UCT Press
University-based Press transitioning toward Open Access

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Brief History of UCT Press

• Started in 1994 at UCT, but moved to a commercial company in 1998
• Discussions on returning UCT Press imprint started in 2019 due to lack of profit
• UCT Press returned to UCT in 2021
• Inclusion of UCT Press in UCT Libraries in 2022 because of OA publishing via library-as-publisher service and APOS
Transitioning to Open Access

• Criteria of publishing with UCT Press
  ✓ Aligns to UCT’s Open Access Policy, 2020
  ✓ Aligned to criteria of South Africa’s DHET

• New book proposals vs old book proposals
  ✓ Research landscape vs competition
  ✓ Expansion of research areas
Transitioning to Open Access (cont.)

• New publishing model
  ✓ Publishing model options
    o Open Access, with print-on-demand
    o 24 months of commercialisation first
  ✓ Diamond OA for UCT authors

• Role of UCT Libraries
  ✓ Production process
  ✓ Management of publishing platform (APOS) to disseminate scholarship
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