

Notice & Takedown Policy

The University of Bath Institutional Repository (henceforth referred to as “the repository”) is an open access repository.

The University has endeavoured to ensure that no material deposited in the repository infringes any third party property rights or otherwise infringes UK law. However, should you discover any content in the repository that you believe infringes your rights, please notify the library’s repository staff [openaccess@bath.ac.uk], specifying the particular item(s) that is the subject of your complaint and the particular grounds for your complaint. These grounds may include:

- Unauthorised use by reason of reproduction and/or making available the protected material
- Breach of any moral right (integrity/right not to have work subjected to derogatory treatment)
- Issues on grounds other than copyright and/or related rights (e.g. defamation, breach of confidence, data protection)

On receipt of your complaint, the repository manager will make an initial assessment of the validity of the complaint and will promptly acknowledge its receipt.

Where the University considers the complaint to be without foundation, the University will inform you of this and provide supporting rationale

Where the complaint is initially considered to be plausible and is to be pursued, the content that is subject to complaint will be removed from the repository pending an agreed solution. The repository manager will then contact the contributor of the material and inform them that the item is subject to complaint and under what allegations. The contributor will be encouraged to allay your concerns. The repository manager will try to resolve the issue by mediating between you and the contributor.

The University will endeavour to resolve the issue swiftly and amicably to the satisfaction of both you (the complainant) and the contributor. If a resolution is found through mediating between the parties, this will be enacted/initiated. This will involve one of the following outcomes:

- The material need not be changed and the material is reinstated in the repository
- The material is reinstated in the repository with changes or made subject to restricted access
- The material is permanently removed from the repository (although a metadata citation will remain)