

# Using IRUS-UK to develop an OA newsletter

from Aberystwyth University

## Background

Aberystwyth University uses the Aberystwyth Research Portal to manage institutional research outputs. The University is keen to promote Open Access activity and ensure staff and students understand the systems they have available to support Open Access. To help achieve this, a regular newsletter incorporating statistics from IRUS-UK has been developed.

## How is IRUS-UK used?

Data from the IR1 report is used to identify the top five downloaded articles for each month. Data from the ETD1 report is used to identify the top five downloaded theses for each month. The title, author(s) and number of downloads as well as a link to the article/thesis are included in the newsletter.

In addition, the IRUS-UK visualisations functionality has been used to show graphics of Aberystwyth Research Portal's downloads by Country and downloads by Item Type.



Images from the OA @Aber Repository Newsletter - 2019

## IRUS-UK reports used

Item Report 1 (IR1): for top downloads

ETD Report 1 (ETD1): for downloads of electronic theses and dissertations

Visualisations - Downloads by Country

Visualisations - Downloads by Item Type

## Aberystwyth's Open Access staff publications



### Top 5 downloaded Articles in May 2019

Westoby, M. J., Brasington, J., Glasser, N. F., Hambrey, M., Reynolds, J. M. (2012). 'Structure-from-Motion' photogrammetry: A low-cost, effective tool for geoscience applications. *Geomorphology*, 179, 300-314.





Bell, J., Dee, H. (2017). Watching plants grow: A position paper on computer vision and Arabidopsis thaliana. <i>IET Computer Vision</i> , 11(2), 113-121.		38
Williams, G. (2014). Necessity: Duress of Circumstances of Moral Involuntariness?. <i>Common Law World Review</i> , 43(1), 1-28.		37
Zhang, H., Li, Y., Jiang, Y., Wang, P. Shen, Q., Shen C. (2019). Hyperspectral classification based on lightweight 3D-CNN with transfer learning, <i>IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing</i> 59 (3), 321-340.		28
Foster, A., Ford, N. (2003). Serendipity and information seeking: an empirical study, <i>Journal of Documentation</i> , 59(3), 321-340		24

Images of the top five downloaded articles in May 2019

## Aberystwyth's Open Access research theses

### Thesis of the month

Ezikoglu, C.. (2019). *The Logic of Political Survival in Turkish Politics: The Case of AKP*. Aberystwyth University

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Top 5 downloaded Theses in May 2019		
Siliafis, K. (2015). 'Consumption Taxation and Electronic Commerce: Issues, approached and a way forward'. Aberystwyth University		375
Bellaby, R. (2011). 'What's the Harm? The Ethics of Intelligence Collection'. Aberystwyth University		163
James, M. E. (2018) 'Astudiaeth ar Draweffaith Canolfannau Cymraeg: Cloriannu cryfder polisi Llywodraeth Cymru i sefydlu Canolfannau Cymraeg, mewn cymhariaeth â Chanolfannau Cymraeg cymunedol' Aberystwyth University		143
Fard, S. N. (2015) 'Is reciprocity a foundation of international law or whether international law creates reciprocity' Aberystwyth University		62
Tomos, Y. (2014) 'The significance of anime as a novel animation form, referencing selected works by Hayao Miyazaki, Satoshi Kon and Mamoru Oshii?' Aberystwyth University		51

Images of the top five downloaded theses in May 2019



## Portal downloads



Image of the total portal downloads recorded in May 2019

### Downloads by Country

Showing Article, Book, Book Section and 6 more downloads for Aberystwyth Research Portal in May 2019

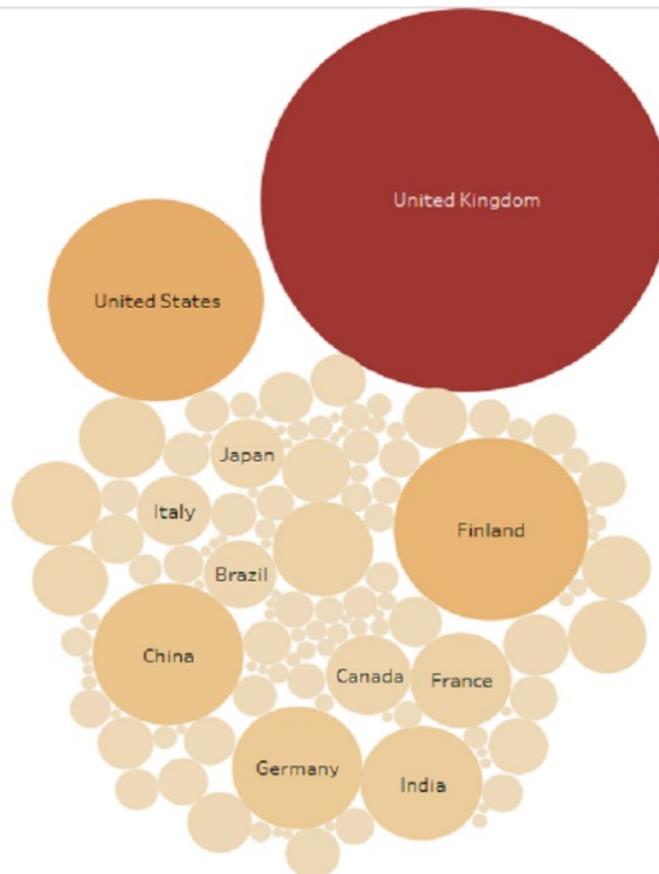


Image of 'Visualisations- Downloads by Country' for May 2019, source: [IRUS-UK](#)

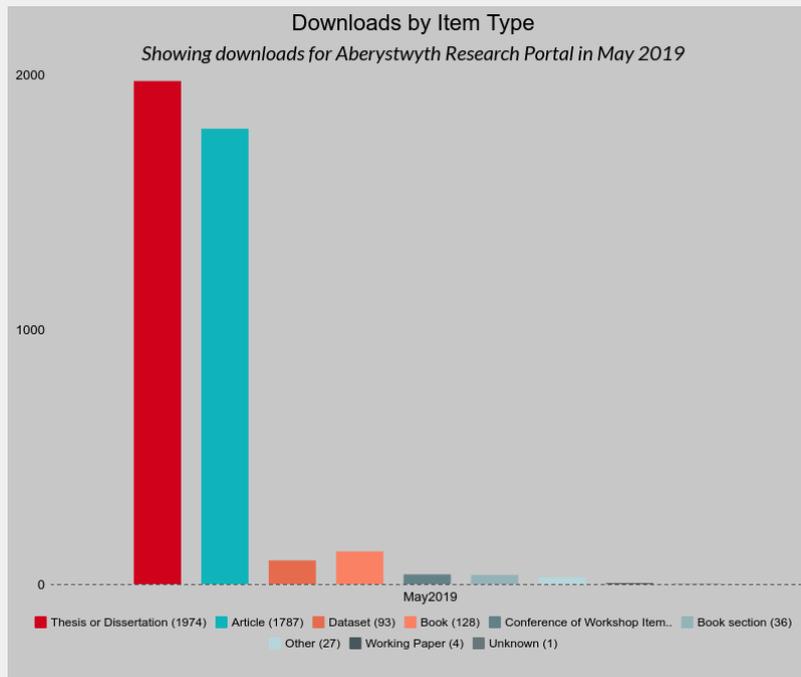


Image adapted from Visualisations- Downloads by Item Type for May 2019, source: [IRUS-UK](#)

## Outcome

An infographic for the newsletter has been created using Piktochart. The newsletter is hosted on the Open Access blog and a headline and a link to the latest issue are included in the University-wide bulletins at the start of every month. The short newsletter is designed to be simple to compile; bilingual; accessible; reliable; easy to interpret; and easy to share. It names individuals to highlight their work and show others, within the institution, who is actively engaging with OA as well as provides examples of journals that colleagues are publishing OA in. The newsletter also includes information on where the data originated and links to IRUS-UK should individuals wish to visit IRUS-UK themselves.

The newsletter continues to promote Open Access awareness.

## Related links

Aberystwyth Research Portal <https://research.aber.ac.uk/portal/>

Open Access / Mynediad Agored @Aber blog <https://wordpress.aber.ac.uk/openaccess/>

Piktochart <http://piktochart.com/>