

Appendix 2: Strategic Alignment with IReL & Author Affiliation Data

Opening the Future: Central European University Press and Liverpool University Press proposal for IReL members

Strategic alignment with IReL and its members

Leading on OA agreements beyond journal articles

The IReL consortium is a global leader in the provision of OA publishing agreements; investing in *Opening the Future* offers the chance for individual member libraries to enhance their participation in similar fashion, supporting and building on the work pioneered by the consortium.

Firstly, the programme enables authors to publish OA monographs which can directly benefit IReL members. This is because investing increases the chances that the next time an IReL-affiliated researcher opts to publish with an OtF press, their work will more likely be made OA, increasing access and citations, without that institution having to pay a costly BPC. As you can see from the pricing breakdown in Appendix 1, the entire membership fee is drastically lower than a single BPC.

Secondly, this would bolster the member libraries' support of OA publishing beyond read and publish agreements and beyond journal articles, thereby enhancing support particularly for AHSS research output. Collective funding agreements like *Opening the Future* enable more equitable open access while creating a collection of OA books that are open for the world.

Expanding Access to Electronic Resources

As this model utilises backlist package subscriptions to collectively fund open access, it enhances library collections via a range of subject options.

The titles on offer support the teaching and research aims of several IReL members:

IReL Institution	LUP	CEU Press
Maynooth University	School of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures offering MA and PhD courses in Spanish and Latin American Studies.	Centre of European and Eurasian Studies, with a focus unique in the Irish context on Central and Eastern Europe, offering modules at UG and PG level on Eastern and Central Europe under Communism and European Politics.
University College Cork	Department of Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American Studies/Irish Centre for Galician Studies offering UG and PG courses in Hispanic Studies and Global Cultures and Languages.	
Trinity College Dublin	Department of Hispanic Studies offering PG modules and PhD tracks on Hispanic Identity and Culture.	Centre of Russian and Slavonic Studies, unique in the Irish context, offering multiple relevant UG and PG courses on Russian and European

		Studies.
University College Dublin	School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics offering UG and PG courses in Spanish Studies.	The BA in European Studies, with modules on Eastern Europe and Russia, and MA in European Politics and Policy, with modules on Eastern Europe and Russia.
Dublin City University		Numerous relevant UG and PG modules on European politics, populism in the 21st century, and post-soviet politics. The institutional repository https://doras.dcu.ie/view/groups/groups5c.html also demonstrates that the titles on offer support the research aims of several scholars at DCU regarding Central and Eastern Europe and Russia.
University of Galway	School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures offering Spanish Studies at UG and PG level.	School of Political Science and Sociology. The titles on offer support the research aims of two research clusters here: Social and Political Theory and Power, Conflict and Ideologies.
University of Limerick	School of Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics offering UG and PG courses in European Studies and Media (the titles on offer include several about Hispanic and Lusophone cinema and literature).	Centre for European Studies offering UG and PG courses in European Studies and European Politics, with relevant papers on Russian Politics.

Additionally, as it enables our partner presses to publish more of their frontlist OA, investment in OtF enables your institutions (along with everyone else) to acquire a greater proportion of the frontlist without having to purchase the titles one at a time or as part of bundles through third-party aggregators like ProQuest or EBSCO.

CEU Press and LUP monographs with IReL-affiliated authors

IReL Institution	Authors/Editors	Book Title	Affiliations
Trinity College Dublin	Balazs Apor	The Invisible Shining	Trinity College Dublin
University College Cork	Céire Broderick	Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Identities in Chile	University College Cork

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