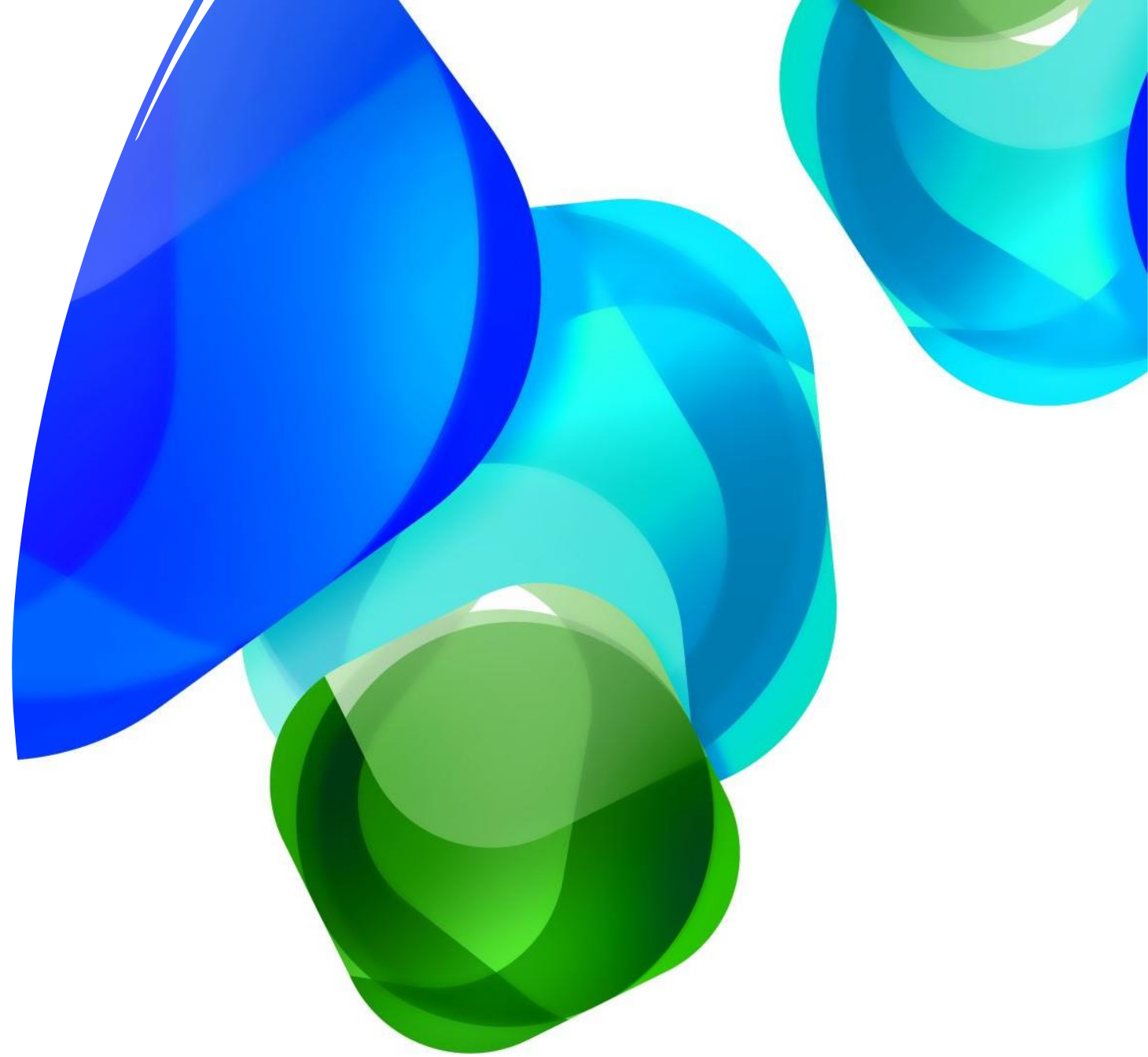


Open textbook publishing

Is this what you've been looking for?



The problem is... cost

From a Library perspective:

- Print textbooks take up a lot of shelf space
- There's never enough copies
- They have to be replaced regularly as updated editions come out
- Students prefer digital material
- Digital textbooks are many many times more expensive than print

The problem
is...
relevance

For students

- Access to copies
- The textbook doesn't map seamlessly onto the syllabus
- Older editions might be out date
- The content isn't dynamic

The problem
is...
time

For teachers

- Changing to a different title means reconfiguring teaching
- Alternative titles will have same cost/relevance implications
- Who has time to write a textbook?

The solution?

Collaborative

Open access

Textbooks

(made with a University press?)

- The burden doesn't fall to one author
- Colleagues who agree on pedagogical approach
- Colleagues from beyond the institution
- Support throughout the process from the Library

collaborative

- No cost to the user
- Anyone with an internet connection can use it
- Other institutions may adopt the text to support their teaching
- Easier to revise or update to new editions
- Support throughout the process from the Library

*open
access*

- More control over teaching materials
- Tangible output for those on education and scholarship pathway
- Contribution to the field
- Support throughout the process from the Library

textbook

Psychology pilot project



1 year



1 core textbook



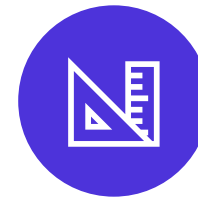
~900 students



6 chapters



10 authors



Plans for a 2nd ed.

A University press?

watch

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space