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Context

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Background

Flip existing journals to open access

Create new, innovative publications
- Other library and new university presses
- LSE researchers and research support staff
- Environmental scan
- Available platforms
Library and new university presses

- Varied according to local resource and subject areas
- Manage expectations no matter what you’re offering
- It’s possible to do a lot with very little
LSE researchers and research staff

- LSE should have a press
- Researchers want to publish their own journals
- Open to future changes – we need to be prepared
- Change in culture is needed
Publishing at LSE

- Academic and student journals
- Open textbooks
- Monograph series
Our vision

- Provide a platform for innovative or experimental publications
- Publish high quality, peer reviewed social sciences research
- Publish on an open access basis in to ensure a global audience
☐ Meet the New Neighbors
☐ Drive to the Library
☐ Drive to the Beach
☐ Go to the Museum
☐ Visit the New Park
☐ Attend the School Meeting
☐ Attend the Family Reunion
☐ Have a Family Dinner
☐ Plan for the Road Trip
☐ Photograph the New Neighborhood
☐ Buy the New Cookbook
☐ Read the New Novel
☐ Find a New Hobby
☐ Make New Friends
☐ Sell the Old Car
☐ Buy a New Car
☐ See the New Movie
☐ Go to the New Restaurant
☐ Enjoy the New Vacation
☐ Explore the New City
☐ Discover the New Country
☐ Live a New Life
Challenges

- Working with IMT
- Business models
- Skills gap?
Next steps

- Learning to be a publisher
- Working with academics on first journals
- Launch!
Shifting sands: notes from UKSG2017 workshop on skills: [unlockingresearch-blog.lib.cam.ac.uk/?p=1417](unlockingresearch-blog.lib.cam.ac.uk/?p=1417)


The second Research Excellence Framework: [www.hefce.ac.uk/rsrch/ref2021/](www.hefce.ac.uk/rsrch/ref2021/)

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**Thanks for listening!**

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