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University of California Press to Publish Open-Access Journal *Civic Sociology*

Oakland, CA—University of California Press is pleased to announce the launch of *Civic Sociology* (civicsociology.org), an open-access journal which encourages a scholarship oriented toward more effective, ethical interventions into systemic social problems, and which emphasizes problem-solving and professional practice, local and regional issues, and normative and ethical reflection. *Civic Sociology* will publish its first articles beginning in summer 2019.

“*Civic Sociology* is a new effort to make sociological research more relevant and effective within professional, policy, and public forms of engagement, by proposing solutions to, rather than just explaining, criticising or describing social problems” says Editor-in-Chief Eric Lybeck, University of Manchester, UK. “It’s an effort to put our sociological insights into action—to start solving problems, particularly starting at the local and regional level.” With this focus on both global *and* local level insight and solutions, the journal also comes as a response to a waning of the public’s faith in political institutions and a growing distrust of the role of experts in dealing with societal problems.

As a core component of the journal’s mission, all *Civic Sociology* content will be freely and openly available immediately upon publication, with no subscriptions or other fees required to access content. In this regard, *Civic Sociology* joins a growing stable of open-access journals from UC Press which are supported by fair Article Processing Charges, including the journals *Collabra: Psychology* (Collabra.org) and *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene* (elementascience.org). Additionally, UC Press is the publisher of *Luminos* (Luminosoa.org), an open-access program for scholarly monographs in the social sciences and humanities.

“The time is perfect for an open-access journal on this topic,” says Dan Morgan, Publisher at UC Press. “We are living in a time of increased need for societal engagement and action—here is the sociological venue for that.”

For more information about *Civic Sociology*, please see the journal’s website at civicsociology.org, read our Q&A with Editor-in-Chief Eric Royal Lybeck at ucpress.edu/blog or contact UC Press’s Director of Public Relations & Communications Peter Perez at pperez@ucpress.edu or (510) 883-8318.

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