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## **Policy Press and the University of Bristol Announce New Publishing Venture**

Policy Press, IPG/Frankfurt Book Fair Academic and Professional Publisher of the Year 2016, together with the University of Bristol, one of the most popular universities in the UK, are proud to announce the creation of the University of Bristol Press.

University of Bristol Press (UBP) represents a natural next stage in the development of Policy Press, a publisher with an outstanding 20-year record of high-impact book and journal publishing and an explicit mission to help influence positive social change.

It also reflects the commitment of the University of Bristol to support the creation and dissemination of the highest quality research throughout the world and to encouraging teaching and learning innovation. As such, the UBP is also a key component of the University of Bristol's new vision and strategy.

Professor Hugh Brady, Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Bristol, said: "For the past 20 years, Policy Press has been enriching academic and broader social debate in the United Kingdom and around the world. We are delighted, therefore, to invest in the future of the press and to expand its remit, under the new University of Bristol Press, to encompass a broader range of scholarship of the highest quality. At this exciting time for the University of Bristol, the establishment of UBP is an ideal way to promote the values and mission of the University worldwide."

At the core of UBP, the Policy Press imprint will remain focused on its core social agenda. Its reach and overall impact potential will be enhanced as a result of substantial new investment by the University in staff and systems across all of the press's functions.

With the ability to publish under the UBP name in addition to the Policy Press imprint, the press will be able to expand its publishing into new subject areas, accessing a broader range of scholarship. The expanded press will be dynamic, innovative, and responsive to the changing needs of the scholarly community internationally.

Alison Shaw, Director of Policy Press, said: "Policy Press is a great springboard from which to create a new university press that can respond to the immense changes and opportunities in academia and scholarly publishing. University presses are a crucial part of our intellectual,

social and cultural landscape, and it is an exciting privilege to play a larger role in it than ever before. I am enormously proud of what we have achieved, and excited about the future.”

Professor Danny Dorling of the University of Oxford and a Policy Press author, added: “This is a great opportunity to grow the Policy Press model of intensive author engagement and service into a larger and wider international university press, one which sees all its books as unique and sets the highest standards. University presses are vital to set the gold standard on quality, authenticity, relevance and applicability in publishing scholarship now and for the future.’

### **Notes to Editors:**

About Policy Press Policy Press is a non-profit university press based at the University of Bristol in the UK, dedicated to influencing social change through international research and scholarship. In addition to maintaining a backlist of over 1000 titles in print and digital editions, this year the press will publish 130 books and 9 journals for its global audience of social science researchers, practitioners, students, policy makers, and general readers. Policy Press is proud to have been named Winner of the 2016 IPG/Frankfurt Book Fair Academic and Professional Publisher of the Year.

In 2017 Policy Press will become an imprint of the new University of Bristol Press. Remaining true to its social and scholarly mission, PP will be firmly supported at the core of the wider UBP and will continue to work for social change.

About the University of Bristol The University of Bristol is one of the most popular and successful universities in the UK. It was ranked within the top 50 universities in the world in the QS World University Rankings 2016. The University of Bristol is ranked among the top five institutions in the UK for its research, according to new analysis of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, and is the 4th most targeted university by top UK employers.

Bristol is a member of the Russell Group of UK research-intensive universities, and a member of the Worldwide Universities Network, a grouping of research-led institutions of international standing. The University was founded in 1876 and was granted its Royal Charter in 1909. It was the first university in England to admit women on the same basis as men.

The University is a major force in the economic, social and cultural life of Bristol and the region, but is also a significant player on the world stage. It has over 16,000 undergraduates and nearly 6,000 postgraduate students from more than 100 countries, and its research links span the globe. Thirteen Bristol graduates and members of staff have been awarded Nobel Prizes, including Sir Winston Churchill who was Chancellor of the University of Bristol from 1929 until 1965.

**Further information:**

University of Bristol Press will be formally launched in December 2016.

Alison Shaw, Director of Policy Press and Julia Mortimer, Assistant Director, are both available for interview. However, they are attending the Frankfurt Book Fair between October 19-23 so will have limited availability.

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