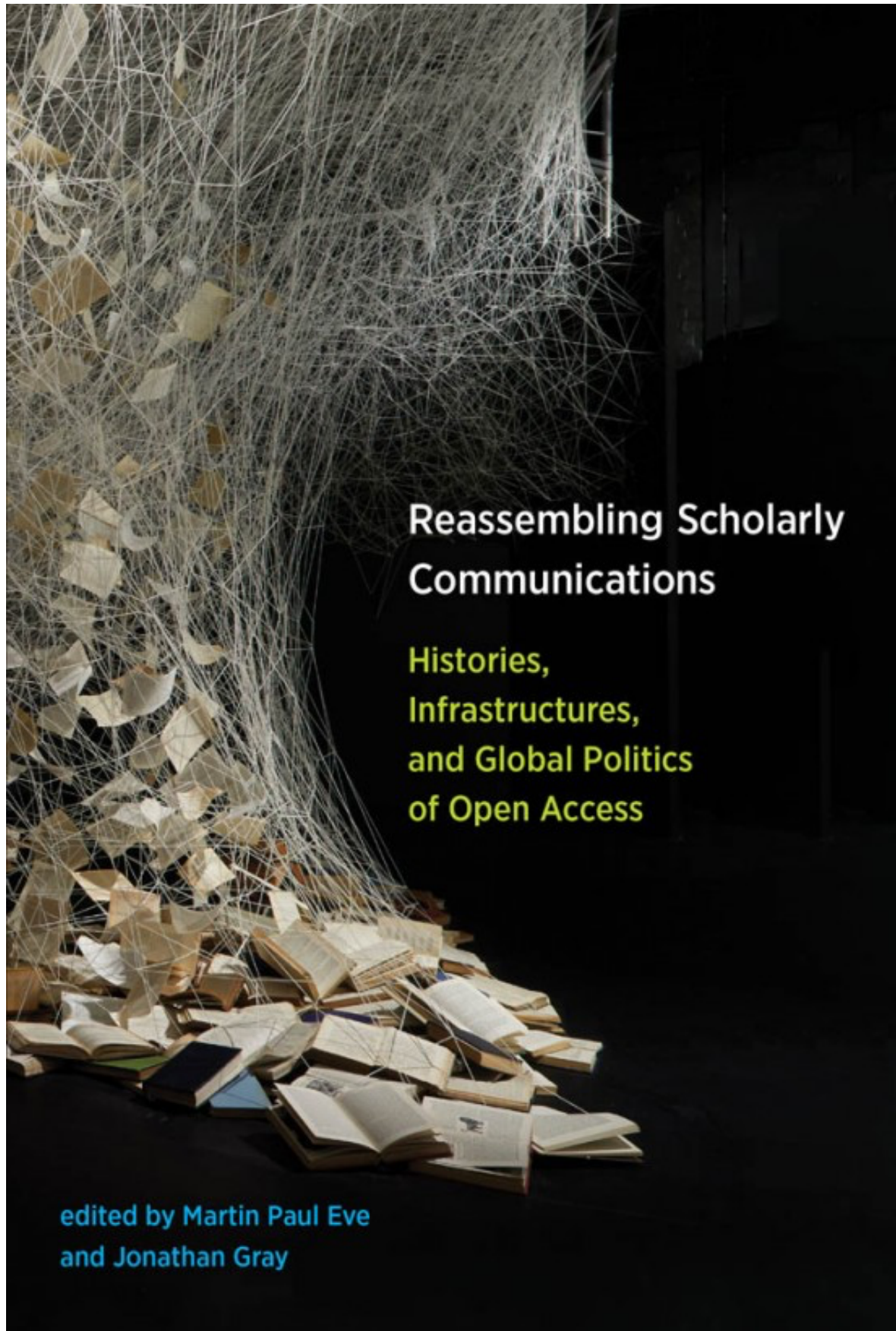**KCL Digital Humanities < https://blogs.kcl.ac.uk/ddh/>** — Critical inquiry with and about the digital

New Book: "Reassembling Scholarly Communications: Histories, Infrastructures, and Global Politics of Open Access" (MIT Press, 2020)

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MIT Press have recently published a new book on **Reassembling Scholarly Communications: Histories, Infrastructures, and Global Politics of Open**

Access < https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/reassembling-scholarly-communications> edited by **Martin Eve < https://eve.gd/>** and myself.

The book aims to provide a "critical inquiry into the politics, practices, and infrastructures of open access and the reconfiguration of scholarly communication in digital societies".

My chapter, "**Infrastructural Experiments and the Politics of Open Access < https://direct.mit.edu/books/book/4933/chapter/625173/Infrastructural-Experiments-and-the-Politics-of>** " examines how scholarly communication infrastructures may be taken as both an object of research and a site of experimentation to explore questions of who has access, what counts, what matters, and how relations are organised.

The chapters in the book are also available **as a set of open access PDFs < https://direct.mit.edu/books/book/4933/Reassembling-Scholarly-CommunicationsHistories>** to coincide with **Open Access Week < http://www.openaccessweek.org/>** . The whole book is available as a single PDF **here < https://eprints.bbk.ac.uk/id/eprint/21102/>** . Following is an overview of the table of contents with links to full texts of corresponding chapters.

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