

SAS Open Journals

Overlaying an Open Journals service onto an Institutional Repository at the School of Advanced Study, University of London

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In 2011, the School of Advanced Study, University of London (SAS) and the University of London Computer Centre (ULCC) worked jointly to develop the SAS Open Journals Service (SAS OJS). The project was funded by the JISC as part of its Scholarly Communications Programme, and aimed to create an open journal system that interfaced with the existing Institutional Repository (SAS-Space).

The project created a complete, open, electronic version of an existing journal (*Amicus Curiae*, the Journal of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and the Society for Advanced Legal Studies), but also aimed to create a system to support new open academic journals originating within the activities of the School, and of associated Learned Societies, many of which have limited funds to support print or online publication of specialist journals.

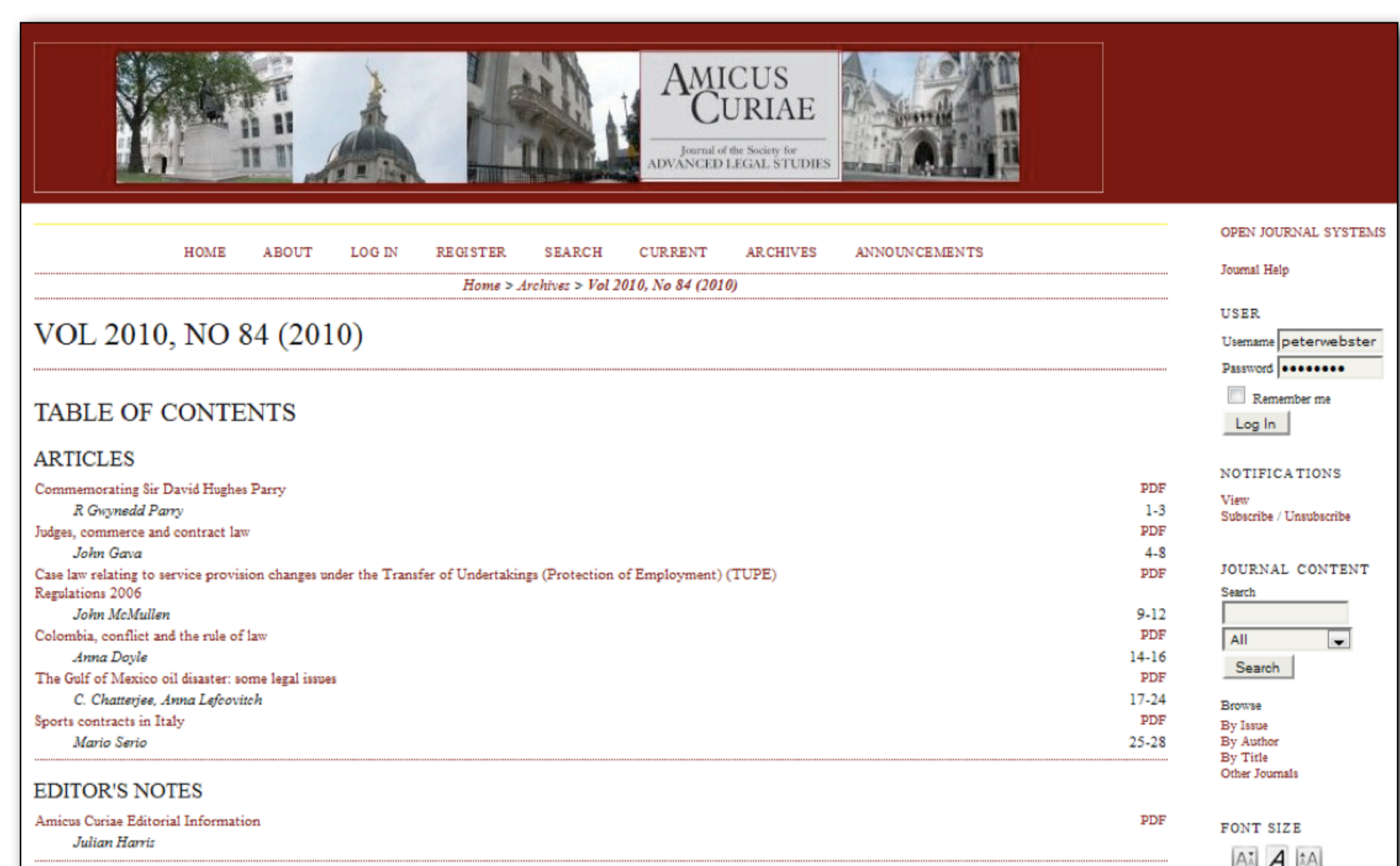
SAS Open Journals chose the open source PKP Open Journals System (OJS) to support the editorial and administrative process, including submission, peer review, copy-edit, type-setting, and the assignment of roles and tasks within the workflow.

Custom enhancements were made to the OJS to support the depositing of objects into the Institutional Repository from within the OJS workflow interface, using SWORD, and to link from articles presented by the OJS interface to items in the IR.

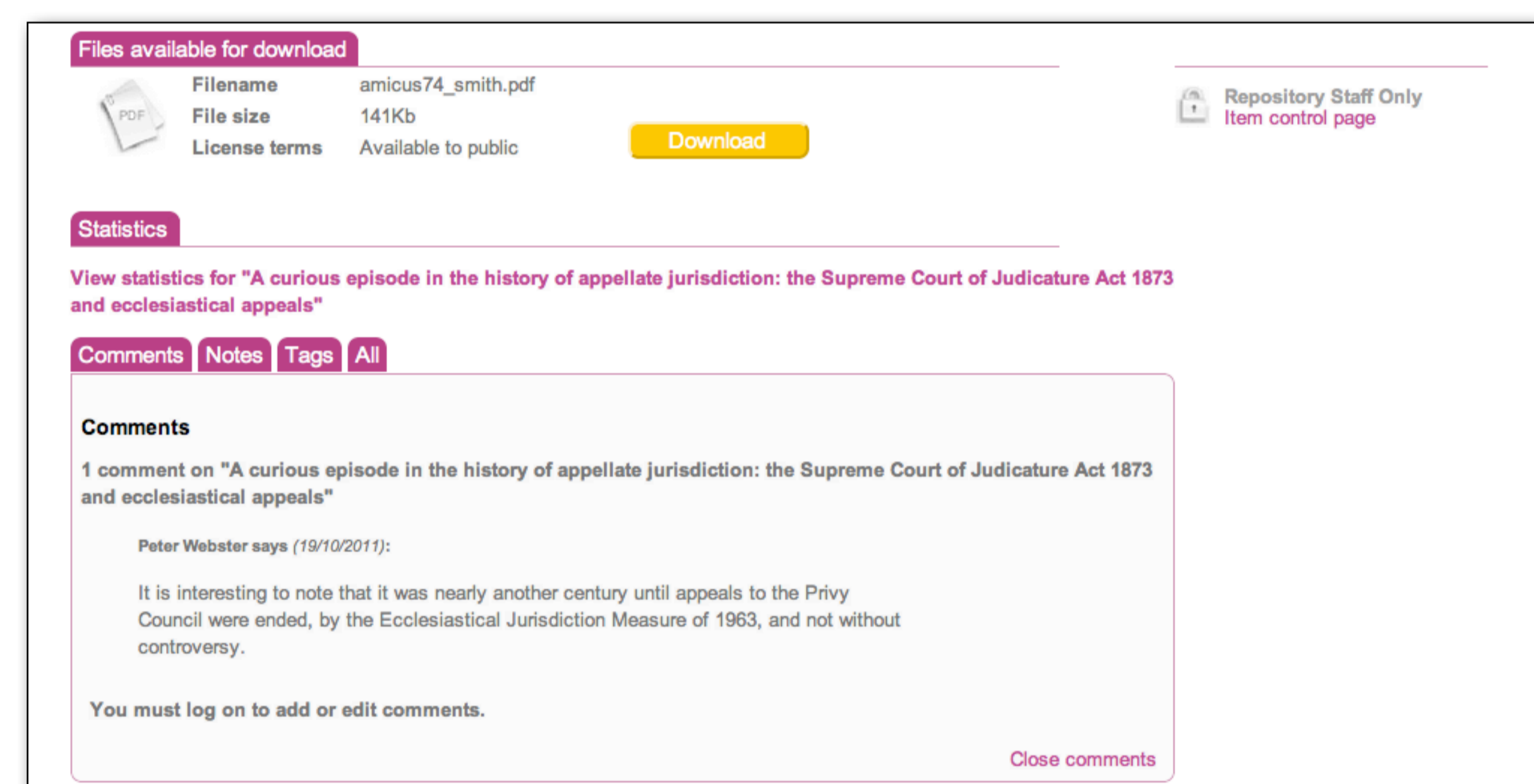
In addition, integration work was done to embed the commenting, notes and tagging functionality provided by the Social Networking Extensions for Eprints (SNEEP), developed by ULCC for an earlier JISC programme, and one of a wide range of plug-ins now available in the EPrints Bazaar. This allows users/readers to leave comments on articles, and for these comments to be moderated by the manager of the repository and the Open Journal system.

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The Amicus Curiae journal in SAS Open Journals



Comments on journal articles synchronised between EPrints (above) and OJS (below)

