# Diversity and recognition in research teams







The generation of **knowledge** as the result of co-existing **social**, **cognitive and cultural processes and actors**.

#### The challenge in research evaluation is to...

- → Research quality
- → Societally relevant
- → Diversity
- → Global and cooperative

... foster and promote a successful, sustainable, balanced and socially responsible scientific

Non-exhaustive list!



#### So far the approach was... excellence and impact

Based on a far-fetched normative view of the scientific reward system, **universities**, **funders and countries** have relied heavily on **the use of publication and citation counts** to **allocate funds**, **recruit and promote** researchers.

It is fair to say that, in many occasions there has been a misuse and abuse of metrics.



#### Ignoring warnings from experts

interpretation of bibliometric results. However, most of these problems can be overcome. When used properly, bibliometric indicators can provide a "monitoring device" for university research-management and science policy. They enable research policy-makers to ask relevant questions of researchers on their

#### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Impact factors can mislead

SIR — Impact factors (IFs) for scientific journals, developed by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) and published in the section "Journals per category, ranked by Impact Factor" of the *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)*, are frequently used to evaluate the status of scientific journals or even the publication output of scientists. The IE of a journal in year *T* is defined as

purchased from ISI. In each category we compared the ranking of journals by IF as printed in the *JCR* to the one based on our correct IF, by calculating the number of journals moving at least 1, 3, 5 or 10 positions. The table shows the five categories affected most severely, measured through the percentage of journals moving at least one position in the ranking. The categories

#### Individual-level evaluative bibliometrics – the politics of its use and abuse

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#### Language biases in the coverage of the Science Citation Index and its consequences for international comparisons of national research performance

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#### THE DOS AND DON'TS IN INDIVIDUAL-LEVEL BIBLIOMETRICS

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## The many meanings of diversity

#### **Object/Actor**

#### ★ People

- ★ Knowledge
- ★ Workflows
- ★ Trajectories

#### ★ Practices

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#### Operationalization



#### But diversity is absent in research career trajectories



https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/europe/career-development/training-researchers/research-profiles-descriptors

It seems that there is only one path, and that it is defined by leadership, there are no team players allowed in the game.

#### This can have consequences for some scientists



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#### Author order and its underlying assumptions

- $\star$  Authorship is the currency in science
- ★ First and last authors are considered key positions



#### Author order and its underlying assumptions

★ If these assumptions are true, author order should relate to contribution statements



#### Author order and its underlying assumptions

★ But some age-related power dynamics seem to also be in place



#### **Research careers and task specialization**



Using machine learning, we trained a model combining publication, author and contribution data and analyzed the career trajectories of > 220,000 researchers based on their predicted contributions.

We then created archetypes of researchers at four different career stages.

#### **Research careers and task specialization**



Researchers exhibiting a leader profile have a greater chance of having a longer academic career

#### **Research careers and task specialization**



Specialized profiles tend to be less productive and have slightly lower citation impact than leaders and supporting roles.

A higher proportion of women have a specialized profile at their early-career stage, potentially undercutting their career prospects in academia.

### Implications for evaluation with metrics

Confounding variables may be influencing bibliometric indicators in hidden and harmful ways.

What I see now is that it is a selection process, a very strict selection process, and some people are good enough, they are just good enough and they reach it. But then there is a majority that is basically just competing, and they are roughly the same, I am probably also in this group, and then other components come into, things like who is more aggressive, who is more capable of playing the game. (Biomedicine A)

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#### **Implications for evaluation with metrics**

- Confounding variables may be influencing bibliometric indicators in hidden and harmful ways.
- We still struggle at assessing researchers and their role within the scientific ecosystem

Tipo de colaboración institucional 🔶 Internacional 🔶 Nacional 🔶 Sin colaboración



Robinson-Garcia, N. & Amat, C.B. ¿Tiene sentido limitar la coautoría científica? No existe inflación de autores en Ciencias Sociales y Educación en España. Revista Española de Documentación Científica, 41(2), e201. <u>https://doi.org/10.3989/redc.2018.2.1499</u>

#### Valuation regimes in academia

- 1. Lack of diversity of activities valued in assessment exercises
- 2. Inability of metrics to contextualize and adapt to needs
- 3. Lack of tools to evaluate others' performance
- 4. Frustration with moving targets when lacking clear criteria

**Both academics and** funders still have a normative view of science and academia Funders and recruiters must own their decisions and consider context when using metrics.

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#### Implications for scientific knowledge production

**3 EXAMPLES** on diversity of knowledge production and how metrics can help understand and cultivate the right environment for its flourishment.

**CO**ntextual **M**apping of academic **P**athways **A**nalysis for **R**esearch **E**valuation

Unveiling Diversity in the Ecosystem of Science



VIEW OUR TOOLBOX

## **1** Publication patterns in the Humanities

#### The limits of bibliometrics for the analysis of the social sciences and humanities literature

Éric Archambault and Vincent Larivière

There are several limits to the use of bibliometric analysis of scholarly communication in the social science and humanities. This paper reviews three of those limits: the lower proportion of social science and humanities journal articles; social sciences and humanities literature's ageing rate, and conversely its post-publication citation rate; and the local relevance of social sciences and humanities knowledge. It also discusses the choice of bibliometric databases when measuring social sciences and humanities research.

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to be the weakest link

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Chapter 21

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Why with bibliometrics the Humanities does not need

Indicators for research evaluation based on citations, library

#### THE FOUR LITERATURES OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

### Multilingual publishing in the social sciences and humanities: A seven-country European study

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#### Bibliometric monitoring of research performance in the Social Sciences and the Humanities: A review

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## **1** Publication patterns in the Humanities



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## **2** Scientific mobility and citation impact



Measuring the global movements of researchers will help to assess the effects of political actions on science.

Scientists have most impact when they're free to move **MAKING TRACKS** Intercontinental flows of scholars whose first paper was published in 2008 and who had at least 8 publications between then and 2015.



Sugimoto, C. R., Robinson-Garcia, N., Murray, D. S., Yegros-Yegros, A., Costas, R., & Larivière, V. (2017). Scientists have most impact when they're free to move. *Nature*, 550(7674), 29. <u>https://doi.org/10.1038/550029a</u>

## **2** Scientific mobility and citation impact



#### **Research question**

How do mobility changes affect research agendas and the selection of research topics?

Under-funded vs. over-funded topics

National research priorities

Citation impact vs. social challenges

## **3** Societal visibility and interdisciplinarity



## Is IDR research more societally visible than disciplinary research?

- ★ IDR and societal visibility are positively associated
- ★ Collaboration with non-academic stakeholders is positively associated to greater societal visibility of research results
- ★ This positive association is related both with the variety of fields as well as the distance between fields

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