

## Sharing our library responses to COVID-19 at the 2020 CDPDL-Europe & Oceania Meeting

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I have had the privilege of being invited to speak at the *2020 CDPDL-Europe & Oceania Meeting: Forum on the Digital Libraries Service Innovation in the Pandemic*. The event was co-hosted by the Library of the University of Queensland, the East Asia Department of the Berlin State Library and CNKI International.

It was quite interesting to hear the other speakers' presentations. Julie Oates focused her presentation on UQ Library's response to COVID-19, many aspects of which are very similar to what my team has been doing at Monash University Library, particularly in terms of physical space provision for students. Matthias Kaun (Berlin State Library) elaborated the international standard of resources on East Asia in his institution. Tamar Ganor (Hebrew University Library, Israel) covered her university library experience (8 different library branches) in transitioning to Open Athens. CNKI representatives, of course, provided the audience with updates of their platforms, etc. Their information is relevant for us, particularly in terms of our Chinese resources.

My talk focused on Monash University Library's responses to COVID-19 pandemic, particularly that of staff with Asian Studies expertise and Asian Collections development and management. I talked about the impact of COVID-19 and our responses in transforming teaching-learning activities to fully-online, implementing creativity in hosting the Korean Studies library internship by shifting to a fully online project, moving seminar programs (I used [Monash Indonesia Seminar Series](#) as an example) to fully online, and certainly elaborating that how we have always focused on users' needs in terms of access to resources. A couple of examples that I used for this include Monash University Library's 'click and send' facility, intensified use of Asian Collections LibGuides, provision of COVID-19 'Free to Access, Access to Free' e-resources LibGuide, and [Monash Collection Online](#) (including some Japanese and Indonesian examples that we have in MCOs).

Presentation slides of this talk are now accessible via Monash University Library's Bridges repository – <https://doi.org/10.26180/13340537>.