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De Gruyter eBound Foundation Announces First Awards from UPLOpen Climate Action Fund

Grants will support Open Access publication of 13 books that address climate change and its impacts

Boston, MA – 8 October 2025— Today, the first round of awards from the UPLOpen Climate Change Fund were announced. The Fund, established by the De Gruyter eBound Foundation, supports the publication of scholarly monographs on one of the most urgent challenges of our time. Grants totaling nearly USD 100,000 have been awarded that will enable the publication of 13 books in Open Access editions over the course of 2025 and 2026.

These books – produced by leading university and scholarly presses from North America and Europe – will be published in openly licensed editions and released, without embargo, on University Press Library Open ([UPLOpen.com](https://uplopen.com)) as part of the **UPLOpen Climate Action Collection**.

The 13 books reflect the global scope of climate change research and response. Topics covered include efforts to curb environmental catastrophe in Eastern Africa, integration of sustainability into higher education curricula in Mozambique, confronting the ecological consequences of war in Iraq, how climate change is reshaping urban governance & planning in Montréal, and ways to move beyond ideological responses to climate change in the US. Together, these works illustrate the worldwide impact of climate change and the diverse strategies communities are developing to confront it.

The Foundation first announced the launch of the fund in July with an initial allocation of USD 100,000, which was made available to the more than 60 publishers affiliated with Paradigm Publishing Service's University Press Library (UPL) program including De Gruyter Brill and its partner presses. To be eligible, monographs must address climate change and climate action as defined by Goal 13 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which calls for "urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts."

"We are thrilled by the immediate and overwhelmingly positive response from the publishing community," said Peter Potter, Executive Director of the De Gruyter eBound Foundation. "We received nearly 30 applications in less than one month. The level of interest underscores the urgency of supporting open access work on climate change. We now hope other funders will join us so that we can expand this program and enable even more important books to reach a global audience."

For more information about the UPLOpen Climate Action Fund or to learn how to support it, please contact Peter Potter, Executive Director of De Gruyter eBound at peter.potter@degruyterbrill.com.

The 13 books selected for funding are:

- [*Adapter la ville aux changements climatique: des Expérimentations de concertation à Montréal*](#), edited by Héléne Madénian and Sophie L. Van Neste (Laval, 2025)
- *All of the Above: A Global Future of Energy*, by Gökçe Günel (Duke, 2026)
- *American Climates*, by Bruce Hull (Virginia Tech Publishing, 2026)
- [*Blue Architecture: Water, Design, and Environmental Futures*](#), by Brook Muller (Texas, 2023)
- [*Carbon Free: The Way Forward*](#), edited by Jörg Böttcher (De Gruyter Brill, 2025)

- [*Climate Justice in Action: Activism and Adaptation in Eastern Africa*](#), edited by Katie McQuaid, Neil Crawford, Admire Mare, and Susan Nanduddu (Bristol, 2026)
- [*Confronting Climate Change: From Mitigation to Adaptation*](#), by John Barkdull (Lynne Rienner, 2024)
- *Higher Education and Sustainability in the Global South: Insights from Mozambique*, by Patrício V. Langa, Herieta Massango, and Malaquias Tsambe (WPI Press, 2026)
- [*Plastics, Environment, Culture and the Politics of Waste*](#), edited by Tatiana Konrad (Edinburgh, 2025)
- [*Policy-Driven Climate and Development Finance: Strategies for Equitable Solutions*](#), edited by Mahmoud Mohieldin (De Gruyter Brill, 2026)
- [*Toward Environmental Wholeness: Method in Environmental Ethics and Science*](#), by Patrick H. Byrne (SUNY, 2024)
- *Warzone Ecology: The Violence of Planetary Repair in Iraq*, by Bridget Guarasci (California, 2026)
- [*Witnessing a Wounded World: A Theology of Ecological Trauma*](#), by Timothy A. Middleton (Fordham, 2025)

About The De Gruyter eBound Foundation

De Gruyter eBound, a 501 (c) (3) public foundation established in 2022 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by the independent academic publisher De Gruyter (now De Gruyter Brill), on the belief that the humanities and social sciences are vital to a healthy and diverse knowledge ecosystem. Its mission is to help small and independent publishers in these fields thrive in an evolving scholarly communication system.

About UPLOpen

University Press Library Open (UPLOpen) is an ambitious effort to democratize access to scholarly knowledge and advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The innovative website, UPLOpen.com, offers a single access point to a curated collection of over 10,000 open access books from many of the world's leading scholarly publishers. UPLOpen is also home to two unique and complete series collections: Luminos, from the University of California Press, and Toward an Open Monograph Ecosystem (TOME), a five-year pilot project of the Association of American Universities, Association of Research Libraries, and Association of University Presses. For more information, please visit www.uplopen.com.

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