



Collections and Academic Liaison (CAL) – Michaelmas 2018 update

Welcome to the fourth of the termly CAL newsletters, in which we look specifically at the department's collecting activities throughout each term. Below you will find:

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Arrival of new French specialist

In August, we were joined by Dr Irène Fabry-Tehranchi as our new French and Francophone specialist. Irène was previously the British Library's French curator, so she brings excellent experience with her. The last dedicated French specialist in the UL, Valerie Hall, retired over *fifteen* years ago, so we are delighted to have Irène with us. Between Valerie's retirement and Irène's arrival, French collection development was led by the previous head of CAL, David Lowe, with acquisitions and cataloguing support from many colleagues across the department. Mel, David's replacement, instead leads on Slavonic, East European, and Greek.

Irène has a large area of responsibility both in terms of subjects (given the importance of Francophone academic publishing) and in terms of geographical spread. Please do not hesitate to contact Irène should you have any queries about Francophone material. Email: french@lib.cam.ac.uk ; phone: (3)33094.

CAL webpage

The department now has [its own page](#) on the CUL website, where current and past newsletters can be found.

Recommendations

Michaelmas proved again to be high season for book requests. In October alone, CAL received over 400 individual recommendations (not including titles recommended to the ebooks@cambridge team). The number of requests coming in from library colleagues has grown, and we are always happy to receive them.

Postgraduates and academic staff are the groups which put in the greatest number of requests, often mediated through their faculty librarian. Some academics contact us only occasionally but others can be in almost daily contact with new titles to suggest! The most enjoyable group to deal with is the graduate students. As all our Cambridge library colleagues know, it is extremely rewarding to be able to help students as they start serious independent work, and

it is also incredibly useful for us to be kept aware through their book recommendations of new directions in research.



Sample Michaelmas purchases

English (ebooks@cambridge)

- [Gender challenges / Bina Agarwal](#) (Oxford University Press India, 2015)
 - o Requested by the South Asian Studies librarian, this book has interdisciplinary appeal, bringing together noted economist Bina Agarwal's pioneering work in the areas of agriculture, environment, and property rights.
 - o access was purchased by the South Asian Studies Library with support from ebooks@cambridge
- [The Palgrave handbook of survey research / David L. Vannette, Jon A. Krosnick, editors](#) (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018)
 - o Recommended by the POLIS librarian, this handbook is a comprehensive reference guide for researchers engaged in survey research and so has a wide-ranging appeal and use.
- [Managing interdisciplinary projects : a primer for architecture, engineering and construction / Stephen Emmitt](#) (Spon Press, 2010)
 - o Requested by Engineering as a useful book for the MSt in Interdisciplinary Design and Built Environment as well as for Engineering students

English (English collection development)

- *Southern African liberation struggles : contemporaneous documents, 1960-1994* / SADC Hashim Mbita Project ; edited by Arnold J. Temu and Joel das N. Tembe (Mkuki na Nyota, 2014)
 - o A 9-volume set, this was recommended by the Seeley and confirmed by African Studies as "an impressive and important purchase"
 - o UL classmark: [654:1.c.201.11\(1-9\)](#)
- *Historical and archaeological perspectives on gender transformations : from private to public* / edited by Suzanne M. Spencer-Wood (Springer, 2013)
 - o Requested by an Archaeology academic, via the Haddon, as relating to a number of courses on offer
 - o Purchased as an ebook: [Alma record here](#)
- *Raptor and human : falconry and bird symbolism throughout the millennia on a global scale* / edited by Karl-Heinz Gersmann and Oliver Grimm (Wachholtz, Murmann, 2018)
 - o A 4-volume set recommended by an ASNC academic as useful for "students of medieval studies, anthropology, archaeology, etc."
 - o UL classmark: [S950.a.201.6420-6423](#)

German

- *Der NSU-Prozess* / Ramelsberger, Ramm, Schultz, Stadler (Verlag Antje Kunstmann, 2018)
 - o 5-volume set on the trials of members of the terrorist group Nationalsozialistischer Untergrund
 - o This was recommended by a member of MML staff but will be of interest to researchers in law, political science, and history.
 - o UL classmark: [C214.c.6589-6593](#)

- *Preussische Geschichte als gesellschaftliche Veranstaltung : Historiographie vom Mittelalter bis zum Jahr 2000* / Wolfgang Neugebauer (Verlag Ferdinand Schöningh, 2018)
 - o This title, an innovative study of Prussian historiography, was recommended to the UL by two separate History PhD students
 - o UL classmark: [573:2.c.201.8](#)
- *Polen in der europäischen Geschichte* / Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg (Anton Hiersemann Verlag, 2017-)
 - o This ongoing publication featured in the Easter newsletter, and the first volumes to arrive have since been catalogued: [S950:01.c.79.2, 3i](#)

French

- *Écrits de compositeurs : une autorité en questions (XIXe et XXe siècles)* / sous la direction de Michel Duchesneau, Valérie Dufour et Marie-Hélène Benoit-Otis (Vrin, 2013)
 - o Requested by a Music PhD student and joining many other titles in the Vrin ‘Musicologies’ series held in the UL
 - o UL classmark: [C214.c.4178](#)
- *Alioune Diop : le Socrate noir* / Philippe Verdin ; préface d'Abd Al Malik (Lethielleux, 2010)
 - o The first biography of the under-studied intellectual Alioune Diop, this was requested by a History PhD student
 - o UL classmark: [C214.c.3940](#)
- *Charlemagne: les temps, les espaces, les hommes : construction et déconstruction d'un règne* / sous la direction de Rolf Grosse, Michel Sot (Brepols, 2018)
 - o “A substantial collection of major essays ... key for Carolingian history” recommended by a History academic
 - o UL classmark: [C214.c.4956](#)
- *Acquérir, prélever, contrôler : les ressources en compétition (400-1100)* / sous la direction de Vito Loré, Geneviève Bühner-Thierry, Régine Le Jan (Brepols Publishers n.v., 2017)
 - o This title appeared in the Easter newsletter and has now arrived: [C214.c.3460](#)

Italian

- The number of requests made via Torrossa, our PDA platform for books published in Italy, increased quite significantly in Michaelmas thanks to changes made to make the recommendation route easier for readers. Here are two sample Italian titles bought on request in the term:
 - o [Comunicare con Leon Battista Alberti : il nuovo collegamento tra il Museo Marino Marini e la Cappella del Santo Sepolcro](#) / a cura di Vincenzo Vaccaro (Polistampa, 2013)
 - o [Il Bestiario di Dante e di Petrarca : repertorio ipertestuale delle occorrenze zoonime nella Commedia e nei Rerum vulgarium fragmenta](#) / Valeria Mouchet (Spolia, 2008)

Spanish

- *Corrupción en Colombia* / Henao, Juan Carlos (Universidad Externado de Colombia, 2018)
 - o An expensive purchase, but an important, comprehensive, and multi-disciplinary study on the problem of corruption in Colombia.
 - o Awaiting arrival.
- *Sueño conjuros desde el vientre de mi madre* (Taller Leñateros, 2012)

- A bilingual Tzotzil-Spanish artists' book bound in handmade paperboards, this is a good example of the Taller Leñateros publications seen by some as predecessors to cartonera books (which the UL collects [as part of a national project](#))
- UL classmarks: [2018.8.2969](#) (book), CD.10817 (audio CD)
- *Album de un viaje por la República de Chile* / Claudio Gay (Origo, 2009)
 - This featured in the Easter newsletter and has since arrived: [S950.a.200.4304](#)

Russian

- *Soiuz gortsev Severnogo Kavkaza i Gorskaia respublika* (Moskva : Tsentrpoligraf, 2018)
 - Requested by a History academic, this book studies the fight for autonomy in the Northern Caucasus between 1917 and 1920
 - UL classmark: [C205.d.7597](#)
- *Kniga o rozhdenii mladencheskom i o tom, kak detei malykh berech', kormit' i lechit'* (Moskva : Voskresenie, 1992)
 - This featured in the Easter newsletter and has since been classified: [2018.8.2125](#)



Guide to the department

The Collections and Academic Liaison department is responsible for the selection and acquisition of physical books and ebooks in English and in European languages, from across the world. We also deal with donations coming into the UL, we do a large amount of cataloguing, and we promote the collections for which we are responsible through reader inductions and various media – here are links, for example, to our two blogs: <https://ebookscambridge.wordpress.com/> and <https://europeancollections.wordpress.com/>. The department is based in South Wing 1 in the UL.

CAL comprises several teams.

- English collection development
 - Rebecca Gower, assisted by Amber Rockwell
- ebooks@cambridge
 - Jayne Kelly, assisted by Lindsay Jones
- French
 - Irène Fabry-Tehranchi, assisted by Manuel del Campo (currently on parental leave)
- German, Dutch, Scandinavian
 - Christian Staufenbiel, assisted by Katharine Dicks (also our Senior Library Assistant) and Anne Lacour
- Italian (plus French cataloguing)
 - Bettina Rex
- Spanish, Portuguese, Catalan
 - Sonia Morcillo, Clara Panozzo, and Chris Greenberg currently share the Hispanic specialist position on a part-time basis
- Slavonic/East European, Modern Greek
 - Mel Bach (also Head of Department), assisted by Ula Dench