Metrics and national evaluation cultures

HIRMEOS-Workshop

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What factors are important for Researcher in Social Sciences and Humanities in the evaluation process?

EVALUATION
Evaluation Process

• Awards
• Publications
• Funding money

Networking
By winning an award a researcher has already a positive evaluation from a committee

AWARDS
Quantity or Quality?
What is the best publication strategy?

PUBLICATIONS
List of publications - Metrics

Number of publications

1st authorship
- Monographs
- Articles
- Book reviews
- Conference contributions
- Translations
- Other publications

2nd editorial activities
- Series
- Monographs
List of publications - Types

Monographs and Articles

• Monograph is still the most important publications in humanities

• Articles are gaining in importance

• Numerous other publication types
Publications - Metrics

Metrics are used in different subject in other ways

Economics
  journal lists

Psychology
  like in life sciences

Other Subjects

Normally no metrics are used – why?

„One size doesn’t fit all“
Metrics - Restrictions

Which database can(‘t) be used?

• Problem Language
• Problem Monographs
• Problem subject areas

Metrics

• Reporting period

Are social sciences and humanities included in common databases?
Classical Metrics (Impact factor, h-factor)

Databases used are Web of Science and SCOPUS

Coverage by subjects

- Natural Sciences and Engineering
- Biomedical Research
- Social Sciences
- Arts and Humanities

Coverage percentages in WoS for German output in social sciences and humanities disciplines, 2011.

Databases

Licensed by libraries

- SCOPUS
- WoS Arts & Humanities
- WoS Social Science Citation Index
- WoS Core Collection

Source: https://dbis.uni-regensburg.de
Monographs

Printed copy

Most important medium

Quality
  • e.g. special series
  • Well known editors

Important:
  visible in bookmarket
  • lists of new books
Monographs

Open Access/electronic version

- Nice to have
- No must
- High interest in some subjects like linguistics

- Makes works easier
  - Copy and paste
  - Search inside
  - Check citations

- Open Access preferably
What does a researcher have to do to get a funding?

FUNDING
Application / for Review

Not all publications are relevant

Limitations to number of publication (max. 10)

Quality not Quantity
Is Open Access an advantage?

But within CV: complete list of publication
ordered by
• peer review or books
• other publication
Results of projects

Often Databases
  e.g. bibliographic data, recordings, Images

Have to be published

Open Access

If the database is Open, how about the publication?
What can be done to be better known in the community

NETWORKING
Networking

Classical

Workshops
Conferences

Virtuell

Twitter
Facebook
Blogs

Academia
Research Gate
Alternative Metrics

Download

• Usage of an document

No evaluation tool

• Read or just click?
• On purpose or just accidentally
• Whole book or chapter?
• All copies included?

Important for getting a feeling
Alternative Metrics

Social Networks

• Recommendations/Advertising
• Discussion of papers
• Start a discourse

Link to post
  -> knowledge who reads your publication
  -> get in contact

Growth of personal network
  -> possible future reviewers
Many thanks for your attention
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