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## **Penn State University Press and De Gruyter enter publishing partnership to make 1,000 eBook titles available globally**

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De Gruyter has reached an agreement with Penn State University Press (PSUP) for the worldwide distribution of more than 1,000 eBooks via [degruyter.com](https://degruyter.com). Around 100 frontlist titles and 900 backlist titles will be digitally available on [degruyter.com](https://degruyter.com) through this partnership.

As part of the agreement, PSUP will join fellow De Gruyter university press partners, including Harvard, Columbia, California, Hawai'i, Rutgers and Chicago university presses, in digitizing out-of-print books. These titles will be digitally available for libraries and researchers exclusively on [degruyter.com](https://degruyter.com) for three years following their digitization.

Penn State University Press was founded in 1956 and publishes around 100 new books and more than 80 journals per year with a focus on humanities and social sciences. In 2017, PSUP acquired Eisenbrauns, an Ancient Near East and Biblical Studies publishing house, which perfectly complements the De Gruyter Theology and Religious Studies collection.

With the agreement, Penn State University Press joins 16 university press partners in De Gruyter's University Press Library (UPL), a global eBook acquisition model focused on complete digital output from publisher partners at the collection level with no DRM.

"We're absolutely thrilled to join our peer presses in De Gruyter's University Press Library," said Brendan Coyne, Sales and Marketing Director at Penn State University Press. "Participating in the UPL ensures that the full breadth of the important foundational scholarship we publish is readily available to the scholars and students served by academic libraries. This helps us remain true to our mission to disseminate scholarship as widely as possible while providing a level of stability in what has become an especially uncertain market."

"Penn State University Press is a natural fit for De Gruyter and our Partner Program," said Steve Fallon, Vice President, Americas and Strategic Partnerships at De Gruyter. "In addition to Classics and Biblical Studies, PSUP's subject areas mirror our own humanities and social science publishing with a strong focus in Art and Architecture, Literary Studies, Medieval Studies, Philosophy, and even German Studies. We are very excited to launch this partnership."