

Open Access in HSS in the UK: the conflict between big ideas and small communities

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Structure

Substantive Points

Context for 2014 British Academy report
UK Open Access models
Open Access and government research audits
Open Access now in the UK

Major Conclusions

Threat to smaller publishers
Publishing is not free

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Global Anger over OA

U. of California System Cancels Elsevier Subscriptions, Calling Move a Win for Open Access

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with word of a web page with
information on access to Elsevier
articles.*

The University of California system is calling it quits with Elsevier, one of the biggest academic publishers in the world, after months of contract negotiations.



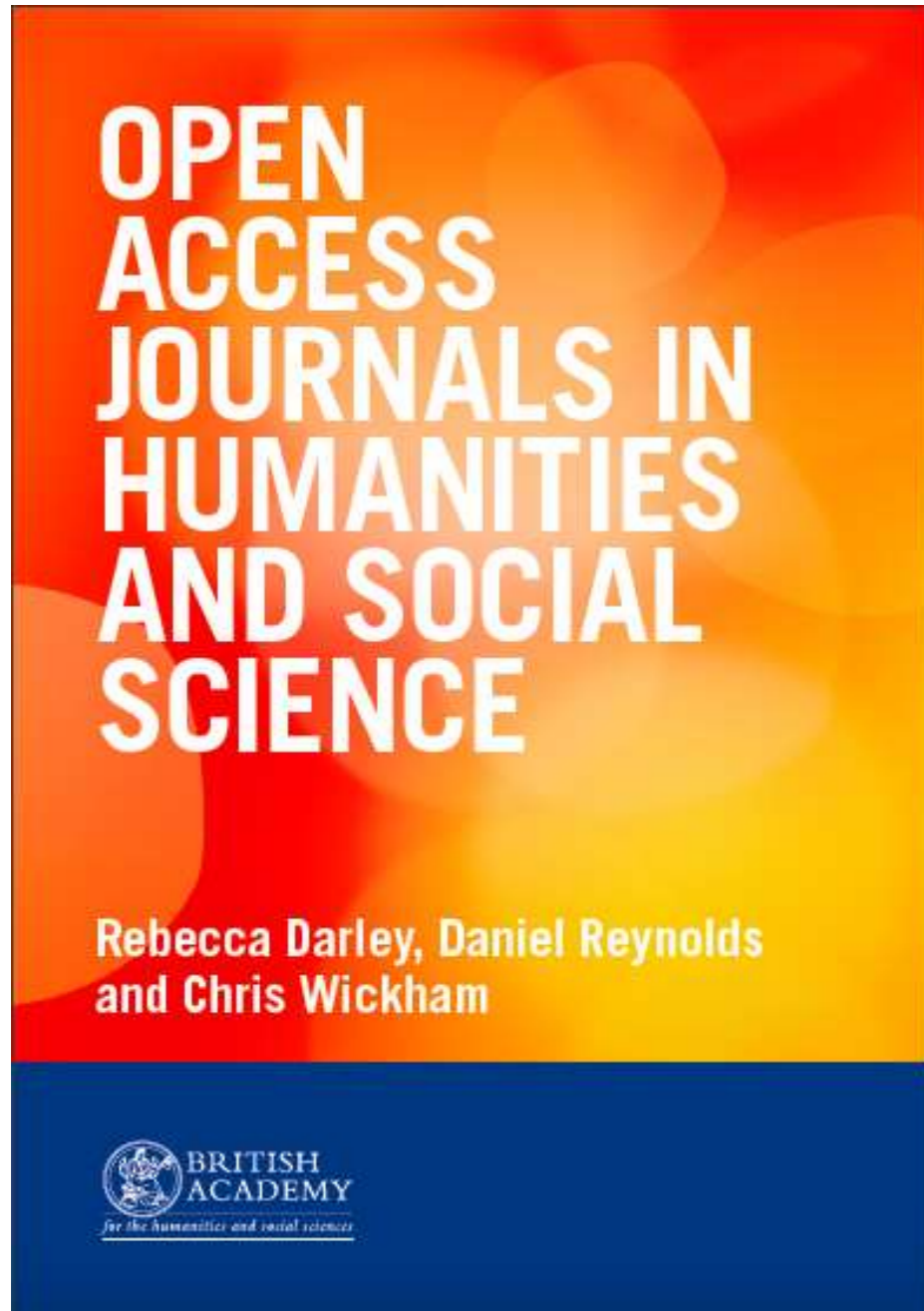
UK Research Audits

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Research Assessment Exercise



REF Research
2021 Excellence
Framework

Targets of Our Report



1. Gold or Green?
2. Existing Open Access landscape
3. Article 'half-lives'

How UK Audit Works



- Panels for subject areas with expert readers.
- Higher Education institutions select publications by research active staff.
- Publications submitted to panels. Evaluated on 1-4* scale based on their quality and importance. 4* = world leading. 1* = limited importance.
- Publication ranking used to rank UK universities on research quality.
- Government research funding allocated by ranking

Gold or Green?



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Gold or Green for HSSS?



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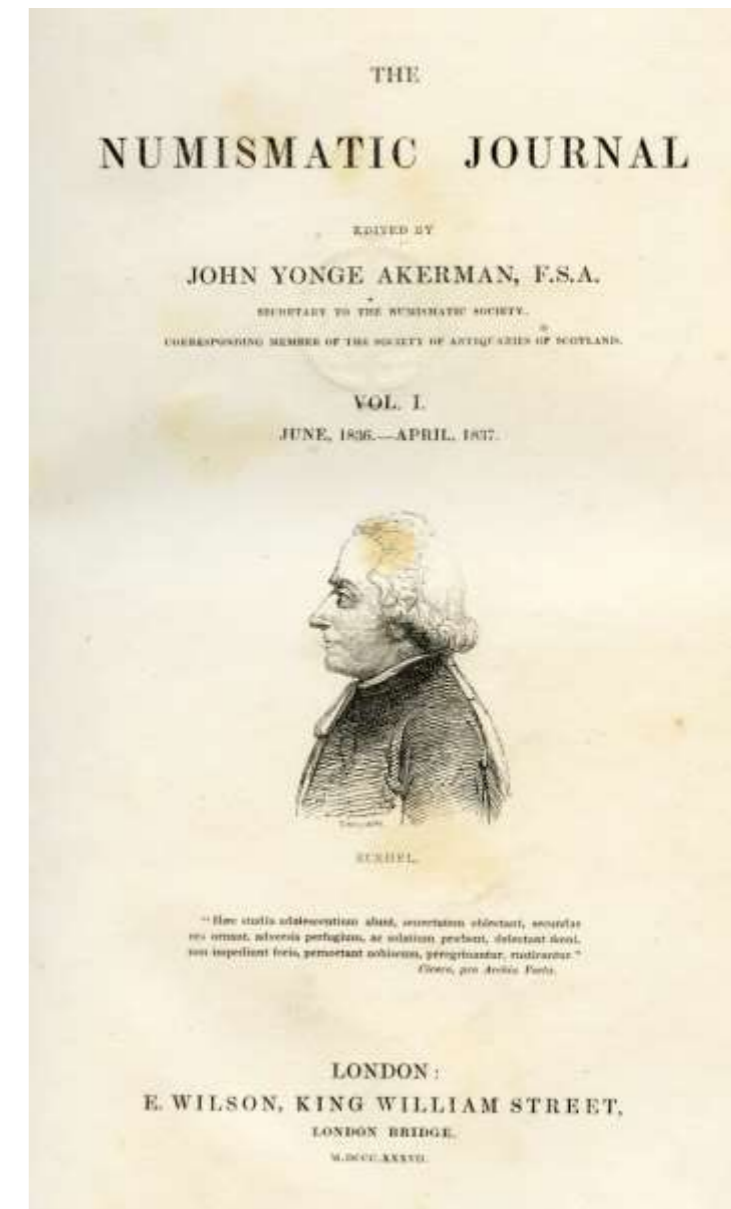
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OA in the UK Today



- Journal articles submitted to REF Open Access where possible
- Open Access can mean gold or green
- All publications in institutional repositories
- Author can choose to publish in any journal if the best location for their work

Saving Small Publishers



The Royal Numismatic Society



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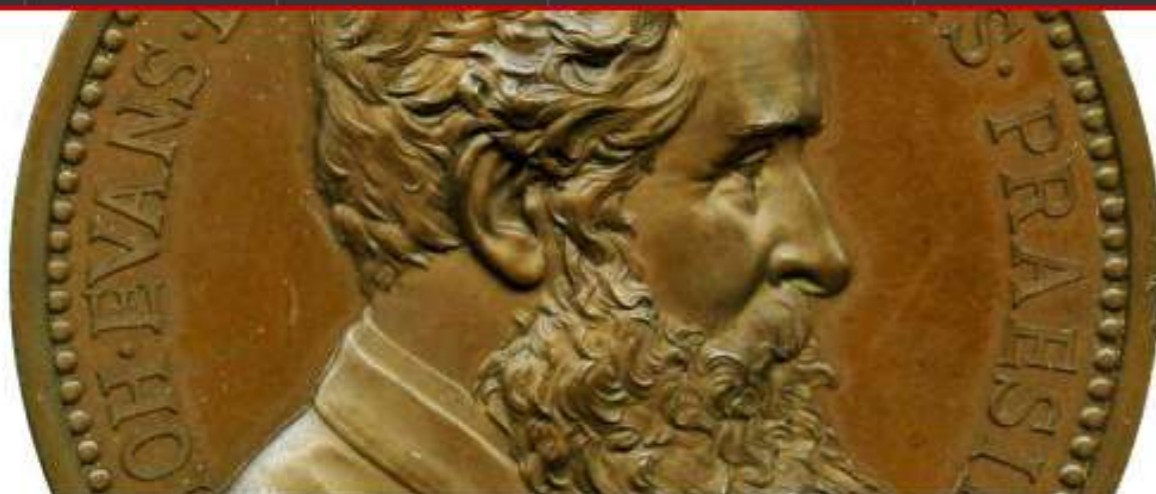
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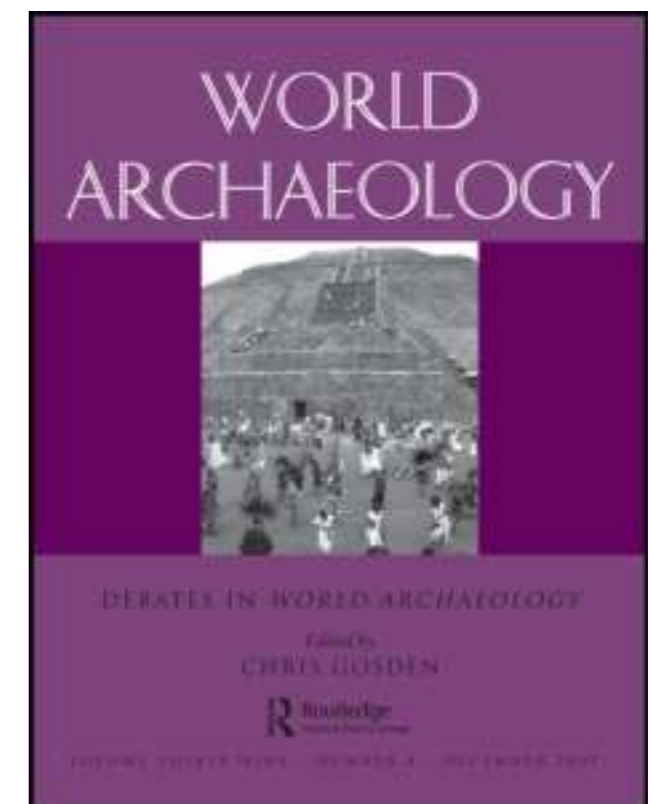
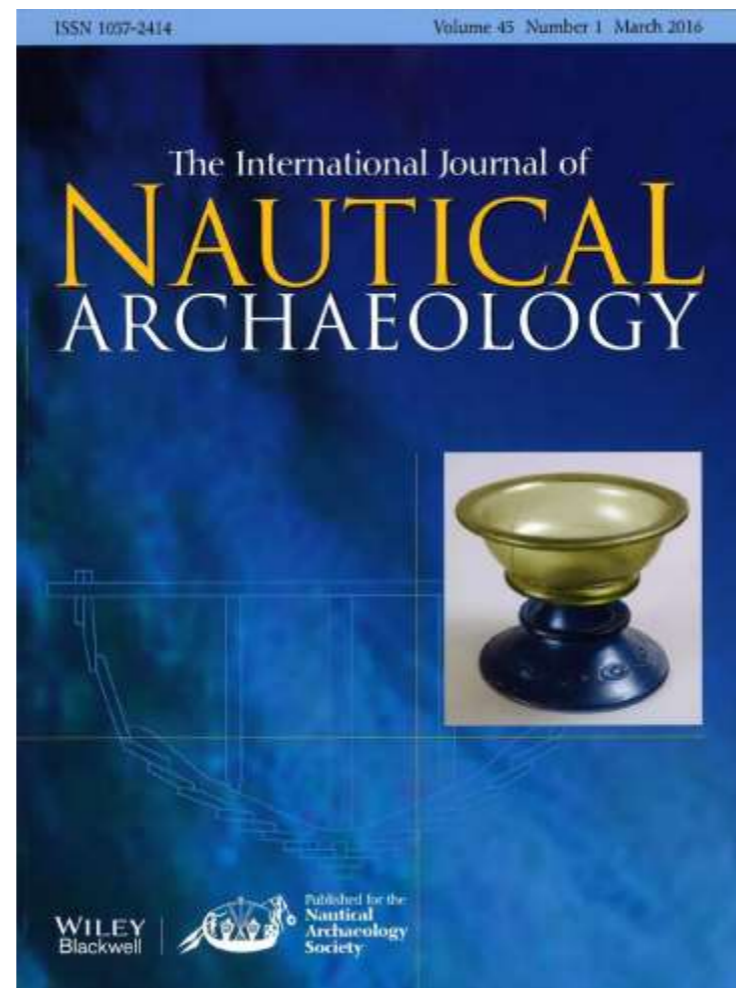
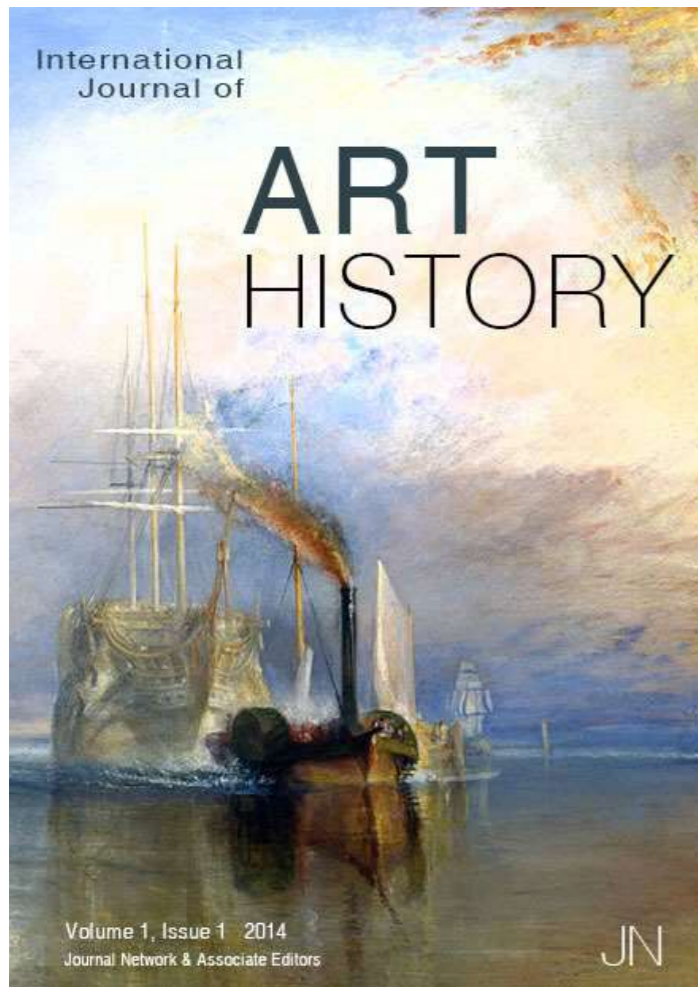
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The Cost-Free Fallacy



Copyright Licensing



Questions for the Future

- Who should pay for the production of research articles?
- Who is the readership for open access material?
- How do we protect our academic environment and have OA?

Thank you!