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ABSTRACT: A Publishing modality to advance social justice: An African experience

This presentation will share UCT's publishing programme. UCT Libraries publishes 6 journals and has published 25 books. There will be a spotlight on the success of one of its publications to showcase the impact of library publishing from two perspectives: firstly, the advancement of OA movement; and secondly, the contribution of the publication to student success. Both perspectives demonstrate how libraries can reclaim the philanthropic underpinnings of OA and accelerate inclusivity, equity and diversity.