



Fiesole
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Programme

Fiesole 2025

25th Fiesole Collection Development Retreat



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April 7-9, 2025

European University Institute
Fiesole, Italy

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Monday, April 7

EUI Badia Fiesolana, Via della Badia dei Roccettini, 9, 50014 Fiesole FI

9:30-10:00

Welcome Coffee & Registration

10:00 - 12:30

Pre-conference

AI and Libraries - Innovating for the Future

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly being adopted in libraries, offering innovative solutions to streamline routine tasks, address challenges, and improve services. This panel aims to provide a platform for sharing experiences and practical applications of AI in libraries, with insights from professionals at the forefront of this transformative technology. The panel will focus on five case studies demonstrating the practical applications of AI in libraries, specifically in the areas of information literacy, copyright, space management, and cataloging.

CONVENER

Pep Torn-Poch

Library Director, European University Institute Library, Fiesole, Italy

Laurie Bridges

Instruction and Digital Initiatives Librarian, Oregon State University, USA

— **AI Literacy Education at Oregon State University**

Paris O'Donnell

Metadata and Discovery Librarian, Biblioteca Berenson, I Tatti, the Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies, Italy

— **Probing the Potential of GenAI for Creation of Collection Management and Development Tools**

Carme Fenoll

Director of the Area of Culture and Community at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Spain

— **Rewriting Cervantes: AI and the Future of Creative Libraries**

Piero Attanasio

Head of public affairs, academic publishing and R&D programmes, AIE - Italian Publishers Association

— **Areas of Collaboration Between Publishers and Libraries Within the AI Disruption**

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

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13:30 - 13:35

Welcome and introduction

13:35 - 13:50

Opening from the EUI

Patrizia Nanz

President, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy

13:50 - 14:10

Re-Framing the Retreat: Thoughts on the New World Order in Collection Development

Michael Keller

Vice Provost and University Librarian, Director of Academic Information Resources, Stanford University, USA

14:10 - 14:30

Keynote

Richard Gallagher

President & Editor-in-Chief, Annual Reviews; Publisher, Knowable Magazine, USA

14:30 - 15:40

Session 1 (Part 1) - Panel Presentations

Biodiversity at the Margins: Spaces of Innovation in Scholarly Communication

In ecology, it is well recognized that most biodiversity occurs at the margins of ecological zones - where one zone (e.g., a forest) meets another (e.g., a meadow). This insight feels particularly relevant to Fiesole, where publishers, vendors, librarians, and scholars can talk and create together on common ground. In this session, we'll explore some areas of productive tension ("ecotones") where opportunities for innovation in our work may be most potent. The first two presentations will focus on the sometimes contested intersection between "institutions" and "communities" at a moment when engaged scholarship is at the heart of most university strategic plans, but many communities feel alienated. The second

two presentations explore the relationship between “content” and “platforms” when a proliferation of custom publishing platforms is jarring with library needs for consistent workflows and predictable user experiences. Join expert speakers to explore these scholarly communication “ecotones” and collaborate to discover the innovation possibilities that they offer. Before the break, we’ll hear from the speakers; after the break, we’ll engage in a wide-ranging discussion of the themes surfaced.

CONVENERS

Charles Watkinson

Director, University of Michigan Press, USA

Carol Mandel

Dean Emerita, New York University Libraries, USA

Jenny Evans

Research Environment and Scholarly Communications Lead at University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom

Sy Holsinger

Chief Technology Officer, Operas, Belgium

Georgios Papadopoulos

Founder, Atypon, Greece

15:40 - 16:00

Coffee Break

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16:00 - 17:00

Session 1 (Part 2) - Panel Discussion

Biodiversity at the Margins: Spaces of Innovation in Scholarly Communication

The panel will engage in a lively discussion of the themes raised in the presentations, including and interacting with the audience.

CONVENER

Carol Mandel

Dean Emerita, New York University Libraries, USA

18:00 - 20:00

Evening reception at Villa la Torrossa

Sponsored by CLIR

Tuesday, April 8

EUI Badia Fiesolana, Via della Badia dei Roccettini, 9, 50014 Fiesole FI

09:00 - 12:30

Session 2

Through the Lens of the Humanities

“The humanities” are always in a constant state of reinvention, deconstruction, and crisis. The digital revolution, large upheavals in the global sociopolitical landscape, and too many news stories about universities cutting back, closing down, and “rightsizing” their humanities programs have all made the last quarter-century memorably distracting. What are the humanities today and who are they for? Speakers in this session will draw lessons from this recent past and point to strategies promising success for the decades to come.

CONVENER

Ann Okerson

Director, Offline Internet Consortium, USA

Joy Connolly

President, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), USA

— Fighting System Failure with a Quiet Revolution

Karla Pollmann

President, University of Tübingen, Germany

— Open Access to the Humanities - an Open and Shut Case?

Coffee Break

Sponsored by Annual Reviews

Kristine Rose-Beers

Head of Conservation & Heritage, Cambridge University Library, UK

— Advocacy for Books: Balancing Access and Preservation for Special Collections at Cambridge University Library

Discussion

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

Sponsored by Erasmus Antiquariaat en Boekhandel

13:30 - 15:00

Session 3 (Part 1)

The Broad Topic of Metrics Measurement and Monitoring in the Digital Age, Lessons Learned and Perspectives

Over the last two decades, measurement and monitoring activities have gradually taken on a central role in higher education and research, as well as in publishing. Indeed, the advent of the digital age has created opportunities to use indicators and decision-making tools to help university management to steer their institution and to help publishers to design services tailored to the needs of their customers and users. This development has been fostered by the creation of the first ranking initiatives (e.g. ARWU by Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2003, followed by many others), which have led to growing efforts by academic institutions and publishers to deal with the consequences of a (criticised) ranking-driven context in higher education and research. More recently, Artificial Intelligence has brought new perspectives and opened a new phase in the development of measurement and monitoring activities, challenges and issues for institutions and publishers.

CONVENER

Julien Roche

University Librarian and Director of the Libraries, University Lille, France; LIBER President

Laetitia Bracco

Co-coordinator of the Open Science Monitoring Initiative, University of Lorraine, France

— How to Measure Open Science? The Open Science Monitoring Initiative (OSMI)

Tasha Mellins-Cohen

Executive Director, COUNTER, United Kingdom

— How COUNTER Evolves with the Knowledge Community to Create an Equal Playing Field for Measuring Usage

Christine Dunn

Senior Director for Research and Analytics, Clarivate

— From Here to Integrity: the Battle for Trust in an Increasingly Complex Research Ecosystem

14:40 - 15:00

Coffee Break

Sponsored by AIP Publishing

15:00 - 17:00

Session 3 (Part 2)

The Broad Topic of Metrics

The Perverse Arithmetic of Prestige

In 1999, the Fiesole program addressed issues like publisher consolidation, 'unfair' business models, the struggle with the 'flood of information', and the decline of humanities scholarship. Yet, 25 years later, many of these challenges persist. Why have they proven so intractable, and how can we ensure they are resolved before another quarter-century passes? This session will examine the incentives and constraints that drive these issues, exploring how traditional benchmarks and success metrics perpetuate them.

CONVENER

Charles Henry

President CLIR, USA

Stephen Rhind-Tutt

President, Coherent Digital, USA

— Introduction and Framing of the Issues

Michael Levine-Clark

Dean, University of Denver Libraries, Colorado, USA

— Rankings and Reputation: A First-Hand Report

Alison Mudditt

Chief Executive Officer, PLOS, USA

— Reinventing Scholarly Publishing: Rewarding Open Science Practice and Promoting Inclusivity

Charles Henry

President CLIR, USA

— All the Money in the World

Discussion

19:00 - 22:00

Conference dinner at Hotel Baglioni

Sponsored by EBSCO

Wednesday, April 9

EUI Villa Salviati, Via Bolognese, 156, 50139 Firenze FI

09:00 - 09:45

Keynote

Buhle Mbambo-Thata

University Librarian at National University of Lesotho, Lesotho

— **Inclusivity in Knowledge Development: a Strategic Imperative**

09:45 - 12:00

Session 4

Equitable Partnerships for an Equitable World of Knowledge

As the challenges of scholarly communication accelerate and upscale to find solutions to the big global research issues, it is time to move on from the stage of wishful thinking that we should collaborate to the stage of actually working together. Partnerships are everywhere, not only between libraries, initiatives, associations, countries and so on, but also among sectors, such as libraries and publishers. However, not all partnerships are formed equal and allow equitable participation. In this session of the Fiesole Retreat 2025, we will look deep at initiatives that aim to create a better environment for collaboration and avoid the past mistakes that preserve or even increase inequalities. We will also look at how the library and publishing worlds support the research communities when they collaborate, i.e. how does the knowledge grid underneath the researchers work? The expected outcome is to understand some of the principles, attitudes and practices that are required to build the context of balanced participation and beneficial partnership for all.

CONVENER

Giannis Tsakonas

Director, Library & Information Centre, University of Patras, Greece

Sharon Memis

General Director of IFLA, The Netherlands

— **Equitable Partnerships: a Cultural Relations Perspective**

Mpho Ngoepe

Professor and Executive Director of the University of South Africa Library, South Africa

— **“Let us go Together to Reach Unchartered Territories”:
Academic Library Partnerships and Collaboration with
Stakeholders in South Africa**

Coffee Break

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Heli Kautonen

University of Turku, Finland

— **The Tender Trap: Perceptions of Collaborations and Partnerships in the Context of Library Technology**

12:15 - 13:00

Closing Remarks

David Worlock

Chief Research Fellow, Outsell, United Kingdom

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

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