

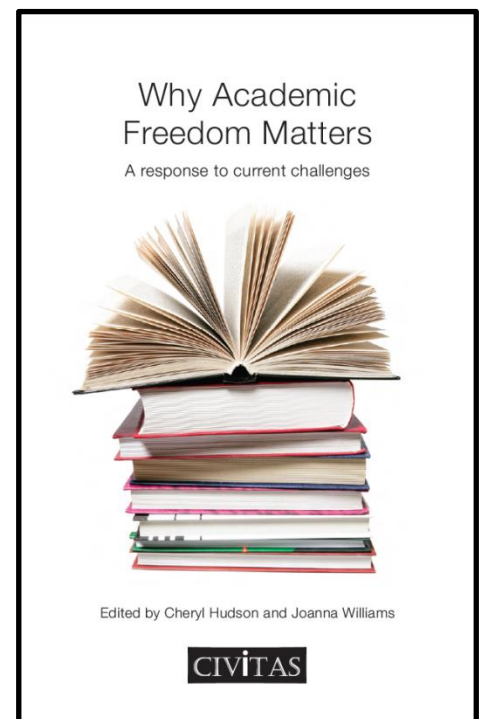
# *Why Academic Freedom Matters: A response to current challenges*

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Contributors to *Why Academic Freedom Matters* come from a variety of institutions, disciplines, and career stages. Together, they consider threats to contemporary academic freedom, whether from national government policies, institutional practices, student-led groups, or scholars' desire not to upset students or colleagues. Each offers a different perspective on the continued importance of academic freedom within a changing university. The volume provides a timely appraisal of the connection between free enquiry and academia's historic mission to advance human knowledge, arguing for 'free, open, and robust debate'.



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