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www.theculturalcapital.com/2012/03/snoozing-through-conference/

www.dreams.co.uk
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• How can this be stopped?
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- It’s a simple job....

To turn this:
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- It's a simple job....

Into this:
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• So what's the theme this year?

Summary & Closing

What does everybody want?

• Researchers / Authors
• Readers
• Institutions
• Libraries
• Reviewers
• Funders / Regulators
• Politicians

Aaaaaaaaaaaaagh!
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- Things are being pulled in opposite directions
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• Expertise vs Personal Intuition
• Rational vs Anti-rational

What Gove meant to say:
“I think that people in this country have had enough of economists and politicians claiming to be able to make detailed long-term economic predictions, when there is no evidence that their past forecasts have been anything other than guesswork disguised as expertise. Surgeons and pilots are experts, but all economists are merely witch-doctors and charlatans.”
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• Anti-authoritarians vs System justifiers
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- Literacy vs Illiteracy

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I think I may have to leave this group.....

Nailsworth Chat & Information

Does anyone no if their is a barber's in nailsworth plz
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• Idiocy vs Ilidiocy

Matthew
My teacher is so dumb. He thought the sun was a star.
Like · Comment · 9 minutes ago near Belmont · 🌐

Allie
umm that’s because it is...
6 minutes ago · Unlike · 5 people

Matthew
no it’s not. a sun is a sun, and a star is a star. saying that a sun is a star is the same as saying a tomato is a fruit. thats right, its not true
4 minutes ago · Like
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• It's Complicated vs It Seems obvious

(LSE Philosopher)

The Finch Report on open access: it's complicated

Jun 21 2012
Blog Admin
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• It is clear vs It is confusing
• Defined vs Debatable
  • Open Science, Open Data,
  • Open Access, Green, Gold
  • Citizen Science,
  • Truth, Alt,

OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING
(There are 2 routes to OA publishing: Gold and Green)

GOLD
(Final print version)
- Author/Institution usually pay APC to publisher
- Free and immediate access

GREEN
(Accepted version)
- No fees paid to publisher
- Papers are often available after an embargo period e.g. WRAP - Warwick Research Archive Portal
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Definitions vs Self-determination

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• Final vs In progress
  - publication of record
  - final version
  - peer reviewed
  - trusted
  - citable
  - deposited
  - reproducible
  - career

• collaboration
  - fluidity
  - development
  - Revised
  - Responsive
  - Living
  - pre-print
  - community
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• Articles vs Data
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- Career vs Community

Levels of community

- Institution
- Discipline
- Science system
- Society

Career
Communicate
Obtain funding
Policy & practice
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• Easy vs Difficult
  • LSE Press – 1 person
  • UCL Press – 6 people
  • OU Press – 6,000 people
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- Important vs 'Sexy'
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• Open vs Closed
• Free vs Funded
• Property vs Theft

“My motivation was political, if it is publicly-funded research (which it is in my case), then I think the public has the right to access these results.”

“I am in favour of attribution rather than ownership and that intellectual property of all kinds should be a community resource.”
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• Outputs vs Processes
• Methods vs Data

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So....

Basically the same as Art, and Discrimination
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• Quick vs Scooped
• Dirty vs Thorough
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• Change vs Continuity

“everybody though that they were more willing to change than everybody else”
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• Science vs Humanities
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• Gender vs People
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  - At R2R, at least, we have reached ‘peak geezer’
  - although.......
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• Diversity vs Homogeneity
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• Librarians vs Publishers
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- Librarians are still looking for a new role
  - Protectors of manuscripts and of early books
  - Protectors of mass-produced books
  - Selectors of mass-produced books & journals
  - Managers of journal binding operations
  - Guides to finding print books & journals
  - Guides to finding electronic books & journals
  - Managers of expensive journal subscriptions
  - Observers of patron-led collection development
  - Revenue agents for publishers
  - Publishers
Conference Summary

- Librarians vs Publishers

"The creatures outside looked from librarian to publisher, and from publisher to librarian, and from librarian to publisher again; but already it was impossible to say which was which."

with apologies to George Orwell
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• What are we going to do?
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• We have some data....
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  • We are a community....
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- What are we going to do?
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  - We are a community....
  - We are learning to collaborate and to cross-skill
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• But: “It would take a fair degree of experimentation to get from here to there.”
Researcher to Reader

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