

## Press release

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### **OAPEN has gained funding from the European Commission, and will be seeking partners at the Frankfurt Book Fair.**

The European Commission has reached agreement with the OAPEN consortium to fund the OAPEN project with €900,000 from the eContentplus Programme. The project started in September 2008 with a kick off meeting in Göttingen. A Scientific Board has been established and an External Stakeholders Group is currently being formed.

OAPEN is a 30-month target project to develop and implement an Open Access (OA) publication model for peer reviewed academic books in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS). The project, which is the first of its kind, aims to achieve a sustainable European approach to improve the quantity, visibility and usability of high-quality OA content and foster the creation of new content by developing future-oriented publishing solutions, including an online library dedicated to HSS, and new business models.

OAPEN consists of seven scholarly publishers and two Universities in six European countries (see partner list below) and is coordinated by Amsterdam University Press. The partners will work closely with stakeholders, such as authors, research councils, university libraries, policy makers, and scholarly publishers. The OAPEN consortium welcomes other publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences to join OAPEN's network, make use of OA publications models and to expand the available OA content.

OAPEN will use the latest solutions in Open Access digital publishing, whilst maintaining traditional publishing services. It will provide editorial selection, peer-review, copy-editing and formatting, along with worldwide marketing and distribution of print-on-demand titles. Authors will retain their copyright and benefit by attracting more readers and gaining greater peer recognition.

Representatives of OAPEN will be attending the upcoming Frankfurt Book Fair, from October 15th to October 19th. Interested publishers and other stakeholders can visit the OAPEN stand in Hall 8, Stand C921 or contact one of the partners.

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#### **Partners**

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Museum Tusulanum Press, Denmark  
Manchester University Press (MUP), United Kingdom  
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