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- Led by Dr Frances Pinter (and Dr Lucy Montgomery).

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Christopher T. Marsden



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This is a book about net neutrality. It is intended to be read by the non-technical as well as the technical reader, by the non-economist as well as the economic, and also most definitely by non-lawyers. It is most dense in its economic and legal analysis of telecommunications in the opening chapters, yet those who are not telecoms/Internet<sup>2</sup> policy

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- Pilot.
- Sign up 20+ publishers, 400+ libraries.
- Y1: 120 books; Y3: 740 books.
- Assess requirements for scaling up.
- Refine workflow, marketing, IT requirements

# Market Research

- Potential market is 8,000 to 12,000 research libraries globally.
- Forty years ago 3,000 units sold per monograph now around 300.
- Open access possibilities have been explored by various publishers.
- Growing appetite for new business models.

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