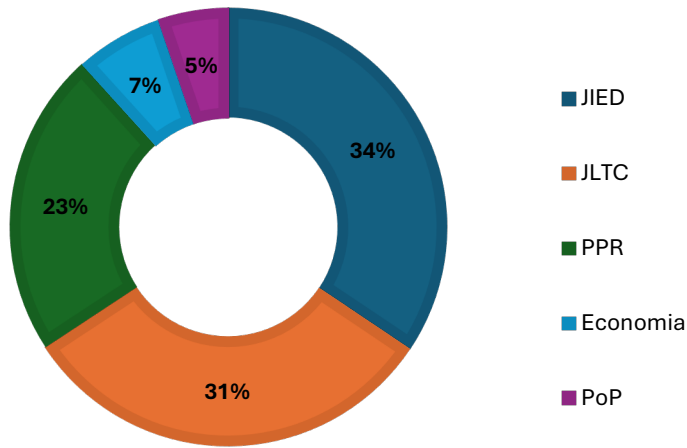


Figure 4: Usage share by journal.

Overall, total usage across all LSE Press journals in the period 2019–2024 has now exceeded the one million mark – the graphic below shows how this figure is split between downloads and online views.

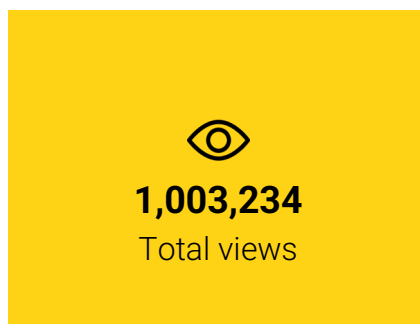
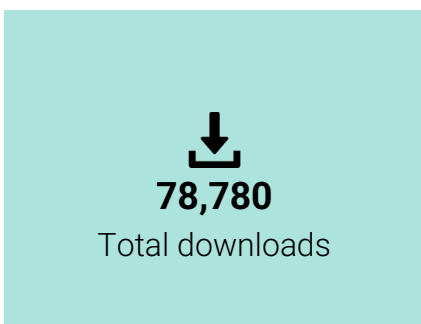


Table 4 shows the availability of LSE Press articles in Google Scholar and provides data on total citations, top cited papers, number of items with/without citations and average citations per year. Broadly there has been an increase in numbers of articles with citations, except for *Economia* which has seen a decrease in number of articles cited.

Measures	Journal of Illicit Economies and Development	Journal of Long-Term Care	LSE Public Policy Review	Economia LACEA Journal	Philosophy of Physics
Total number of items listed in Google Scholar*	136	140	58	54	7
Total citations	935	830	421	1251	13
Citations for the most cited paper	48	125	124	151	5
Items with citation	106	93	42	42	5
Items without citation	30	47	16	12	2
% of items with citation 2024	78%	66%	72%	78%	71%
% of items with citations 2023	72%	63%	64%	91%	n/a
Average authors per paper	1.74	3.54	1.68	2.44	1.29
Average citations per year	155.83	118.57	84.20	56.86	6.5
Years captured	6	7	5	22	2
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Last year	4	2024	2024	2024	2024

Table 4: Articles in Google Scholar and citation data. Source: Google Scholar.

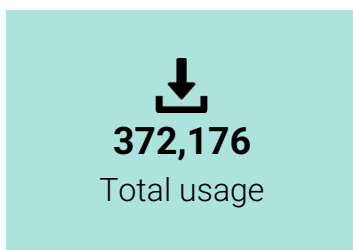
*note that the number of articles listed in Google Scholar may differ from the total number of articles published in the journal



jied.lse.ac.uk

Editor-in-Chief: Dr John Collins (Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, Austria)
Managing Editor: Maria Khoruk (Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, Austria)

The *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development* is a peer-reviewed, open access journal publishing research and policy commentary on the complex relationship between illicit markets and development. The journal is cross-disciplinary and engages with academics, practitioners, and decision makers in facilitating interventions and development planning that incorporates an in-depth understanding of the dynamics of illicit markets.



CiteScore 2024: 2.1
CiteScore 2023: 1.4

Indexing

DOAJ
Scopus (accepted 2022)
EBSCO (accepted 2022)
Norwegian Register
Jisc Open Policy Finder



Metrics

Articles published: 149
Total usage: 372,176
Altmetric mentions: 2,765
Citations: 935
Policy citations: 80

Member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)



journal.ilpnetwork.org

Editor-in-Chief: Dr José-Luis Fernández (Care Policy and Evaluation Centre, LSE)

Managing Editor: Dr Michael Clark (Care Policy and Evaluation Centre, LSE)

The *Journal of Long-Term Care* is an international, multi- and inter-disciplinary, peer-reviewed, online journal established as a focus for advancing the research evidence base for all aspects of long-term care for adults. Its range includes empirical papers and theoretical discussions relevant to policy and practice, methodological papers about improving methods in social care research, and perspectives papers commenting on significant issues for the sector.



339,261

Total usage

CiteScore 2024: 2.1

Indexing

DOAJ

Scopus (accepted 2022)

EBSCO

Norwegian Register

Jisc Open Policy Finder



150

Articles published

Metrics

Articles published: 150

Total usage: 339,261

Altmetric mentions: 178

Citations: 830

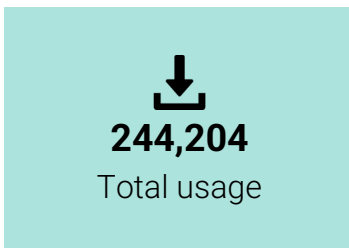
Policy citations: 141



ppr.lse.ac.uk

Editor-in-Chief: Professor Tim Besley (Department of Economics, LSE)
Managing Editor: Dr Irene Bucelli (STICERD, LSE)

LSE Public Policy Review is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal which draws principally (but not exclusively) on authors from across LSE's academic departments. Issues are thematic and concentrate on a key topic at the heart of current debates in public policy. Articles in each issue take different disciplinary perspectives, encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration and analysis at the forefront of current thinking.



In 2024 the journal published two issues:

- Changing labour markets and social protection
- AI and data science in public policy

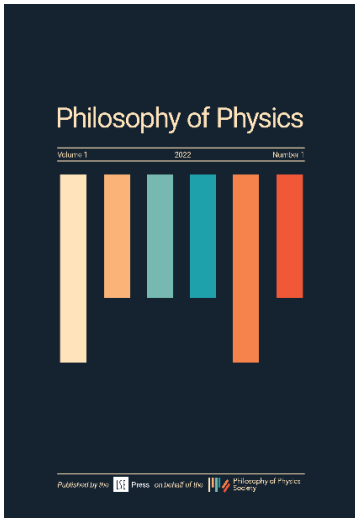


Indexing

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Metrics

Articles published: 102
Total usage: 244,204
Altmetric mentions: 2,157
Citations: 421
Policy citations: 142

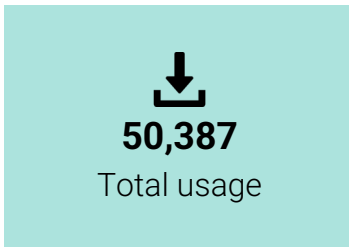


philosophyofphysics.lse.ac.uk

Journal of the [Philosophy of Physics Society](http://philosophyofphysicsociety.org)

Editor-in-Chief: Professor David Wallace (Department of Philosophy and Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh)

Philosophy of Physics is an open access journal publishing the best work in all areas of the philosophy of physics. It aims to be a flagship journal for the field and to span the different axes of philosophy of physics: metaphysical, historical, mathematical, practice-oriented (and more).



Indexing

Jisc Open Policy Finder

Metrics

Articles published: 30

Total usage: 50,387

Altmetric mentions: 112

Citations: 13





economia.lse.ac.uk

Journal of the [Latin American and Caribbean Economic Society](#)

Editor-in-Chief: Professor Sebastian Galiani (Department of Economics, University of Maryland)

Economía LACEA Journal is the journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association. Launched in 2000 and initially named “Economía”, it was published by Brookings Institution Press until 2022.

Economía LACEA Journal was acquired by LSE Press in 2022 and flipped to a fully open access model with continuous publishing. All backfiles since 2002 (previously paywalled at the Brookings Institution) are available on the LSE Press platform open access.



69,980

Total usage

CiteScore 2024: 0.5

CiteScore 2023: 0.4



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Articles published

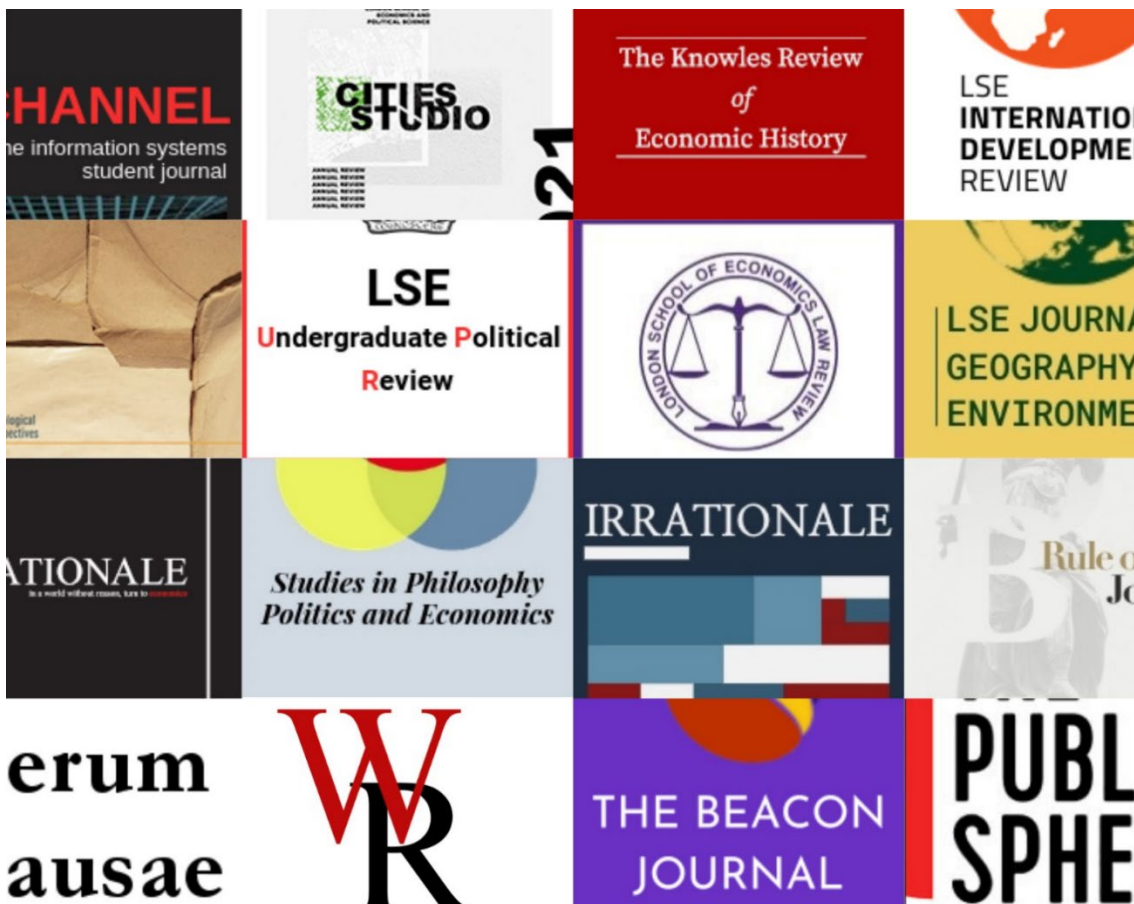
Indexing

DOAJ
Scopus
Web of Science
JSTOR
EBSCO
Jisc Open Policy Finder

Metrics

Articles published since acquisition by LSE Press: 26
Total articles published: 397
Total usage: 69,980
Altmetric mentions: 1,658
Citations: 1,251
Policy citations: 35

Houghton St Press



Houghton St Press is a platform for high quality, open access content produced by LSE students and is an imprint of LSE Press. It showcases the work created by our students through their critical investigation of complex social questions and provides a global forum for communities to engage with their ideas.

We currently publish 18 student journals. Some are run by departments or by student union societies. Three of the journals are course-based – *Studies in Philosophy, Politics and Economics*, *iSChannel* and *Cities Studio Annual Review* – and only publish work from students on particular LSE programmes. The rest are open for submission to students both within and outside LSE. This year the journal *Postgraduate Pedagogies* joined Houghton St Press from UCL and provides a forum for Graduate Teaching Assistants to share and reflect on their teaching experience. We also launched *The Grimshaw Review of International Affairs*, run by the Grimshaw Society, which was founded in 1923 and is LSE’s oldest student society.

Funding for Houghton St Press primarily comes from the Library, but some departments contribute to the hosting costs for journal websites.

Table 5 provides a summary of usage and the number of articles published by journal in 2024.

Journal	2024 articles	Total downloads
Cities Studio Annual Review	5	532
Irrationale*	10	
iSCHANNEL	7	1,135
Knowles Review of Economic History	5	1,810
LSE International Development Review	13	2,005
LSE Journal of Geography and Environment	28	1,274
LSE Law Review	9	3,124
LSE Undergraduate Political Review	7	1,867
New Sociological Perspectives	7	2,660
Postgraduate Pedagogies	20	1,371
Rationale	0	119
Rerum Causae	6	1,088
Rule of Law Journal	3	871
Studies in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	7	1,618
The Beacon	2	861
The Grimshaw Review of International Affairs	14	1,212
The Public Sphere: Journal of Public Policy	6	1,805
The Webster Review of International History	21	1,845

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Table 5: Outputs from Houghton St Press Journals in 2024.

Figure 5 provides a map showing the geographical spread of Houghton St Press's readership, indicating that readers are based across every inhabited continent across the globe.

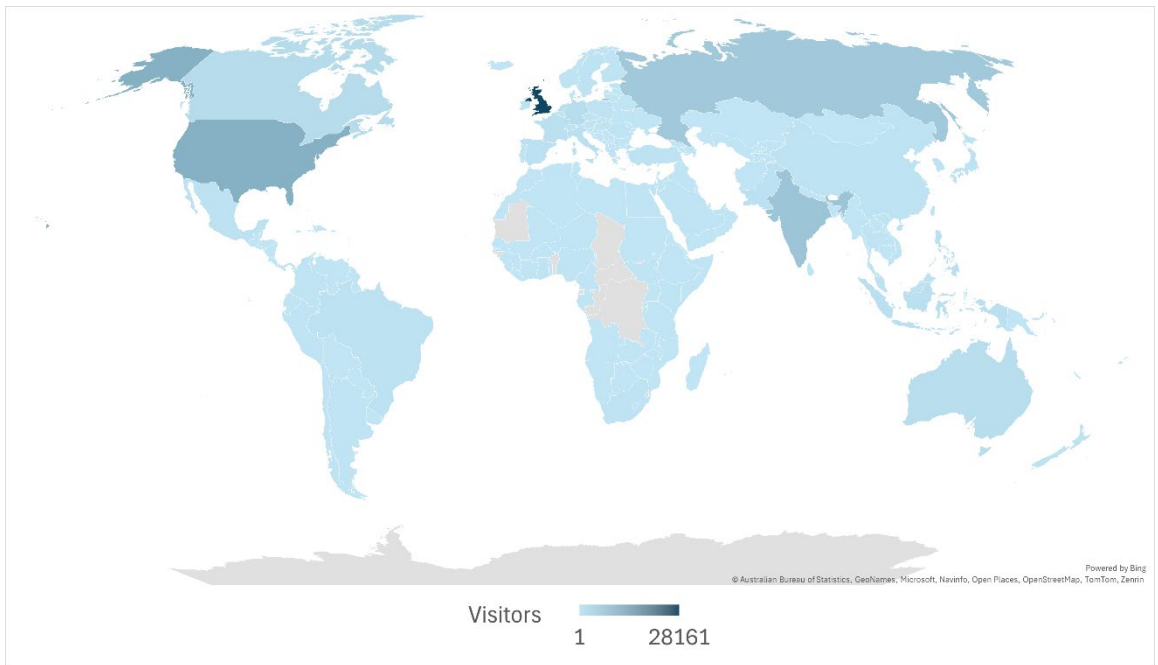


Figure 5: Geographical spread of Houghton St Press readership. Source: Plausible.

Communications and Impact

Communications Update

By Elinor Potts, Communications Coordinator

2024 has been a triumphant year for LSE Press and we have a lot to reflect on and celebrate. We published four new academic books, and our open access journals continue to publish important new research.

In the concluding quarter of 2024 our books and journals passed a combined usage of 1,000,000 total reads and downloads – a tremendous publishing milestone which LSE News and LSE Alumni network reported on in [an interview with Professor Dame Sarah Worthington](#).

We hosted our first symposium event as part of Open Access Week 2024: “*What’s in store for the future of social sciences publishing?*”, which included two panels with LSE Press authors and publishing professionals, and a keynote lecture from Philippe Sands, Professor of the Public Understanding of Law at UCL. Materials from LSE Library’s print media collections were displayed, and participants were invited to network and engage with our publishing team afterwards. The event was promoted on social media and via the LSE blogs networks through an article published on the LSE History blog, which explored [The untold story of publishing at LSE](#) using archival material from LSE Library to detail the legacy of publishing operations at the School prior to our founding in 2018.

To better understand our authors’ experiences of publishing with us and whether they had any advice for prospective writers, we surveyed our authors and received some outstanding feedback, in particular around the quality of our editorial, communications and marketing processes. They also flagged feeling supported throughout the publication process. Extracts from the survey are showcased in “Author and Editor Stories” on page 38 of this report.

Alongside securing some impressive endorsements for our books from leading academics and thinkers, we were delighted to see this praise extended with our first book prize nominations in 2024 for *Renegotiating Patriarchy* ([People’s Book Prize best non-fiction book of 2024](#)) and *How Africa Trades*, which was awarded the Business Council of Africa’s African Business Book of the Year. On social media, we’ve seen our following continue to grow on Bluesky (from 105 followers at the end of 2023 to 1,800 followers by December 2024) and for our newsletter (from 200 subscribers at the end of 2023 to 670 subscribers at the end of 2024).

LSE Press authors and publications have been covered in [Research for the World Magazine](#), [The Times Literary Supplement](#), [Arise News](#), [The Guardian](#), [From Power to](#)

[Poverty](#), [The Bookseller](#), [African Business Magazine](#), [Investment Week](#), [The Agency Fund](#), [European Political Science journal](#), and LSE blogs including [EUROPP](#), [British Politics and Policy](#), [Business Review](#), [LSE Review of Books](#), [International Development](#), and [LSE History](#). Gwyn Bevan's *How Did Britain Come to This?* was also selected by Paul Collier as one of the [Times Literary Supplement's Books of the Year 2024](#).

We hosted book launches as part of LSE's highly respected Public Lecture Programme for [Dead Men's Propaganda](#) and [The Open Society as an Enemy](#), and held an event as part of the LSE Festival for [Renegotiating Patriarchy](#), with panellists authors Monica Ali CBE and Philip Hensher.

Huge thanks to everyone that downloaded our books, attended our events, and helped support our mission to make academic research freely accessible around the world.

Digital Marketing Metrics

Table 6 summarises the social media platforms where LSE Press has a presence and our reach on each platform. X (Twitter) remains an important site for us, despite the increased migration over to Bluesky by the academic community and is the 3rd-highest source of visitors to our website after direct visitor and Google referrals. We have seen exceptionally fast growth of our Bluesky account and now have more followers than one of our key competitors, the more established UCL Press, who have 1,500 followers.

Platform	Followers	Increase in Followers since 2023	Posts	Impressions
X (Twitter)	3,067	8%	293	706,654
LinkedIn	2,964	68%	245	116,540
Facebook	178	117%	68	1,824
Instagram	848	79%	91	78,957
Bluesky	1,800	1614%	140	n/a

Table 6: LSE Press social media activity and reach.

Figure 6 provides a snapshot of our social media reach, showing the demographic spread of X posts about LSE Press publications. The map shows there have been over 10,000 posts about our content in 122 countries, across every inhabited continent. Figure 7 shows news demographics, revealing there have been 334 news stories in 27 countries that have featured our content.

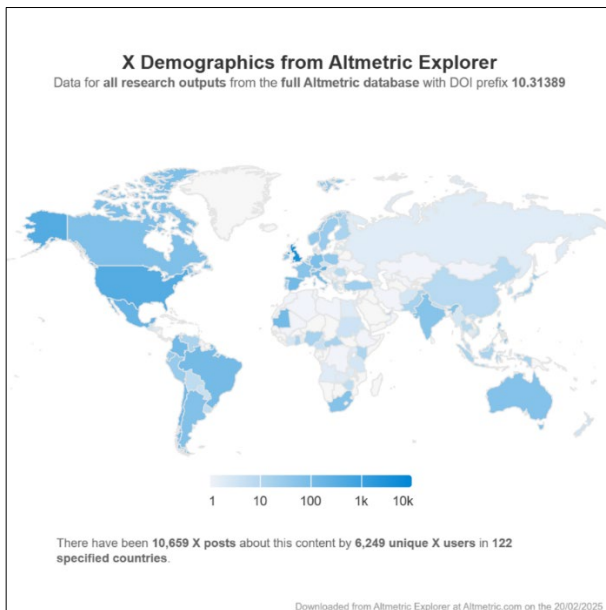


Figure 6: Demographics of X posts on LSE Press publications. Source: Altmetric.

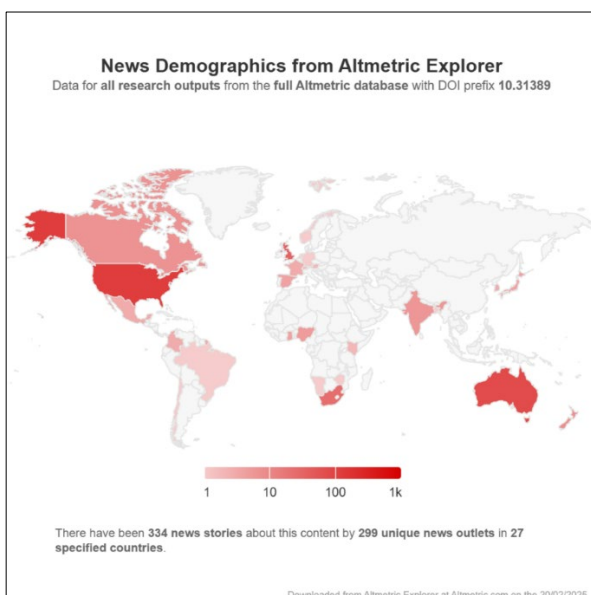


Figure 7: Geographical spread of news reporting on LSE Press content. Source: Altmetric.

Table 7 shows website usage, comparing 2024 to 2023 and showing an overview of all-time usage. While in 2023 Twitter and LinkedIn accounted for a high proportion of referrals to the website (at 3rd and 4th most referrals respectively), in 2024 they have dropped to 5th and 6th place. The Open Textbook Library (OTL), which did not feature in referrals to the website in 2023, now accounts for the 3rd-most referrals, driving traffic to the *Advanced Macroeconomics* page, and demonstrating the growing importance of the OTL site for discovery of open educational resources. In 2024 *Renegotiating Patriarchy* has quickly become our 2nd most popular book page, despite publishing late in the year in September.

Year	Unique visitors	Total visits	Most visited book pages	Sources	Visitors by country
2023	36.7K	40.9K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Macroeconomics (9.9K) How Africa Trades (3.4K) Spectrum Auctions (2.4K) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Google Twitter LinkedIn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK USA India
2024	39.1K	42.9K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Macroeconomics (10.8K) Renegotiating Patriarchy (2.9K) How Africa Trades (2.5K) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Google lse.ac.uk Open Textbook Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK USA India
All time (2018-2024)	162K	182K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Macroeconomics (49.8K) The UK's Changing Democracy (19.1K) Conflict, War and Revolution (6.4K) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Google Twitter Democratic audit.com 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK USA India

Table 7: Website usage 2023, 2024 and in total since 2018. Source: Plausible.

Table 8 lists all LSE publications by Altmetric score. Two case studies (one article and one book) take a closer look at the factors that make up the score.

- The highest-ranking journal article, “The Rise of Populism and the Revenge of the Places That Don’t Matter” published in the *LSE Public Policy Review* in July 2020. It is in the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric. It achieved its high

score as a result of 70 citations, mentions in 13 news stories and three policy documents (two by The Publications Office of the European Union and one by the World Bank). It has also been referenced in 835 X posts from 453 users.

- *The UK's Changing Democracy* achieved its high score through featuring in one news story, 10 blogs and six Wikipedia pages. It was mentioned in 1,025 X posts from 490 users, on two Facebook pages and by one Bluesky user. It has been cited 13 times.

Mentions	Title	Type	Published
685	Advanced Macroeconomics: An Easy Guide	Book	Oct 2021
517	Australia's Evolving Democracy: A New Democratic Audit	Book	Dec 2024
425	The Rise of Populism and the Revenge of the Places That Don't Matter <i>LSE Public Policy Review</i>	Article	Jul 2020
414	The UK's Changing Democracy: The 2018 Democratic Audit	Book	Nov 2018
403	Potency-Enhancing Synthetics in the Drug Overdose Epidemic <i>Journal of Illicit Economies and Development</i>	Article	Dec 2022
278	How Africa Trades	Book	May 2023
158	Populism and Identity Politics <i>LSE Public Policy Review</i>	Article	Jul 2020
135	Inequality and Crime in Latin America and the Caribbean <i>Economia</i>	Article	Nov 2023
113	Decentralised Governance: Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World	Book	Sep 2023
111	Conflict, War and Revolution: The Problem of Politics in International Political Thought	Book	Jan 2022

Table 8: Top Ten LSE Press books and articles with the highest Altmetric scores. Source: Altmetric.

Policy Impact

We track the public policy and practitioner impacts of our journal content using the Overton database. In 2024 LSE Press content was cited in 146 documents from 21 countries (see Figure 9). Figure 8 shows policy source types that have cited LSE Press publications, suggesting our publications are referenced across a range of sources.

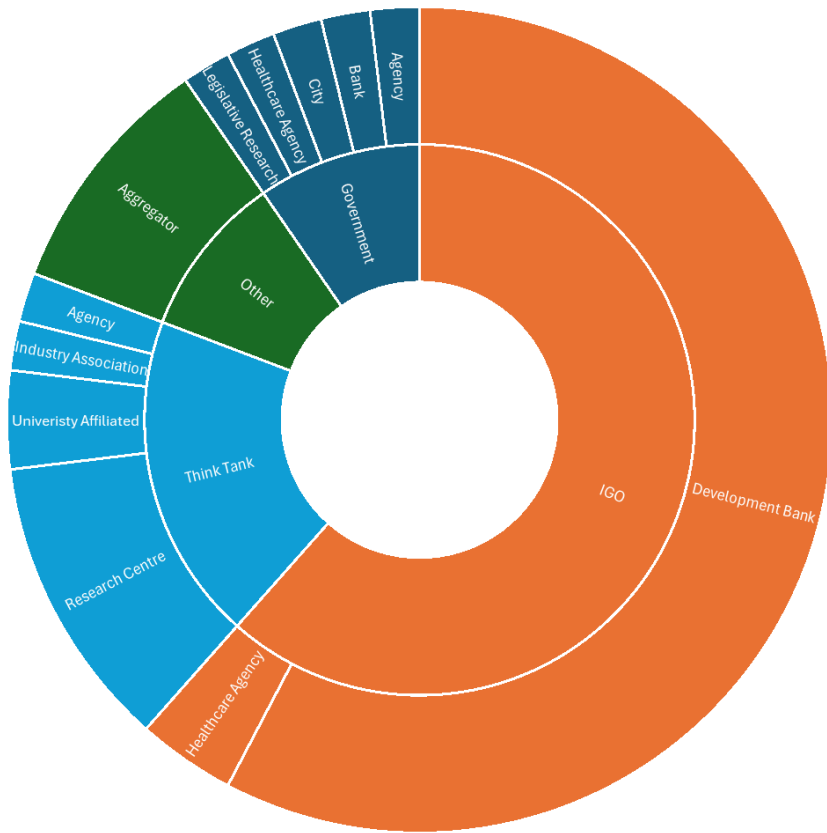


Figure 8: Policy source types where LSE Press content has been cited. Source: Overton.

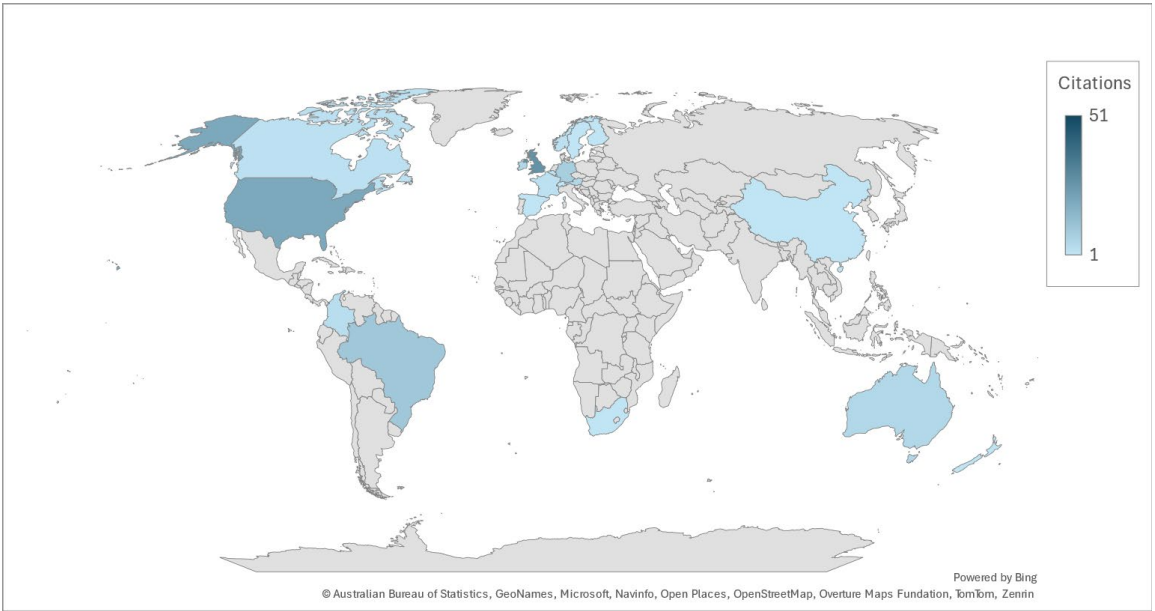


Figure 9: Countries citing LSE Press content in policy documents and reports. Source: Overton.

Author and Editor Stories

Our authors and editors have shared the impact that publishing with us had on them and what they most valued about the experience. Here we provided a snapshot of the positive feedback we have received from our authors this year.

“My experience with LSE Press has been truly exceptional. In publishing with them, one not only benefits from their expertise and reputation but also contributes to the important mission of advancing knowledge and making research universally accessible”
– Professor Sarmistha Pal, co-editor, *Decentralised Governance: Crafting Effective Democracies Around the World*

“I have worked with a number of academic publishers in the past. My experience with LSE Press, in terms of pre-publication advice, support through the publishing process and publicity after publication, has been second to none” – Professor Alexander Pepper, author of *If You're So Ethical Why Are You So Highly Paid?*

“I have been very impressed with LSE Press at every step of the process. The level of professionalism has been exceptional. Overall, my experience has transformed my expectations for how a publishing house should be run” – Professor J. McKenzie Alexander, author of *The Open Society as an Enemy: A Critique of How Free Societies Turned Against Themselves*

“I am particularly grateful for the support from LSE Press whose meticulous review and constructive feedback were invaluable. Since the book's publication I have been highly recommending LSE Press to colleagues as a valuable publishing outlet” – Professor Hyun Bang Shin, co-editor of *Covid-19 in Southeast Asia: Insights for a Post-Pandemic World*

LSE Press Finances and Business Model

Figure 10 and 11 below set out the main sources of expenditure and funding/income for the Press. This year, as in 2023, the main areas of expenditure were book and journal production costs, accounting for 84% of total Press costs. Whilst the largest sources of funding were from Library endowments and the main Library budget, 2024 saw external funding to support publication costs grow slightly from 8% in 2023 to 10% in 2024 and book sales income also saw a small uptick from 1% in 2023 to 3% in 2024.

LSE Press's business model continues to evolve. We aim to attract more external funding to support our activities via library membership schemes and research funding.

- In 2024 LSE Press became a member of the Open Book Collective. This organisation will help us attract library funding to support our books programme and allow us to continue to publish using an equitable diamond open access model (i.e., with no author-facing fees) as much as possible.
- In partnership with Jisc, LSE Press has established a library membership scheme which will provide financial support for our journals programme.
- The Press has now established a Book Publication Charge (BPC) for authors with access to open access publication funds via their research funder or institution.
- The Press is actively engaged with the LSE Philanthropy and Global Engagement team (PAGE) to explore opportunities for donor support.
- Our book sales are low compared to other, similar open access presses and we will explore options to maximise the income we can generate here.

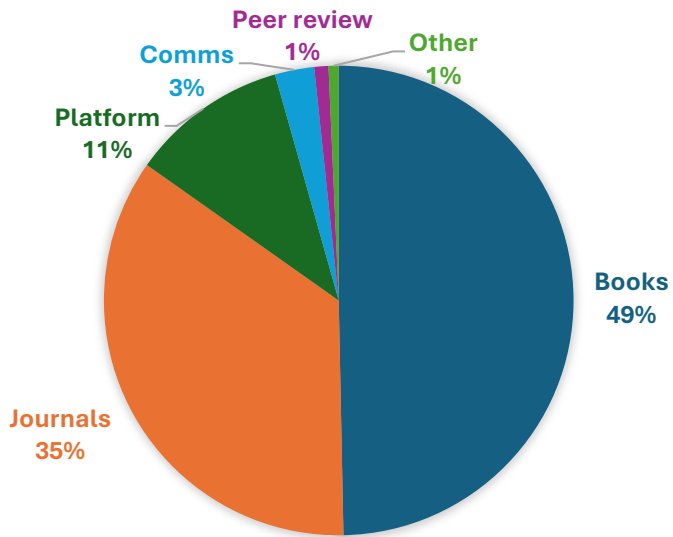


Figure 10: LSE Press expenditure 2024.

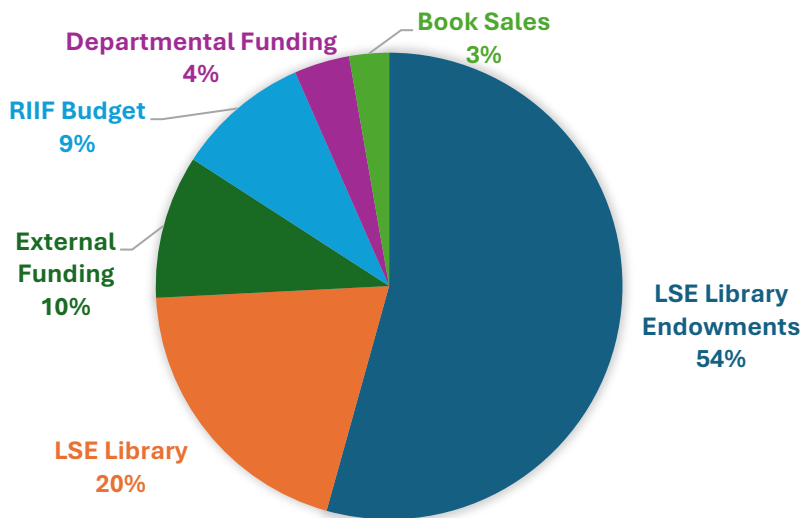


Figure 11: LSE Press sources of funding and income 2024.

Community Engagement

LSE Press plays an active role in the development of the non-profit open access community and in promoting open social science research. We are also involved in wider initiatives across the publishing industry.



LSE Press are founding members of the Open Institutional Publishing Association and team members play an active role in its development, including serving on the Committee and on the Comms Working Group. In 2024 Press staff attended the inaugural OIPA symposium in York.

LSE Press is a member of the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers and the Independent Publishers Guild. The Press's Communications Coordinator, Elinor Potts, is Co-Chair of ALPSP's Marketing Special Interest Group. In 2024 the team attended the ALPSP Redux Conference where Head of Publishing, Philippa Grand, presented on the importance of community and collaboration in publishing.



LSE Press plays an active role furthering the cause of open social science research within LSE, collaborating with the Open Research Team in the Library and as part of the Open Social Science Working Group. The Press's symposium, *"What's in store for the future of social sciences publishing?"* attracted an audience both within and beyond the School.

LSE Press is a signatory to Even UP, a UK and Irish University Presses' initiative to further equity, diversity and inclusivity in academic publishing. The Press publishes an annual survey to monitor the diversity of the author base for books and journals. The Press team has established an education programme, 'Introduction to Publishing', as part of LSE Library's Schools Outreach, aimed at encouraging those from under-represented backgrounds to consider a career in the industry.



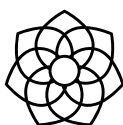
Future Focus

LSE Press's goal is to establish a reputation as a leading social science publisher of research that influences academic debate, public policy and the broader conversation. In 2025 the Press will work towards this mission in a number of ways.



A Reputation for Quality

We will continue to build our reputation for quality – in the books and journals we publish, in the experience we provide authors, and in the products we produce.



Discovery and Reach

We will ensure our publications are accessible on as many open access sites as possible and that our print editions are also widely available.



Proactive Commissioning

We will establish a strategic and proactive approach to acquiring new, cutting-edge publications for the book programme, expanding our list and championing greater diversity of scholarship.



An Evolving, Equitable Business Model

We will look to further diversify our sources of income and ensure we build an equitable business model that allows us to publish via a diamond open access approach as much as possible.



Publishing and Technological Infrastructure

We will ensure the publishing and technological infrastructure underpinning the Press is best able to support our future growth plans.



Community Building

We will continue to play our part in building a collegiate, collaborative and inclusive non-profit open access community that seeks to bring about change in academic publishing and continue to advocate for the value of open social science.

LSE Press Editorial Board

The LSE Press Editorial Board meets regularly through each academic year to ensure that the quality of scholarly work published by the Press meets the high standards of LSE and is aligned with the intellectual strategy of the Press.

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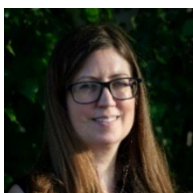
Niamh Tumelty
Managing Director

Niamh Tumelty is Director of LSE Library, which includes the role of Managing Director of LSE Press. Previously, Niamh was Head of Open Research Services at Cambridge University Libraries and a Fellow of Newnham College.



Philippa Grand, PhD
Head of Publishing

Philippa is responsible for day-to-day management of the Press and team. She has over twenty years' experience working in academic publishing, specialising in the social sciences, including at Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Bristol University Press and University of Westminster Press, and is Co-Deputy Chair of the Open Institutional Publishing Association.



Alice Park
Managing Editor

Alice joined the LSE Press team in 2022. She has previously worked as an Editor in trade and non-fiction book publishing, and for LSE's blogs platform. She co-edited LSE Press's first book, *The UK's Changing Democracy: The 2018 Democratic Audit*. She manages LSE Press's book programme, particularly working with authors to develop proposals, commissioning new titles, and working with the Press's series editors.



Elinor Potts
Communications Coordinator

Elinor joined LSE Press in 2022. She has over 10 years of experience in marketing for book publishing in the trade sector and previously worked as a senior bookseller. She is currently completing a Level 6 Apprenticeship + CIM as a Marketing Manager. She is responsible for marketing and publicity for all LSE Press books and journals and manages the LSE Press blog.



Lucy Lambe
Open Research Librarian

Lucy coordinates the outreach, training and support for Open Research at LSE and manages the Houghton Street Press journals.

Definitions

Altmetric altmetric.com

A tool used by the library to measure online “attention” for scholarly outputs. Altmetric tracks social media, news websites, policy sources, blogs and Wikipedia.

Book/journal download

A user has downloaded the full book or journal article in PDF, EPUB or Mobi formats.

Book/journal read/view

A user has opened the EPUB version within the browser using the ebook reader on the LSE Press platform or read an article online.

Book/journal usage

A combined total figure of downloads and online reads/views of digital book or journal content.

Chapter download

A user has downloaded a PDF of a single chapter from a book.

CLOCKSS clockss.org

A sustainable online archive to ensure the long-term survival of digital scholarship. Content is stored in multiple locations and is only released when a “trigger” event occurs, e.g. a publisher ceases to exist.

Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) doaj.org

A registry of open access journal that meet a set of minimum criteria for inclusion. Journals can also apply for the DOAJ Seal, which recognises best practice in open access journal publishing.

EBSCO ebSCO.com

A provider of databases for scholarly literature with many academic library customers.

Google Books play.google.com/store/books

Book discovery and purchase platform from Google where users can find LSE Press content for free and add to their digital library.

Google Scholar scholar.google.com

Search engine for scholarly literature that captures a large proportion of English language publications and tracks citations.

LSERO eprints.lse.ac.uk

LSE Research Online, the School’s open access repository where users can find LSE Press publications. LSERO content is highly discoverable through Google Scholar.

OAPEN oapen.org

An online library and publication platform for open access content. Many libraries use OAPEN to create catalogue records and link out to open access books.

Overton overton.io

A tool that tracks mentions of scholarly publications within policy documents from a range of sources around the world.

Scopus scopus.com

An abstract and citation database from the publishing company Elsevier covering over 36,000 journal titles across all subjects.

Zenodo zenodo.org

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