

Open Access Publishing in International Studies

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Amidst calls for greater inclusion in knowledge production, Open Access (OA) publishing has become essential to this effort, aiming to provide free access and unrestricted use of electronic resources for all. Within International Studies, this entails the provision of academic output that is not dependent on the reader's physical abilities, institutional affiliation, or disposable income. This roundtable unites a diverse group of scholars from various backgrounds, institutions, genders, and stages in their careers to explore the evolving landscape of OA publishing. Participants will address several critical questions: What should OA publishing be, and what is its function? How is it connected to knowledge production and dissemination? Can we entrench or broaden its principles, and if so, how?

With each participant affiliated to a leading journal of British International Studies, this discussion will analyse the current state of OA publishing in the field and envision its future, considering challenges and opportunities in accessibility. Ultimately, this event seeks to foster actionable strategies for enhancing OA's impact within the discipline and to democratise knowledge so to ensure diverse voices are heard by a global plurality of readers. Hence, it serves the needs of researchers and educators while addressing contemporary challenges in the field.

Membership

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