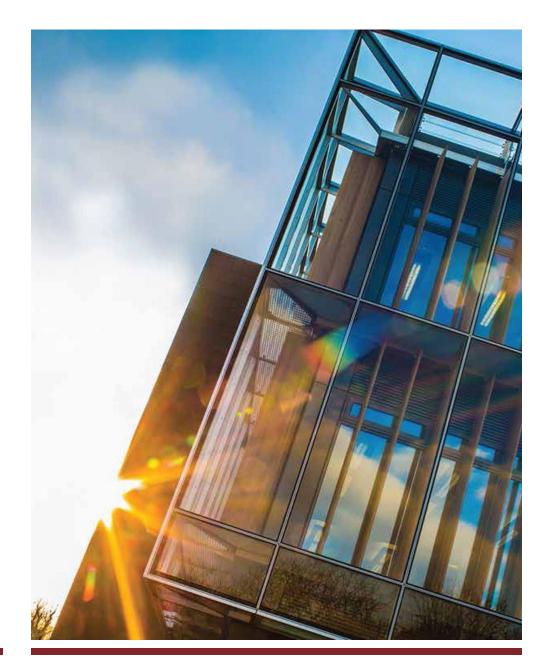


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Piloting Open Publishing Initiatives at Maynooth University Library

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# Why do Libraries support open publishing?

- Opportunity to address local needs and promote research
- Encouragement of Open Access publishing models and permissive licencing allowing a greater volume of high-quality open access scholarship
- Giving authors greater control over how their work is published and disseminated
- Facilitates publication of niche/very specialised topics, conference proceedings, grey literature, alternative formats etc that may not fit the traditional publishing models
- Cost considerations in an era of rising subscription prices
- Expertise of library staff very transferable to local publishing support



## **Maynooth University and Open Access**

- First university in Ireland to establish an OA repository (2003)-MURAL- managed by the Library
- Maynooth University's Open Access Mandate introduced in 2008, revised 2017 and 2021-based on national principles for OA
- MU believes that providing free online access to the University's research and scholarly output will maximise the visibility and dissemination of our research.
- OA policy requires that all research and scholarly publication, which arise in whole or in part from research carried out at the University, and subject to the copyright and archiving policies of the Publisher, be made available at the earliest possible date through the University's OA repository MURAL.
- Researcher freedom to publish first wherever they feel is most appropriate regardless of Publisher's policy on OA- but use of those who support OA is encouraged – includes local OA journal platforms

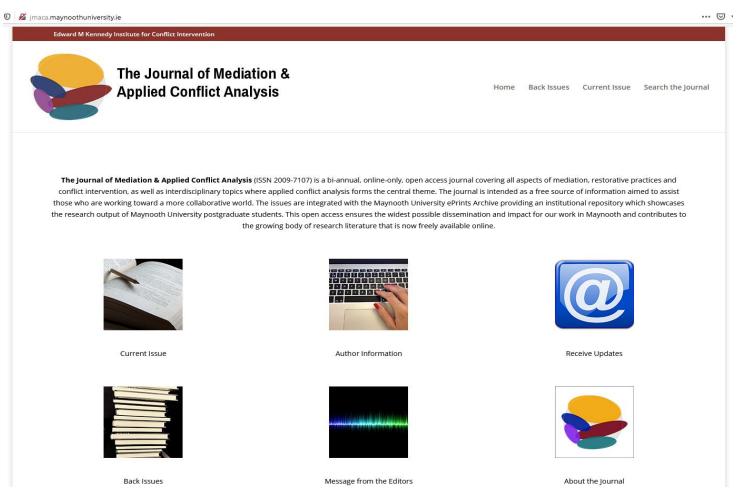


## Journal of Mediation and Applied Conflict Analysis

- Supported by the Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at MU
- Journal webpage- integrated with the MU institutional repository- MURAL
- Back issues to 2014
- DOIs provided by MU Library



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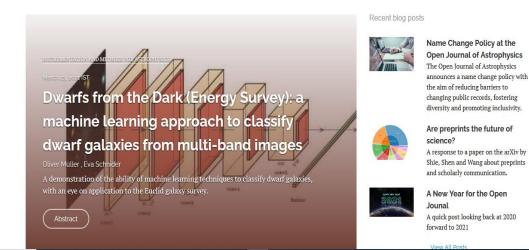
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#### The Open Journal of Astrophysics (Scholastica platform)

- MU Library had already investigated DOIs and the assignation of a Maynooth Academic Publishing namespace with a view to expanding our role in facilitating open publishing
- Prof Peter Coles, Dept Theoretical Physics made contact re possible institutional support for his publication, <u>The Open</u> <u>Journal of Astrophysics</u>
- Resource limitations a factor for both Department and Library
- Importance of an easy to use and flexible publishing platform with structures to permit a robust peer review process and additional services if required eg typesetting
- Discussions with Scholastica and development of the journal space with MU branding. Assistance to obtain ISSN. Launched on Research Week October 2018 by the University President.
- arXiv overlay journal, listed in DOAJ









## **Journal of Military History and Defence Studies**

- Online open access peer-reviewed journal edited by Dr Ian Speller, Director of the Centre for Military History and Strategic Studies, Department of History, MU
- Collaboration with MU Library on hosting this new journal via via the <u>open journal system</u> (an open source journal platform). Fully hosted and managed by MU Library
- Original research and contributions in military history and defence studies
- DOIs provided by MU Library (Crossref). Assistance with obtaining ISSN
- CC-BY 4.0
- Launched 12 February 2020 during MU's Love Data Week event
- <u>http://ojs.maynoothuniversity.ie/ojs/index.php/jmhds</u>







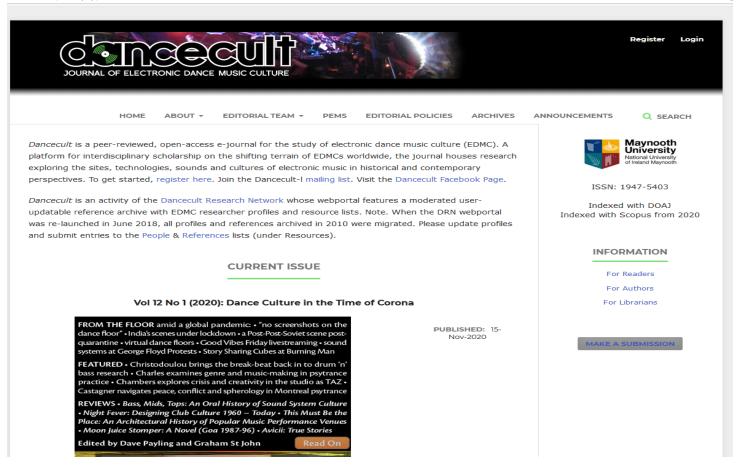
#### **Dancecult- Journal of Electronic Dance Music Culture**

- Established 2009, support taken over by MU in late 2020 following discussions with Dr Alistair Fraser, Department of Geography and Board member of Dancecult
- Peer-reviewed open access e-journal for the study of electronic dance music culture (EDMC), published once a year
- MU agreed to take over the web-hosting cost (open journal system externally hosted and managed) and use our existing Crossref account to supply DOIs
- MU logo on site and MOU signed
- https://dj.dancecult.net/index.php/dancecult



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# **Other open publishing activities**

- 'Open Publishing' Information Day (October 22<sup>nd</sup>) on Research Week 2019 – open to university staff and students – speakers from a University Press, academics publishing/planning to publish journals, reviewers and librarians
- Subsequent open publishing related talks on Love Data Week (February) and Research Week (October) 2020 and 2021
- Developing a LibGuide for open publishing



## Future

- Further collaboration with academic and university staff interested in OA publishing locally
- Expansion of open publishing activities- more OA journals on Scholastica or other platforms
- Building knowledge and expertise on campus around OA publishing
- Maynooth Academic Publishing as a University Press?



# Thank you

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