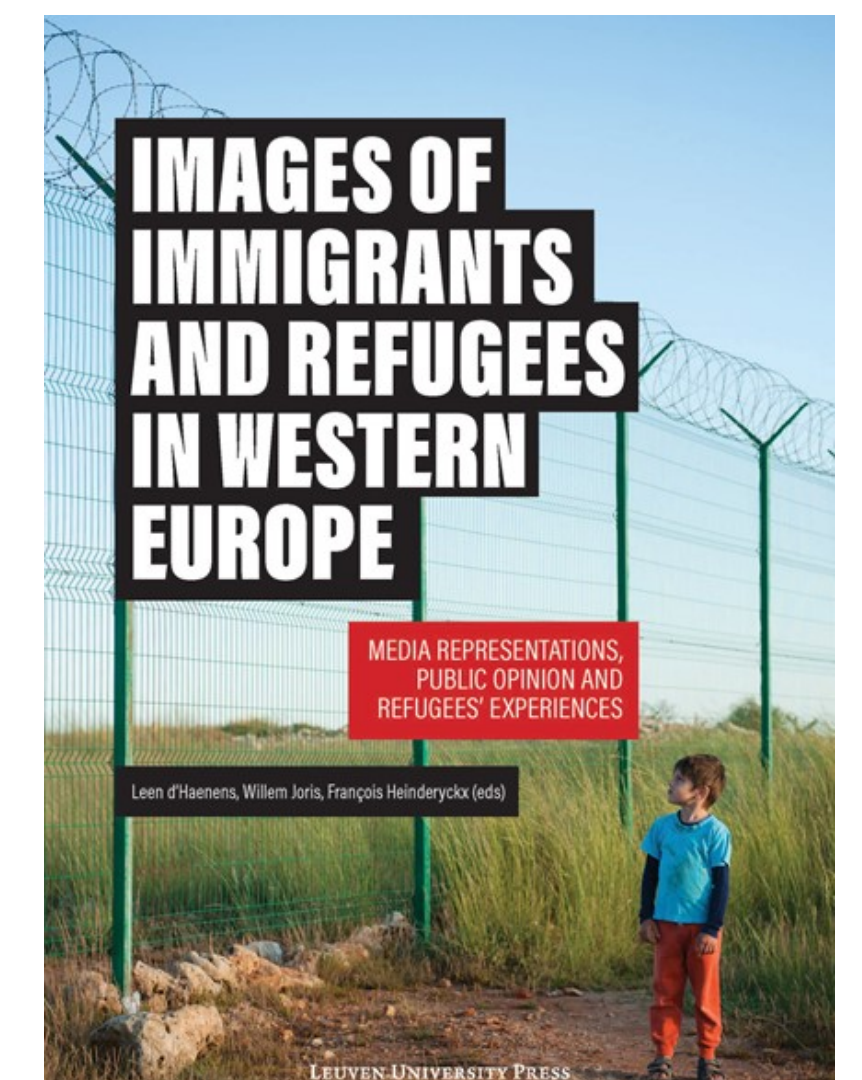
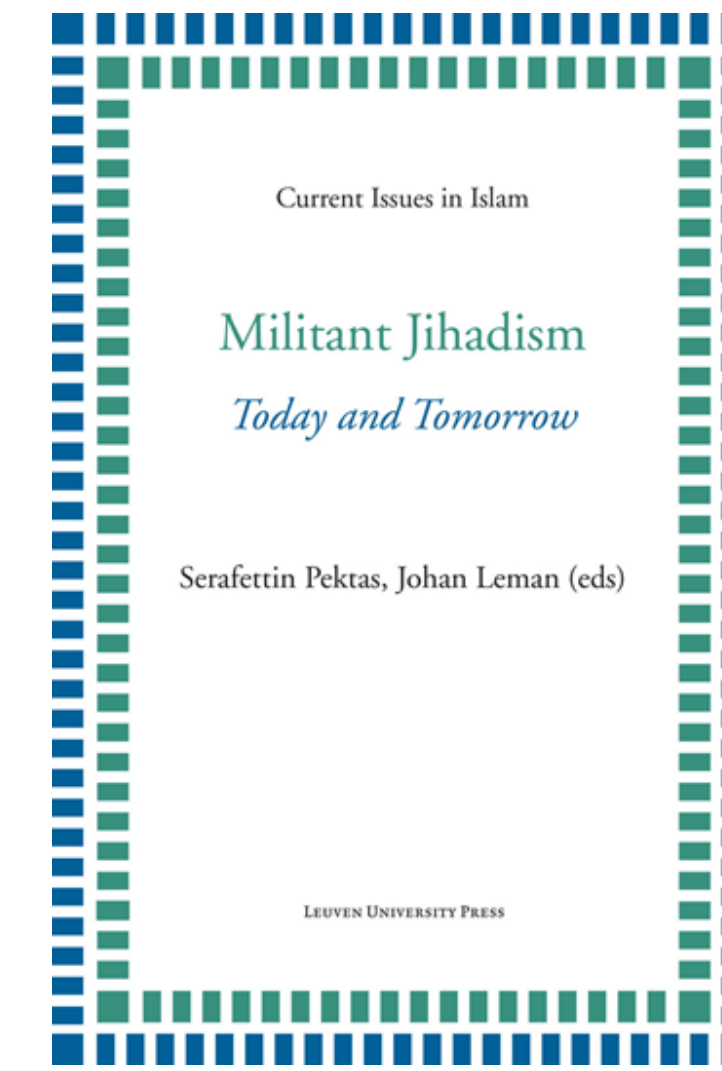
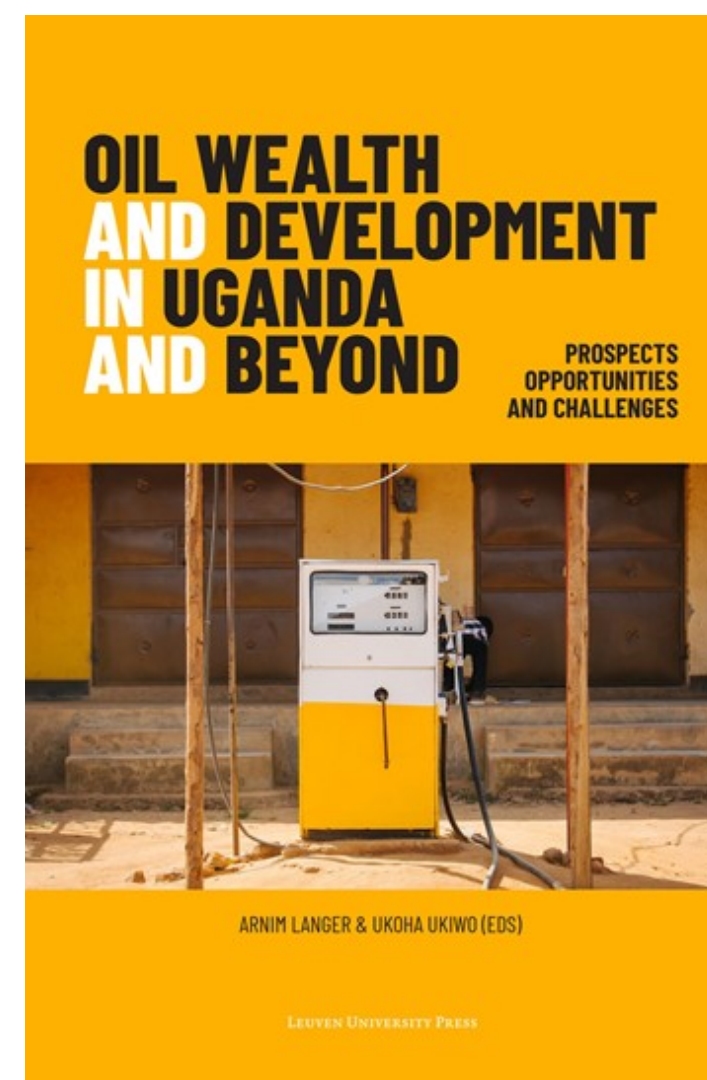
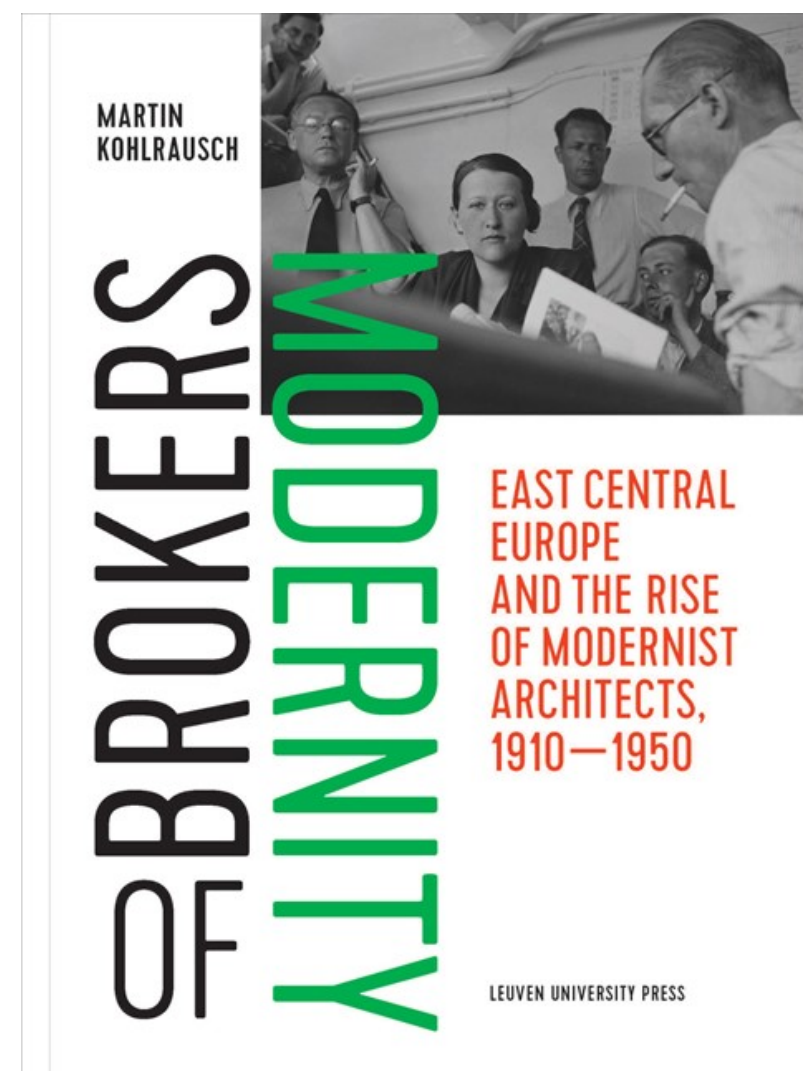
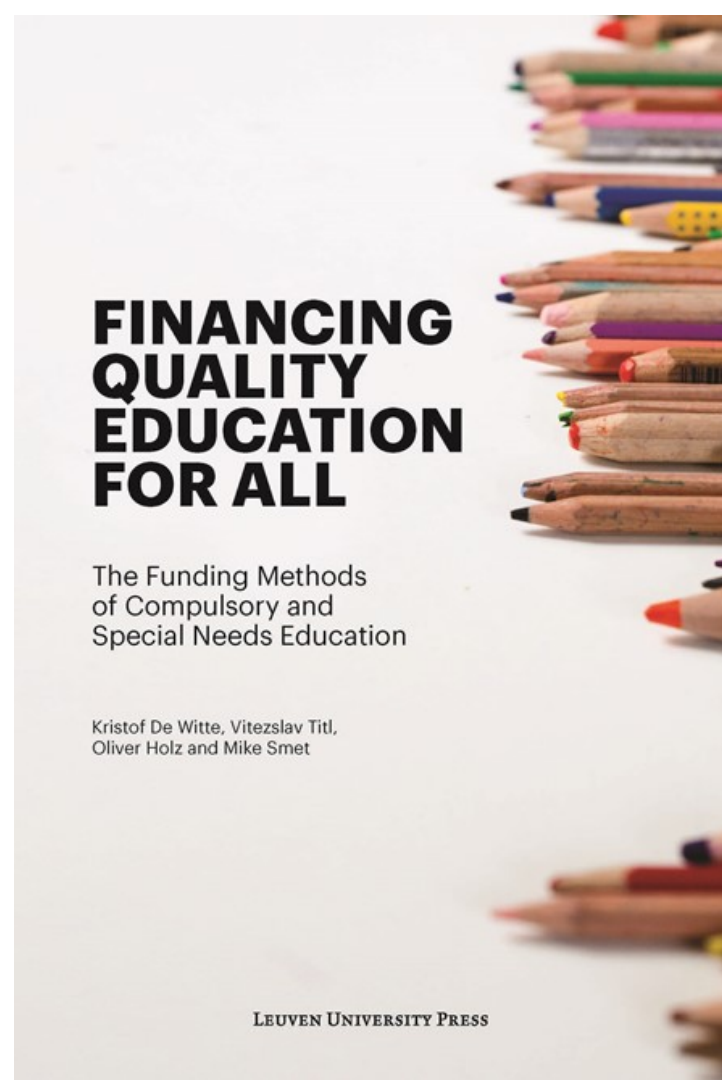


Checking in with the KU Leuven Fund for Fair OA

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With the [Fund for Fair OA](#), KU Leuven is committed to support a cost-effective and sustainable implementation of OA.

Fair OA offers all the well-known advantages of OA, whilst at the same time avoiding a costly commercial business model for scholarly publishing.

Furthermore, fair OA strives to return control over the publication process to the scholarly community by making sure all legal rights (such as copyright) remain with academic authors.

The fund is one element in the broader Open Scholarship agenda of the university.

3 elements

1. financial support for OA initiatives and infrastructures, provided that these are non-profit and guarantee scholarly quality
2. financial support for OA books published by Leuven University Press
3. financial support for the publishing costs of OA articles, regardless of the publisher, on the condition that the journal adheres to the principles of fair OA and its scholarly quality is guaranteed

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MISSION

foster the development of new and innovative publishing models which are cost-effective and put scholars back in charge of the dissemination of their research results

GOAL

illustrate that OA can be achieved without embracing for-profit models and grow market share of non-commercial and scholar-led OA initiatives

FUTURE

fund continues to grow, particularly in support for OA initiatives and infrastructures



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KU Leuven supports, a.o., the following [OA initiatives and infrastructures](#):

- Cogitatio Press
- F1000 Research
- Fair Open Access Alliance
- DOAB
- DOAJ
- Language Science Press
- OAPEN
- Open Book Publishers
- The Open Commons of Phenomenology
- Open Library of Humanities
- ORCID
- punctum books
- SCOSS

BPCs

financial support from the fund was approved for 26 OA book projects of LUP so far, by paying 1/3, 2/3 or 3/3 of the publication costs
9 of these book projects are of authors not affiliated with KU Leuven
average BPC paid is just over € 9.000

APCs

38 out of 60 applications for financing APCs were approved
rejection was always occasioned by profit-driven demands
APC part works well for S&T and HSS, not for BMS
average APC paid is just under € 900

