

# International Open Access Week 2016: your library can help open up your research to the world

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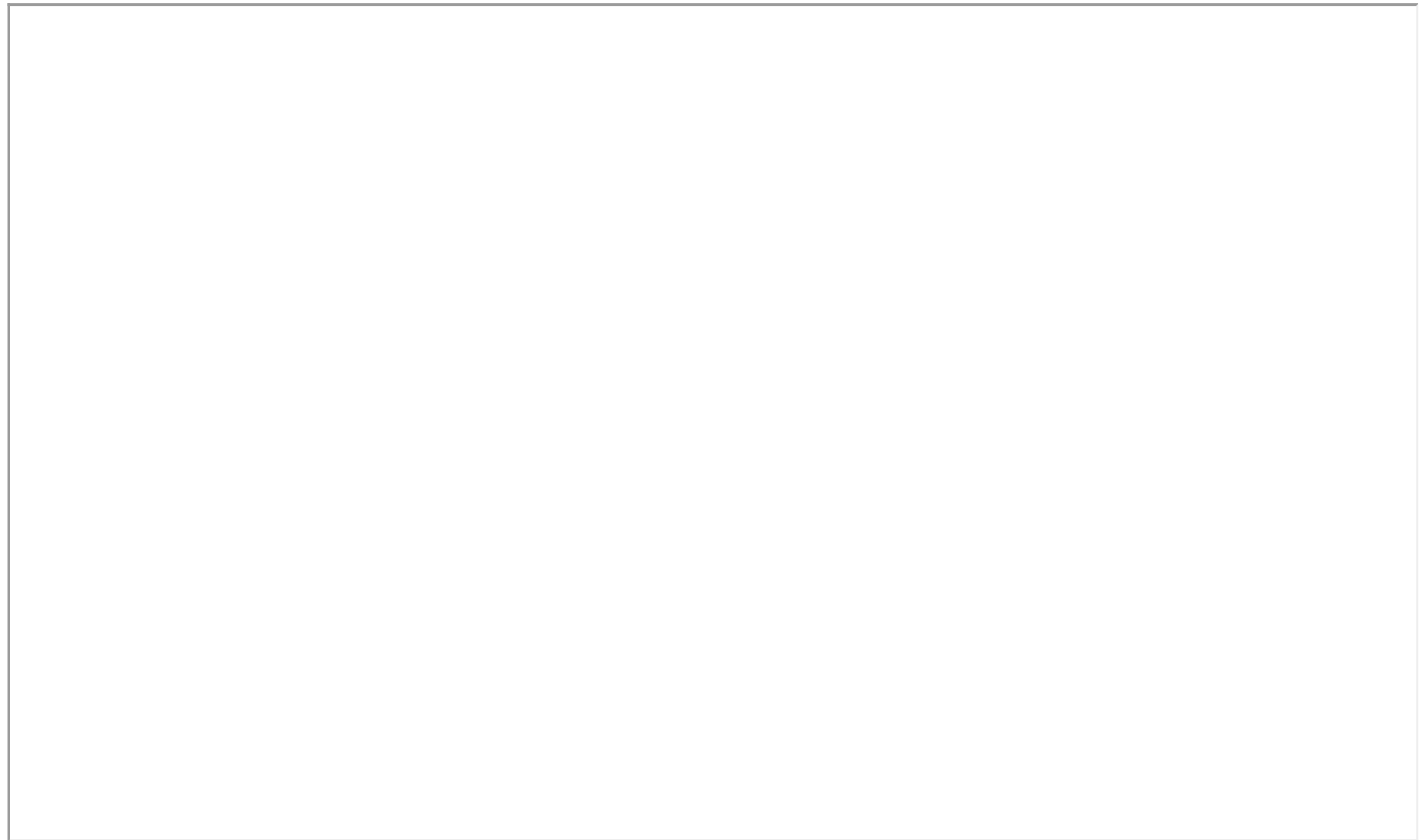
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At the midway point of [#OAWWeek2016](#), **Lucy Lambe** and **Dimity Flanagan** highlight the work being done by the LSE library's research support team to open up the School's research to as wide an audience as possible. Whether through funding an open access monograph or via the institutional repository, there is much that libraries can do to support open research.



This International Open Access Week 2016, the world is putting open into action by taking concrete steps to open up research. Being an open researcher is about more than just making your journal article open access from a repository; you can take steps throughout the research process to open up your scholarship to a wider audience. Whether you are blogging about your methodology, sharing your research data or [depositing a pre-print in the SocArxiv](#), open access to research can amplify your efforts and ensures transparency, integrity and inclusivity.

This year, the LSE library's research support team is celebrating funding an open access book for the first time. The book, due to publish next year with Manchester University Press, is *Cultivating Political and Public Identity: Why Plumage Matters* by Rodney Barker, Emeritus Professor in the Department of Government. Rodney has been working at LSE for a number of years, but has not previously submitted a request for open access funding. We asked him about his book and why he chose to publish it open access:



We are also celebrating the ongoing success of LSE Research Online, which ensures the work of the School's academics is eligible for the next REF and also serves to open up LSE research to the wider world. The contents of LSERO are highly discoverable through Google and Google Scholar, meaning more people are able to find and access the important research carried out at LSE. Have a look at the infographic below to see how LSERO is increasing the international reach and impact of the School's research:



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