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We are pleased to invite proposals for chapters for an upcoming book proposal entitled The Edinburgh History of the British and Irish Press, Vol. 1, 1640-1800.

The two chapters are provisionally entitled:
Readers and Readerships
The Business of the Press


Volume 1 will present a comprehensive, research-led, interdisciplinary examination of scholarship as well as new research on newspaper and periodical history (c.1640-1800) across Britain and Ireland during a key period of change and development. It will cover an important period of emergence and expansion in periodical and press history across the four nations of the British Isles (England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales). Particular attention will also be given to how the development of early-modern print communication can be assessed via cross-border comparisons and contrasts.

The volume is designed to provide readers with a clear survey of the current state of research in the field, drawing on contemporary methodologies, demonstrating the interdisciplinary nature of the field and offering an indication of areas ripe for further work. The impact of digital media and archives on the field will fully inform all discussions of the print archive, meaning that contributors will illustrate their arguments with examples and contextualize their topics more broadly.

Your chapter would be a maximum of 10,000 words all-inclusive and would preferably incorporate one or two case studies of particularly important people, institutions or titles to fit with the format of the series. A case study, amounting to about 1000-2000 words, could be written by yourself or a colleague.

The timeline is as follows:

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Expression of interest: June 7, 2020
Submission of 300-400 word abstract: June 30, 2020
Notification of acceptance of abstract: July 15, 2020
Notification of acceptance of book proposal and chapter: Autumn 2020
Submission of book chapters: End of 2021
Proposed Publication Date: 2023

Expression of interest and submissions of abstracts should be emailed to the prospective Editor: Nicholas Brownlees nicholas.brownlees@unifi.it and the two General Editors: Martin Conboy m.conboy@sheffield.ac.uk and David Finkelstein d.finkelstein@btopenworld.com
Your expression of interest should include your affiliation, previous relevant research and publications.

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