

## OA Service Agreement

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This Open Access Service Agreement (this “**Service Agreement**”) has been approved by and entered into between

**Charles University**

Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Smetanovo nábřeží 6, 110 01 Prague, Czech Republic

represented by: PhDr. JUDr. Tomáš Karásek, PhD, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences

(the “**Funder**”)

on the one part and

**Springer Nature Customer Service Center GmbH**, Europaplatz 3, 69115 Heidelberg, Germany

(the “**Service Provider**”)

on the other part

together hereinafter referred to as the “**Parties**”.

### **§1 Subject of the Agreement**

- 1.1 This Service Agreement concerns the provision of open access services in connection with the publication of a work provisionally titled:

**The Media in Times of Backsliding Democracy – A European Perspective**

originated by Carlo Berti, Alice Němcová Tejkalová, Anna Shavit and Prof. Verica Rupar

(the “**Originator**”)

published by Springer Nature Switzerland AG

(the “**Publisher**”)

comprising approximately 288 pages.

- 1.2 The Work shall be published under the imprint Palgrave Macmillan.

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1.5 The Work may be published in the book series Palgrave Studies in European Political Sociology.

## **§2 Responsibilities of the Service Provider**

2.1 The Service Provider is responsible for providing Open Access Services (the "**Open Access Services**") for the Work. Subject to the payment of the Open Access Fee as defined below, the Open Access Services provided by the Service Provider include the technical and administrative services necessary for the preparation, production and publication of the Work, as well as ensuring high product quality. These services typically include:

(a) managing and resourcing the publishing process, the provision of online tools for originators, copy-editing, typesetting and formatting, production services or customer services; and

(b) hosting services and making available any electronic editions on online platforms permanently in line with standard business practices.

2.2 A notice about the terms of the above mentioned open access licence will be published in all editions of the Work. The electronic edition of the Work will be clearly labelled as "open access" in the Publisher's product database.

## **§3 Open Access Fee**

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#### **§4 Warranty**

4.1 The Funder warrants and represents that the Funder has full right, power and authority to enter into and perform their obligations under this Service Agreement.

4.2 The Funder further warrants and represents that they shall at all times comply in full with:

(a) all applicable anti-bribery and corruption laws; and

(b) all applicable data protection and electronic privacy and marketing laws and regulations

(the "**Applicable Laws**").

If the Funder is in material breach of any of the Applicable Laws or otherwise in material breach of accepted ethical standards in research and scholarship, or becomes the subject of any comprehensive or selective sanctions issued in any applicable jurisdiction (e.g. being subject to the OFAC sanctions list) or if, in the opinion of the Service Provider, at any time any act, allegation or conduct of or about the Funder prejudices the production or successful exploitation of the Work or brings the name and/or reputation of the Service Provider, the Publisher or the Work into disrepute, or is likely to do so, then the Service Provider may terminate this Service Agreement in accordance with the Clause "Termination".

#### **§5 Complimentary Copies**

5.1 The Funder is entitled to receive 1 (One) printed copy of the Work free of charge.

Resale of such free copies of the Work is not permitted.

#### **§6 Termination**

6.1 Any Party shall be entitled to terminate this Service Agreement forthwith by notice in writing in the event that any Party:

(a) commits a material breach of the terms of the Service Agreement which cannot be remedied or, if such breach can be remedied, fails to remedy such breach within 90 days of being given written notice to do so; or

(b) as applicable, is made bankrupt or personally insolvent, or goes into liquidation other than voluntary liquidation for the purpose of reconstruction, or has a receiver or an administrative receiver appointed over the whole or any substantial part of its assets.

6.2 In addition to the specific rights of termination set out in this Clause and in the Clause "Warranty", the Service Provider may terminate this Service Agreement in the event that:

(a) the Publishing Agreement is terminated prior to publication of the Work; or

(b) the Open Access Fee is not fully paid by the invoice due date.

- 6.3 In the event that on the date of termination the Open Access Fee, or any share thereof, has already been paid, the Service Provider will refund the respective amount(s).

For the avoidance of doubt the Service Provider shall not be obliged to reimburse the Open Access Fee:

(a) if the Work has been published in line with the Clause "Responsibilities of the Service Provider"; or

(b) if this Service Agreement has been terminated at any time due to the termination of the Publishing Agreement by the Publisher on the basis of a material breach of the Originator's warranties and representations given therein; or

(c) if this Service Agreement has been terminated by the Service Provider due to a material breach of the terms of this Service Agreement.

## **§7 Taxation**

- 7.1 All amounts mentioned in this Service Agreement are expressed exclusive of any value added or similar taxes ("VAT"), government fees or levies or other assessments (together hereinafter referred to as "taxes"). Reporting, collection and/or remittance of such taxes to the relevant tax authority shall be the responsibility of the Party who has the legal obligation to do so subject to the following provisions.


If VAT is chargeable/due, the Funder shall pay to the Service Provider (in addition to and at the same time as paying the principal amounts) an amount equal to the amount of such VAT. Appropriate invoices as required by law shall be issued. The Funder shall inform the Service Provider about their entrepreneurial status (including but not limited to their VAT ID) and any change to that immediately.

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## **§8 General Provisions**

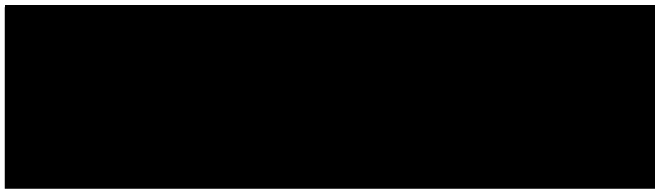
- 8.1 This Service Agreement, and the documents referred to within it, constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede any previous agreements, warranties, representations, undertakings or understandings. Each Party acknowledges that it is not relying on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any undertakings, representations, warranties, promises or assurances that are not set forth in this Service Agreement. Nothing in this Service Agreement shall exclude any liability for or remedy in respect of fraud, including fraudulent misrepresentation. This Service Agreement may be modified or amended only by agreement of the Parties in writing. For the purposes of modifying or amending this Service Agreement, "in writing" requires either a written document signed by all Parties or an electronic confirmation by all Parties

with DocuSign or a similar e-signature solution. Any notice of termination and/or reversion and, where applicable, any preceding notices (including any requesting remediable action under the Clause "**Termination**") must be provided in writing and delivered by post, courier or personal delivery addressed to the physical address(es) as set out at the beginning of this Service Agreement or any replacement address notified for this purpose. All such notices shall become effective upon receipt. Receipt is deemed to have taken place five working days after the respective notice was sent by post or left at the address by courier or personal delivery.

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- 8.2 No failure or delay by any Party to exercise or enforce any term, right or remedy provided under or in connection with this Service Agreement shall constitute a waiver of that or any other term, right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise or enforcement of that or any other term, right or remedy. No single or partial exercise or enforcement of such term, right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise or enforcement of that or any other term, right or remedy.
- 8.3 Without the prior written consent of Service Provider, the terms of this Service Agreement may not be disclosed to any third party, except to professional advisors or as required by a court, regulatory body or other authority of competent jurisdiction.
- 8.4 Nothing contained in this Service Agreement shall constitute or shall be construed as constituting a partnership, joint venture or contract of employment between the Parties. No Party may assign this Service Agreement to third parties but the Service Provider may assign this Service Agreement to its affiliated companies. In this Service Agreement, any words following the terms "including", "e.g." or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.
- 8.5 If any difference shall arise between the Parties concerning the meaning of this Service Agreement or the rights and liabilities of the Parties, the Parties shall engage in good faith discussions to attempt to seek a mutually satisfactory resolution of the dispute. This Service Agreement shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of Switzerland. The courts of Zug, Switzerland shall have the exclusive jurisdiction.
- 8.6 A person who is not a Party to this Service Agreement (other than an affiliate of the Service Provider) has no right to enforce any terms or conditions of this Service Agreement. This Service Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Service Provider. If one or more provisions of this Service Agreement are held to be unenforceable (in whole or in part) under applicable law, each such provision shall be deemed excluded from this Service Agreement and the balance of the Service Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable but shall be interpreted as if that provision were so excluded. If one or more provisions are so excluded under this Clause then the Parties shall negotiate in good faith to agree an enforceable replacement provision that, to the greatest extent possible under applicable law, achieves the Parties' original commercial intention.

To indicate their agreement to the terms outlined herein, all Parties have signed and exchanged this Service Agreement.

**The Funder**

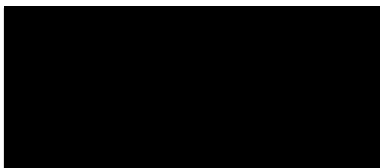


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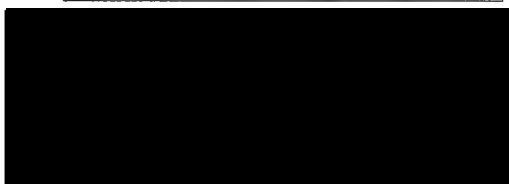
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