

Open Journal Systems

Open source publishing system at your library

What is it?

Open Journal Systems (OJS) is the dominant system for open access (OA) journal publishing. It is an open source journal management and publishing system developed by the Public Knowledge Project (PKP), a non-profit academic research and development team from Simon Fraser University. OJS was developed for peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific publication and it is designed to support every stage of the publishing process, from submissions to online publication and indexing.

Who is it for?

OJS is for faculty members, graduate students, or any UWaterloo community member looking to start publishing a journal or to help existing journals make the transition to an open access publication model.

OJS allows you to:

- manage the content and workflow of your journal
- assign multiple roles such as authors, editors, reviewers, copy editors, etc.
- track an article — submission, peer review, editing, proofreading, and publication
- keep statistics of your journal's acceptance rate, time it takes for reviewing a submission, and your journal's most popular article
- index articles in Google Scholar and include your content in other databases
- customize the journal to achieve the look you want
- enable subscriptions or go open access

We can help

The Library provides hosting for your open access journal, the technical infrastructure, basic initial training on the OJS platform, and ongoing technical support.

Get started!

Contact **Digital Initiatives** to discuss how we can help you launch your scholarly online journal.

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Journals using Open Journal Systems globally

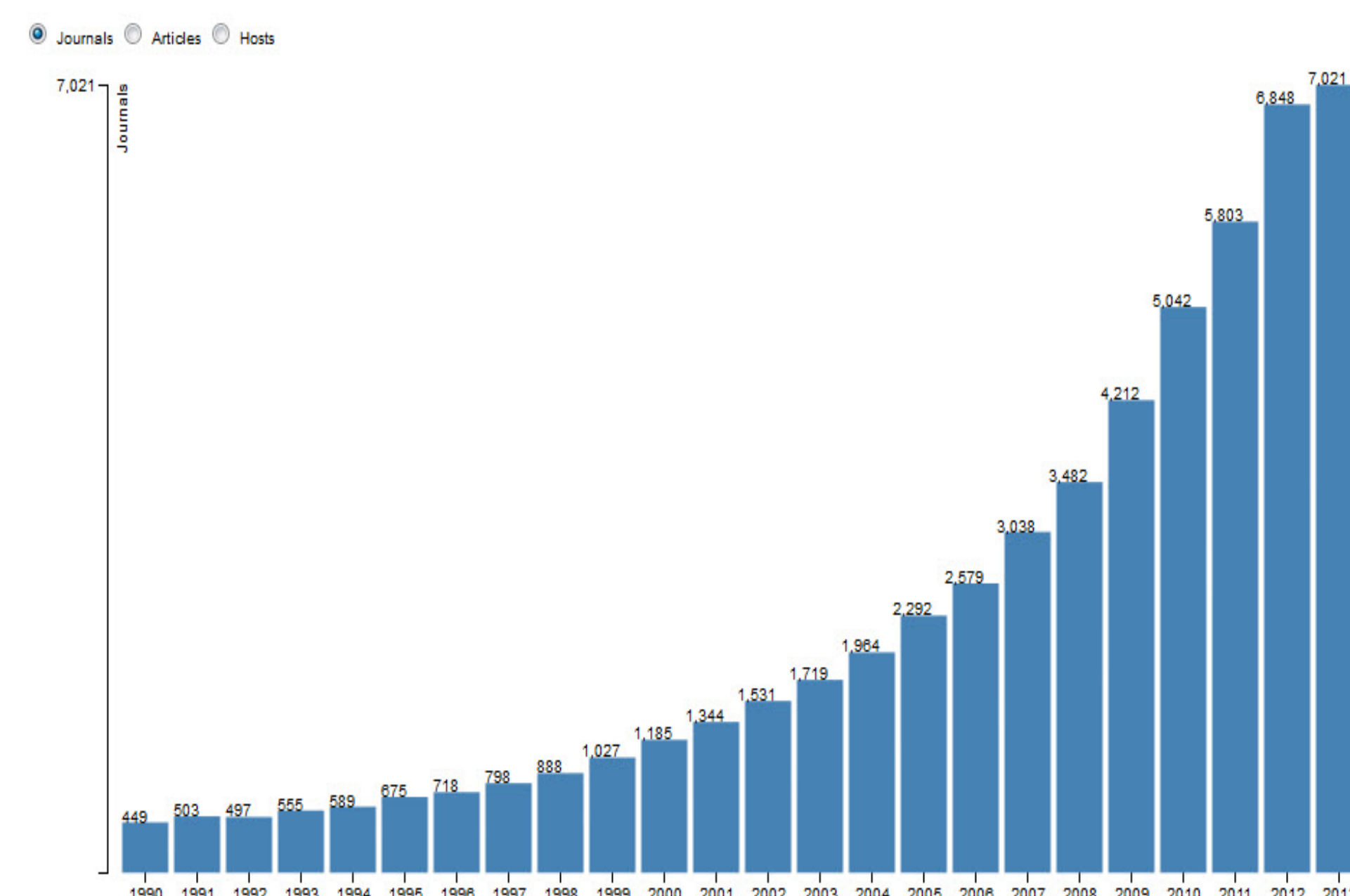
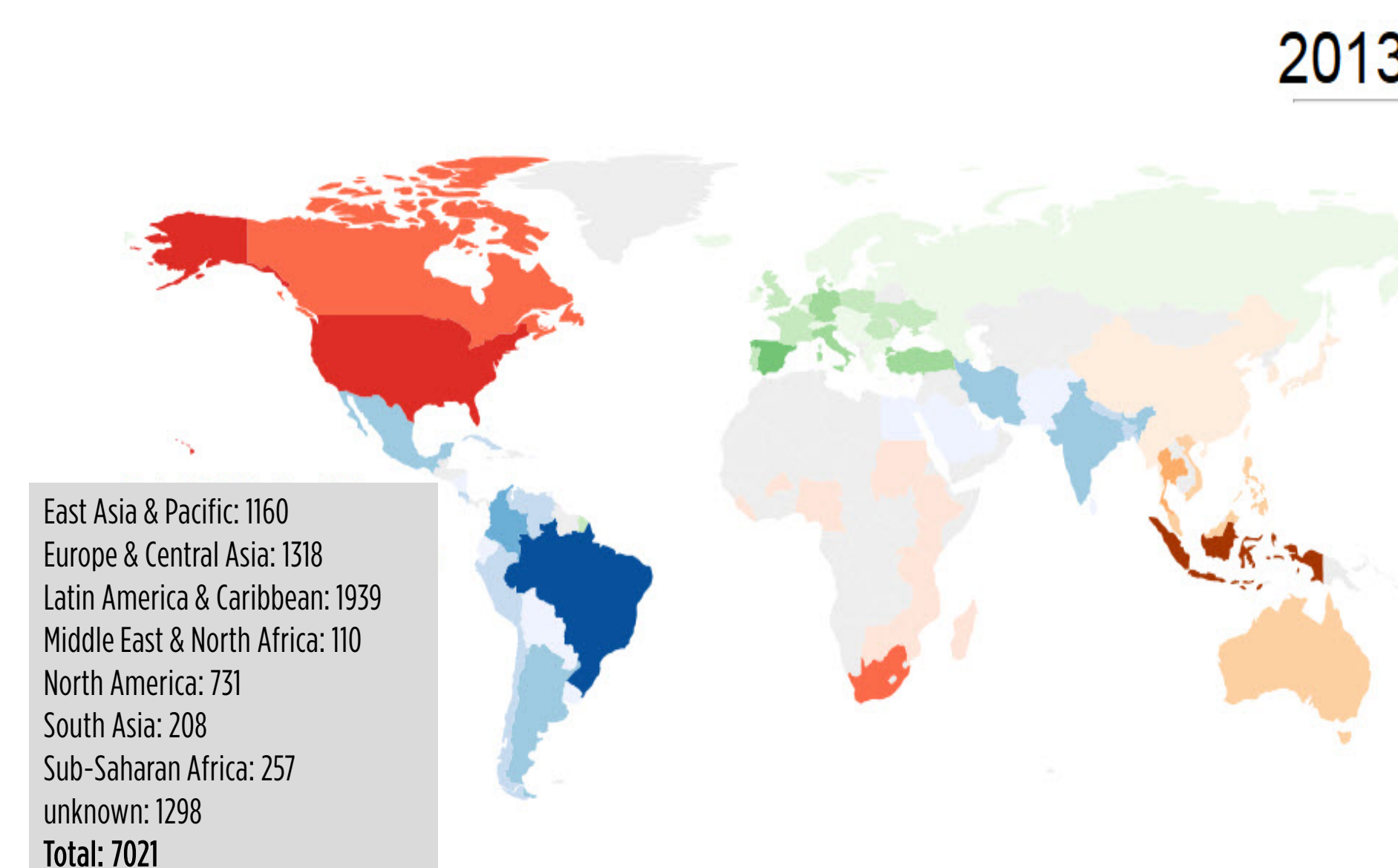


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Notes: These maps show the journals using Open Journal Systems (OJS) available online at the beginning of 2014. Each year ONLY shows journals with *content* published in that year. The numbers *do not* represent the rate of adoption of OJS (many journals only upload back issues without publishing ANY current content, skip a year, or go offline).

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