

# Invitation:

## Open Access Colloquium: Transformation in Universities, hosting Dr Peter Suber (Harvard University)

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The 2020 Open Access Colloquium hosted by the Department of Library Services at the University of Pretoria is an annual event entering its second year. It is an opportunity for the university community to discuss the challenges and potential benefits of Open Access, to reflect and to understand how to transition to Open Access as a new norm in scholarship and research.

**Date:** Monday 26 October 2020  
**Time:** 14:00 – 16:00  
**Place:** Webinar via Blackboard Collaborate  
**Registration:** Please click [HERE](#)  
**Target audience:** All University of Pretoria researchers, staff members and students  
**Moderator:** Prof Stephanie Burton (former Vice-Principal for Research and Postgraduate Education)  
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### Panelists:



**Dr Peter Suber** is a philosopher specialising in the philosophy of law and open access to knowledge. He is a Senior Researcher at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Director of the Harvard Office for Scholarly Communication, and Director of the Harvard Open Access Project (HOAP). Dr Suber has authored various publications, including a book titled: Open Access, MIT Press, 2012. [Read more.](#)



**Professor Brenda Wingfield** is a Research Leader of the DST - NRF Centre of Excellence in Tree Health Biotechnology and holds the DST/NRF SARCHI research chair in Fungal Genomics. [Read more.](#)



**Professor Michael S. Pepper** is the Director of the Institute for Cellular and Molecular Medicine, Director of the SAMRC Extramural Unit for Stem Cell Research and Therapy, and a professor in the Department of Immunology in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Pretoria (UP). [Read more.](#)



**Professor Kuku Voyi** is the Chair of the School of Health Systems and Public Health at the University of Pretoria. [Read more.](#)



**Professor Cheikh Mbow** is the Director of Future Africa at the University of Pretoria. [Read more.](#)

### Challenges to be discussed will include:

- The development of open access models and policies.
- The concentration of scholarly output in the hands of a small but influential group of commercial publishers.
- The possibility of creating a continuum of integrated scholarly information from raw data to peer-reviewed publications.
- The disproportionate levels of library budgets spent on journal subscriptions.
- The cost of open access publication to the individual researcher.
- The need for organisational repositories such as UPSpace.
- The need to understand how OA complies with copyright.
- The need for researchers to maximise the dissemination and impact of their research.
- The need for the public to have access to free, relevant digital research literature.
- Open with purpose: taking action to build structural equity and inclusion.