Promoting scholarship and research through epublishing

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Aims

- Raise UTS research profile
- Promote UTS as a fulcrum for access to research and scholarship
- Be a partner in Open Access initiatives
Some background

- **Open Access Declarations**
  - Budapest
  - Bethesda
  - Berlin
  - IFLA
  - Wellcome Trust, etc.

- **Elpub Conference, Portugal, June 2003**
  - International partners -> Prof John Willinsky (PKP, OJS)
UTS initiatives since 2003

(primarily relating to journal publishing)

- **2004**
  - eScholarship: a workshop on ePublishing at the edge
  - UTSePress launched
  - First journal, *PORTAL: Journal of Multidisciplinary International Studies*

- **2006**
  - workshop for Vietnamese and Nepalese journal editors in Hanoi (with INASP)

- **2007**
  - 5 journals (4 peer reviewed) published; 6 in production (on OJS)
  - Seminar for International Rice Research Institute, Manila (with PKP)
Journals

(courtesy of Richard Buggy)
Journal Items Published
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Registered Journal Users

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Special Issue: The Revival of Chinese Cultural Nationalism

Guest Edited by Yingjie Guo

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African Journal of Information & Communication Technology

African Journal of Information and Communication Technology (AJICT) is a peer reviewed international journal providing a publication vehicle for coverage of topics of interest to those involved in computing, communication networks, electronic communications, information technology systems and Bioinformatics. It is serving as an open source vehicle of the works of researchers in ICT world wide that hitherto would not be available to organisations outside and within the African sub-region.
Conflicted Heritage

Welcome to the second electronic volume of Public History Review entitled ‘Conflicted Heritage’. Edited by Dr Alexander Trapeznik, this special issue emerged from an international symposium held at Otago University in mid 2005 which addressed conflict in cultural heritage and its management. We look forward to publishing more special issues on public history related themes in the future.

Paul Ashton and Paula Hamilton
A journal for the study of cultural and social transformations

All writings in this Journal classified as Articles are peer reviewed. Those classified as Reflections are articles the editors considered both worthwhile and of interest, but they have not been submitted for review.

Vol. 1, No. 1 (2006) Building on Sand
Getting started

(courtesy of Richard Buggy)

- Still configuring journal
- May already have the papers
- Call for papers, submissions and peer review typically done outside OJS
- Papers are usually in final format before added to OJS
- Editors create accounts for authors and upload papers
Achieving sustainability
(courtesy of Richard Buggy)

- Journal has been setup
- Will use OJS to send out call for papers
- Authors submit papers using OJS
- Peer review done using OJS
- The layout editor, copyeditor, proofreader roles are generally performed together by the editor but can be delegated to specialist staff
- Journals are usually self sufficient by the third issue
Our Experience

- Initial discussion to publication = a few weeks to several months
- Time for training/support for Editorial team:
  - software
  - digital media
  - online publishing process
  - licensing/copyright issues, etc.
  - operational matters: ISSN; online registers; design/logo, etc.
Impact on library staff

New knowledge and skills

- New technologies (software, medium, web technologies, web design, etc.)
- Better understanding of scholarly publishing and evolving publishing models
- Licensing and IP in digital environment
- Standards, protocols, etc.
Opportunities for researchers

- Reassert control of scholarly publishing by the academy
- Express new focal areas for research through ejournals
- Immediacy of access to research
- Forum for attracting external research partners; editorial teams, peer reviewers, authors
- Gain production efficiencies, timeliness and broader readership by using digital publishing technologies
What has worked for us

- Open source solutions; configured to suit our environment

- Customise templates not the software (i.e. no custom development)

- Start slowly – minimal features

- Provide test environment for new users (production environment doesn't become full of test data)

- Collaboration

- Accept that we won’t have all the answers at the start!
From one of our editors

We have now published the 4th Issue of the AJICT as Vol 2, No 3 this week. It marks our one year as a Journal in which we rank at the Deakin University IS listing as the 7th most read Open Source Journal and the 28th most popular Internationally. We are only beaten by Journals that have been in existence for many years before us.

Our readership database has grown from a handful to more than 500 and continues to grow without our intervention. There are about 150 international reviewers in the database and access to the Journal is from all over the world.

We appreciate the role of the UTS Library and ePress in making this Journal a rewarding success story. Thanks.
More work on..

- Policies
- Governance, Roles, structure
- Documentation – “...an evolving (revolting?!?) beast needing to be tamed!”
- Supporting adventurous applications
- Preparing our library staff for the unanticipated!
- Greater integration with “Library 2.0”
Watchwords

Quality
Sustainability
Ongoing dynamic product

Skills
Resources
Commitment
Questions?