

The changing nature of our relationship with depositors

(aka plus ça change...)

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Introduction

- LSE
- Trust/trustworthiness
- Similarities and differences
- Depositor relationship creating change

LSE Library's digital archives

- Still early days
- Working with small percentage of collection but anticipating growth
- Lots of work on technical infrastructure and policy

Trust and Trustworthiness

The trust placed in and held by our depositors

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Trust placed in depositors

- Awareness (or lack of) of own content
- A lot of material donated unseen
- Listing/appraisal taking place at earlier stage
 - Mutual benefits
- Evolving approach to pre-accessioning

Our trustworthiness

- Uncertainty – what is required of a trusted repository?
- Depositor sensitivity taken into account
- Use of DRAMBORA and research into other repositories informed early policy
- Treating digital archives same as paper

The Same but Different

Changes to our accession process

Differences

- Acceptance of material requires more discussion
 - In-house and with depositor
 - Preliminary survey work
- Appraisal at multiple points
- Extra time to process material

Similarities

- Use of CALM
- Similarities within paper collections
- Similar access procedures

How the relationship with depositors is changing *us*

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- Inspires collaboration
- Leads to greater awareness within Library
- Catalyst for change

Thanks!

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