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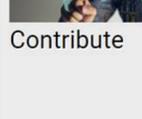
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There are 861 publications in the OpenResearch repository with ANU authors on pandemics.

SIS News

CONTINUED WORKING IN THE MOVE TO REMOTE WORK AND STUDY

Dear SIS Staff

Thank you everyone for the great support you are providing to each other and to our clients.

As we prepare for the transition back to campus, significant preparatory work is occurring throughout the university. In relation to cleaning measures, there are significant resources allocated to additional cleaning. As you may know before the campus transitioned to full remote working, the CMT endorsed 20 roving cleaners to undertake preventative sanitisation services to disinfect high touch points in high density areas a minimum of twice a day across the university. As part of the transition back to campus, this service will continue until December and then be reviewed by the University.

Additional disinfectant sprays, wipes and paper towel will be available for staff to self-manage high touch points in their immediate work areas.

In addition to preventative sanitisation services, F&S have engaged additional cleaning staff to disinfect communal and high traffic areas a minimum of twice a day with a series of disinfectant spray machines. The disinfectant spray machines will allow the servicing of these areas quickly and efficiently. We are currently considering where they can be used – they are not suitable for collection areas and we will need to make sure that all health issues are explored.

In relation to assisting in ensuring social distancing, over the coming week the SIS Facilities team will be measuring the distance between staff seats in identified areas to ensure that if there are areas where desks or equipment need to be addressed that occurs. I appreciate everyone's support at this time – special thanks to SIS Facilities for the work that they will be undertaking on this project. Supervisors will be provided with information from the measuring next week and of any required actions.

When we come back there will be much we need to think about to take care of each other by behaving appropriately with social distancing. This will mean that if you are in an area where someone else is coming through or coming into and it looks like they might come closer than 1.5 metres – whether in the tea room or walking down a corridor or talking to a work colleague in your work area – it will be timely to make room for social distancing to continue. Please be considerate and work with others to make sure that we are able to socially distant. Whether that is through staggered morning teas or just taking a bit more care and waiting for someone to walk through a corridor we will work to find ways to help each other. I am sure you will contribute to a safe workplace and am very grateful for your support.

Screens ("Sneeze screens") are being installed at the Information desks in all libraries. The JB Chifley one is in place and others are either in place or coming soon.

This week's retrievals were a great success. Thanks to all involved.

Keep safe.

Roxanne

College of Science Interim General Managers. Congratulations to Jennifer Nott who has been appointed as interim College General Manager for the College of Science and Donelle Claudianos who has been appointed as interim General Manager College of Health and Medicine. We look forward to continuing to work with them.

Privacy – OAIC guidance on PIAs in draft. The OAIC has published a [draft resource](#) with guidance on how agencies can screen for high privacy risk projects by completing a threshold assessment to determine whether a PIA is required. The draft resource also provides a threshold assessment template, which includes a non-exhaustive list of factors that point to the potential that a project may be a high privacy risk project. It is very helpful.

Records freeze - Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements. In response to the establishment of the Royal Commission, the National Archives issued a Commonwealth wide records disposal freeze notice on 5 May 2020. The notice suspends National Archives' permissions for the destruction of records that may be required by the Royal Commission and any consequent Government action. It will remain in force until otherwise advised by the National Archives. Relevant records and any associated drafts and working papers cannot be destroyed using any agency-specific or general records authorities or through a normal administrative practice (NAP). General Records Authority 31 may be used to destroy source records where the digitised copy has been provided to the Royal Commission. For more information click [here](#).

[Roxanne Missingham](#)
[University Librarian](#)

Events

Copyright and Remote Supply for Australian Libraries and Archives (repeat session)
When: Thursday 21 May 2020 2:00pm - 3:30pm AEST
Where: Online

The Australian Libraries Copyright Committee will run this webinar on [Copyright and Remote Supply for Australian Libraries and Archives](#) to help us all understand this area of the Act.

Data Collection in a Time of Multiple Crises (ONLINE CONFERENCE)
When: Thursday 21 May 2020 2: 9am-5.30pm
Where: Online

The online conference will be jointly convened by the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods and the Social Research Centre (an ANU-company). The conference will bring together Australia's and the world's leading survey researchers, analysts and qualitative methodologists to discuss the potential ways forward for data collection during this most challenging time. The conference will focus on solutions and opportunities, building on practices already in place, and point the way forward to new and innovative practices. Participation will be through a mix of keynote presentations, pre-recorded video presentations from experts in the field, and real-time Q-and-A sessions. More details [here](#).

Information Awareness Month events – click [here](#)

FROM HR

ANU Staff Relief Fund
Staff members who are experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 are able to apply for a grant of up to \$2,500, through the ANU Staff Relief Fund.

The ANU Staff Relief Fund will provide financial assistance to staff, who require support above and beyond what the University is able to provide. The Fund was set up in response to the impact of COVID-19 on staff, and will continue to assist staff into the future. This fund is complementary to existing staff support programs, and is designed to assist staff who are experiencing hardship outside of work, such as loss to a second income due a spouse losing their job as a result of COVID-19.

The University goal is to support 100 staff members with ex-gratia payments of up to \$2,500 each, with preference given to staff who demonstrate significant hardship.

Staff who require consideration for access to the fund are encouraged to complete the application form (in the Reference Documents), and submit to CommunityWellbeing@anu.edu.au for consideration.

ARDC

ARDC staff continue to work successfully remotely – undertaking a range of strategic research projects.

ANU Press and Open Access Publishing

Talking About – and Maybe Even Selling – Books in a Pandemic? Interesting analysis by y Karin Wulf and Lindsay Cherbinsky "We have focused on our home discipline, history, and our field, early American history in particular, to highlight some of the efforts at book promotion and author-reader and organizational engagement. This discipline and field already had a decent number of digital projects promoting books, including podcasts like New Books Network and Ben Franklin's World (produced by the Omohundro Institute). The question is what we will carry forward from the era of COVID-19."
->> [read more](#)

Pandemic Reveals Broader Audiences for Science and Carves Out New All-digital Publishing Opportunities. Sabine Louët and Karla Fallon discuss how to realize the opportunities for better communicating research results to a broader audience. "The accelerated move online that has taken place during the pandemic is unlikely to slow."
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2020 volume of the Annual Review of Political Science published OA. Annual reviews has now overruled this from gated to open access, with all articles published under a CC BY license. Back volumes, dating from 1998, are also freely available.
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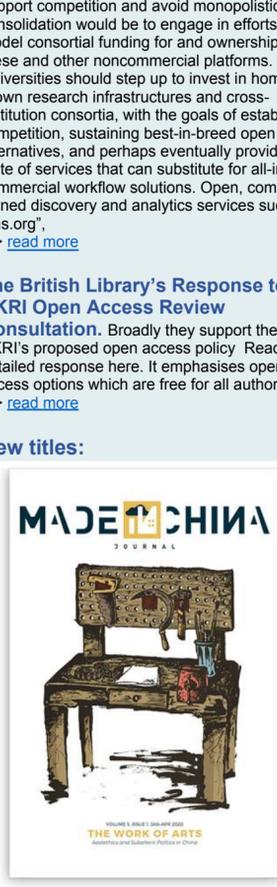
Checklists to detect potential predatory biomedical journals: a systematic review. A new study has found "There is a plethora of published checklists that may overwhelm authors looking to efficiently guard against publishing in predatory journals. The continued development of such checklists may be confusing and of limited benefit".
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Open access, open data and peer review by Jernej Ule. (editorial Genome biology). An extract "The innovations in science publishing are taking place at multiple levels: open access to publications, presentation of data in an accessible manner, transparent and unbiased systems for evaluating scientific output, and reasonable costs of publishing, including in the top tier journals. It will be exciting to watch as new innovations emerge at all of these levels"
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In pursuit of open science, open access is not enough. This article by Claudio Aspesi and Amy Brand has attracted attention and some criticism. The authors have written "... The bundling of journals (often using undisclosed pricing models) has historically worked well for commercial journal publishers, often at the expense of academic libraries (e.g., conditioning access to high-demand scientific literature on the purchase of resources for which there is little or no demand)... A first step to support competition and avoid monopolistic consolidation would be to engage in efforts to model consortial funding for and ownership of these and other noncommercial platforms. Universities should step up to invest in home-grown research infrastructures and cross-institution consortia, with the goals of establishing competition, sustaining best-in-breed open alternatives, and perhaps eventually providing a suite of services that can substitute for all-in-one commercial workflow solutions. Open, community-owned discovery and analytics services such as lens.org".
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The British Library's Response to the UKRI Open Access Review Consultation. Broadly they support the aim of UKRI's proposed open access policy. Read our detailed response here. It emphasises open access options which are free for all authors."
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New titles:



Open Research

Pandemic research in the repository. Did you know that we have 861 articles/papers published by ANU researchers openly available (according to a search on Google advanced search) with the word pandemic in the repository? The papers have been published over the decades. Some examples:

- Quantifying social distancing arising from pandemic influenza Peter Caley, David J Philp and Kevin McCracken 2007 *Journal of the Royal Society*;
- The avian influenza pandemic: Discourses of risk, contagion and preparation in Australia, Sudeepa Abeysinghe & Kevin White, 2011; *Health risk and society* v 13 no 4,
- Estimating antiviral effectiveness against pandemic influenza using household data by Kathryn Glass and Niels G Becker, 2008, *Journal of the Royal Society*;
- Prison outbreak: Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in an Australian prison, B.Turner and M.H.Levy 2010 *Public health* vol 124 iss 2;
- China's Coronavirus 'COVID-19 Diplomacy' in the Pacific Denghua Zhang *In Brief* 2020/10 CAP Dept of Pacific Affairs,;
- Influenza A/H1N1_09: Australia and New Zealand's Winter of Discontent Tom Kotsimpos, Grant Waterer, Christine Jenkins, Paul M. Kelly, Allen Cheng, Robert J. Hancock, Mark Holmes 7, Richard Wood-Baker, Simon Bowler, Louis Irving, Philip Thompson, *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* Volume 181, Issue 4.

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New in the repository

- [The Borrooloola portraits](#)
- [Foreword : Road Tripping: A Journey of Artefacts](#)
- [Promised the Moon 1969 * 2019](#)
- [Art and Apollo 11 in the Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [The US, China and 'Technology War'](#)

Keeping up to date

More Research Libraries Decline "Big Deal" Subscription Contracts with Publishers. A very interesting article from ARL – summarises actions in a number of libraries including SUNY, UNC–Chapel Hill, Iowa State University and MIT libraries. An example "'The big deal is no longer as valuable to our campus community as it once was," said Elaine L. Westbrooks, vice provost for University Libraries and university librarian at UNC–Chapel Hill.

"Carolina had no choice but to break our big deal with Elsevier because we could not negotiate a license that aligned with our values: affordability, transparency, sustainability, and open access. We will continue to work with UNC–Chapel Hill researchers around these values and we will continue to build awareness regarding the complexities of a scholarly publishing ecosystem that is not working for anyone other than a select group of for-profit scholarly publishers. I look forward to sitting down with Elsevier again or any other publisher that is open to rethinking how research universities can make their research open to all."
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National Archives Awards \$2.9 Million for Historical Records Projects. Archivist of the United States David S. Ferriero will award 27 grants totaling \$2,877,730 to projects in 17 states. The National Archives grants program is carried out with the advice and recommendations of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) Exciting!
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Four New Digital Projects Now Available Online From the British Library's Endangered Archives Programme. Fabulous development:

- Pa'O religious and literary manuscripts from Shan State, Myanmar [[EAP104](#)]
- records relating to the Tamil Protestant community of the Jaffna Peninsula, Sri Lanka [[EAP835](#)]
- colonial records from the French colony of Middle Congo (Republic of the Congo) [[EAP844](#)]
- Sanskrit and Malayalam manuscripts from monasteries in Thrissur, Kerala, India [[EAP1039](#)]

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