Peter Lang is committed to ensuring that all users can access and use the scholarship we publish on our website. We have designed our website to be flexible and to support those who have additional needs, especially those with visual impairments.

To this end, we have worked with a consulting firm and a website design company to ensure that our website is compliant with relevant legislation. Specifically we are WCAG 2.2 compliant, and a recent audit gave our website a score of “Very Good”

Our website works with all major screen reader services, and has its own in-built text to speech system in our content pages, helping users to navigate and find the content they are looking for.

We allow tab browsing to allow users who are unable to use traditional browsing methods to navigate the website.

Our content is hosted in PDF files which are DRM-free and will work with a range of software which has additional accessibility functions built in, such as Adobe Reader. This includes additional zoom, tab browsing, high contrast and Black/Green screen modes and a detailed navigation pane.

We have a range of features built in to our website to further support users, including:

* Fonts/text and icons correctly increase size with device zoom level.
* Text remains legible at up to 300x zoom level and does not get cut off.
* Most images have ‘alt’ tags describing the image.
* Colours used on the site are significantly differentiated to make legibility easier
* Site content has been translated to provide content in English, French and German, with a clear and easy way to switch between languages.
* The website has been produced to maximise compatibility with screen readers.
* The website content strategy favours text-based content over time-based media, with minimal use of image and video as sole content and text alternatives available.
* Text on the website is clear and easy to understand.
* The website uses a logical heading order and does not feature content that looks like headings but is not.

We are also working to ensuring that the PDF versions of our books are accessible, this includes ensuring accurate headings and sub-headings within our titles to make them easy to access using screen reader technology.

There are several areas we have highlighted as important next steps, including Alt-Text for the images in our titles. As we are not a large commercial publisher this is a challenge for us, but we are making progress and intend to prioritize this moving forward.

We are also aware of some minor issues on our website which need to be fixed, including:

* Not all form inputs have labels.
* Some fonts are under the recommended minimum 16px/1rem size
* Where pages have a book carousel on the page, the tabbing order/functionality is broken.

And we will be seeking to fix these shortly.

If users spot an issue with accessibility they would like us to fix, we recommend they contact sales@peterlang.com and we will address the issue.