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## BIROn - Birkbeck Institutional Research Online

Formerly *Birkbeck ePrints*, [BIROn](#) is a digital archive of **Birkbeck staff's published research**.

From Monday 3rd October, deposit is [mandatory](#).

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### Quick FAQ

#### What is Open Access?

- “[Open Access](#) (OA) is free, immediate, permanent online access to the full text of research articles for anyone, worldwide.” You can read more about it [here](#). Depositors [give permission](#) to keep their work in a current format and to freely distribute electronic copies - nothing else.

#### Why should I deposit in BIROn?

- **Enhance** your academic standing and widen your audience. BIROn's data is indexed by search engines and content aggregators like Google and [OAIster](#). Your work is available world-wide.
- **Preserve** your research in a backed-up, searchable space. BIROn assigns stable URLs so your work has a permanent home.
- **Enable** access if the library doesn't subscribe to a journal – BIROn works *around* rising subscription costs and restricted budgets which could stymie your students' access.
- **Link** to the version of record. BIROn always provides a web link to the definitive published version where available.
- **Fulfil** your obligations to research funders, who increasingly [mandate](#) Open Access to research output.

#### How long will it take?

- First time users need five minutes to [register](#), and five minutes to deposit their item. Only the five *starred* fields are mandatory. *The more you use it, the quicker it gets.*

## What's in it for Birkbeck?

- It **Demonstrates** the breadth of research carried out at Birkbeck.
- It **Frees** work from access barriers and subscriptions.
- It **Provides** a secure, central archive for research in perpetuity.
- It **Accelerates** the dissemination of research.
- It **Allows** part-time and distance learners to access your work.

## How do I use BIROn?

- You need to [register](#) in order to deposit, but anyone can search and access the live content from the [front page](#). View a complete [Deposit FAQ](#) and a [Search FAQ](#).

## Who can I contact?

- For technical, copyright or general matters related to BIROn in the first instance, please contact [Paul Rigg](#).
- Alternatively, you can contact your **Subject Librarian**:
- Science: [Sue Godsell](#)
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