

EDI Reading Newsletter #15, 31 May 2021

*Our next informal coffee discussion will take place on **7 June, at 2.00pm** on Teams.*

The newsletter project is a contribution toward improving our collective EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) literacy. We hope that everyone takes a few minutes to engage with the shared writing. We welcome any and all contributions or recommendations for readings! Please send any contributions or suggestions to michael.petersen@roe.ac.uk.

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What we're watching this fortnight: I read the COPE (Committee on Publications Ethics, <https://publicationethics.org>) guest article outlining a vision for a more trans-inclusive publishing world: <https://publicationethics.org/news/vision-more-trans-inclusive-publishing-world>

Why we're reading it: Oxford University Press (OUP, publishers of Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society) has the following statement on their webpage: 'OUP is committed to working with trans and non-binary authors who wish to update their name following article publication' (see https://academic.oup.com/journals/pages/authors/production_and_publication/changing-published-articles). Following this Twitter post (<https://twitter.com/JostMigenda/status/1385251825734098946>), I wasn't aware of how great the challenge can be to update one's name, and was generally uncertain about best practices in publishing – this article is a helpful step to educate myself.

What you should read: (In 10 minutes): the 'Five guiding principles and best practices'; (in 30 minutes): the whole article and other associated links.

Discussion question: How do the name-updating policies extend to a field (like astronomy) where so many authors are responsible for open-source author lists?

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