Metrics and national evaluation cultures

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

EVALUATION

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Evaluation Proccess

- **Awards**
- **Publications**
- **Funding money**

Networking

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

AWARDS

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Quantity or Quality?
What is the best publication strategy?

PUBLICATIONS

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List of publications - Metrics

Number of publications

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

2nd editorial activities
- Series
- Monographs

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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**

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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"

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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?

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Classical Metrics (Impact factor, h-factor)

Databases used are Web of Science and SCOPUS

Coverage by subjects

✓ Natural Sciences and Engineering

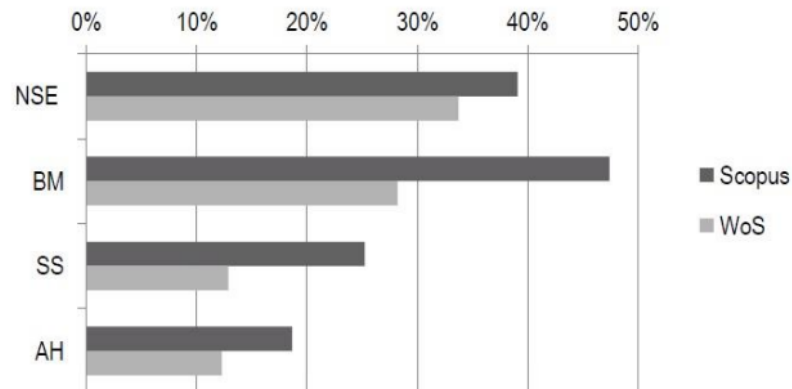✓ Biomedical Research
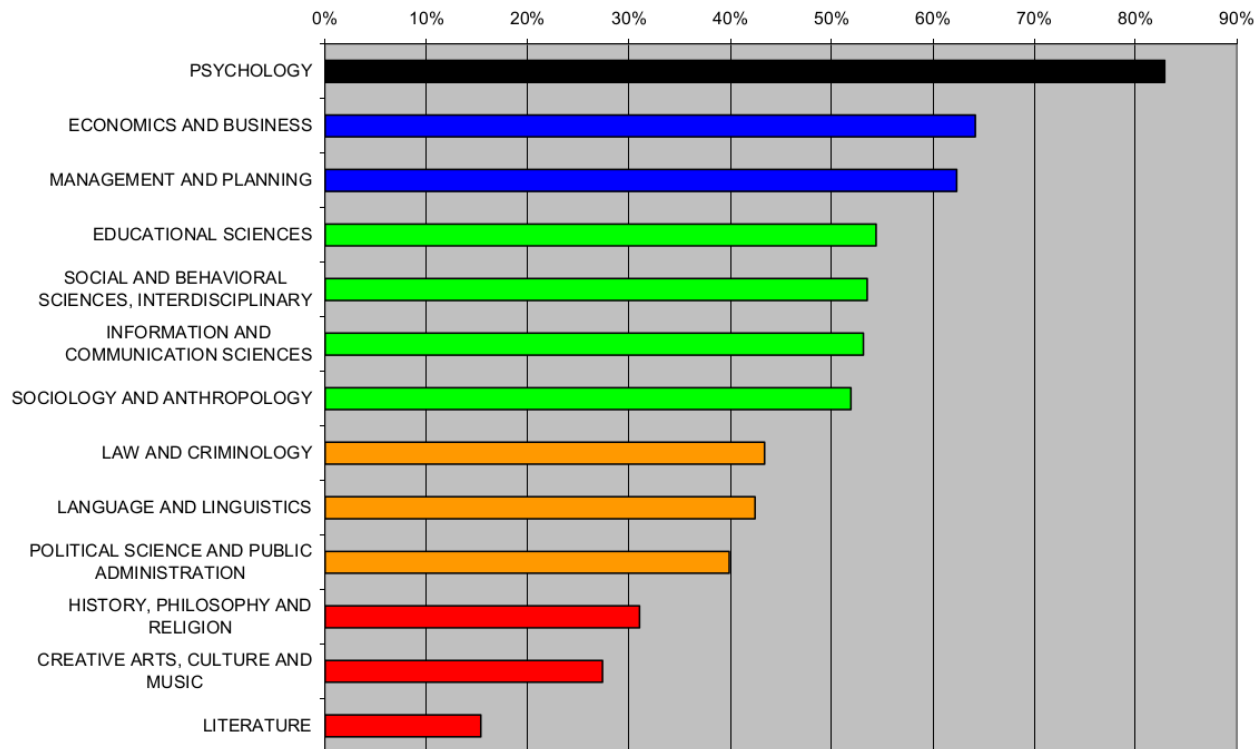
— Social Sciences

— Arts and Humanities

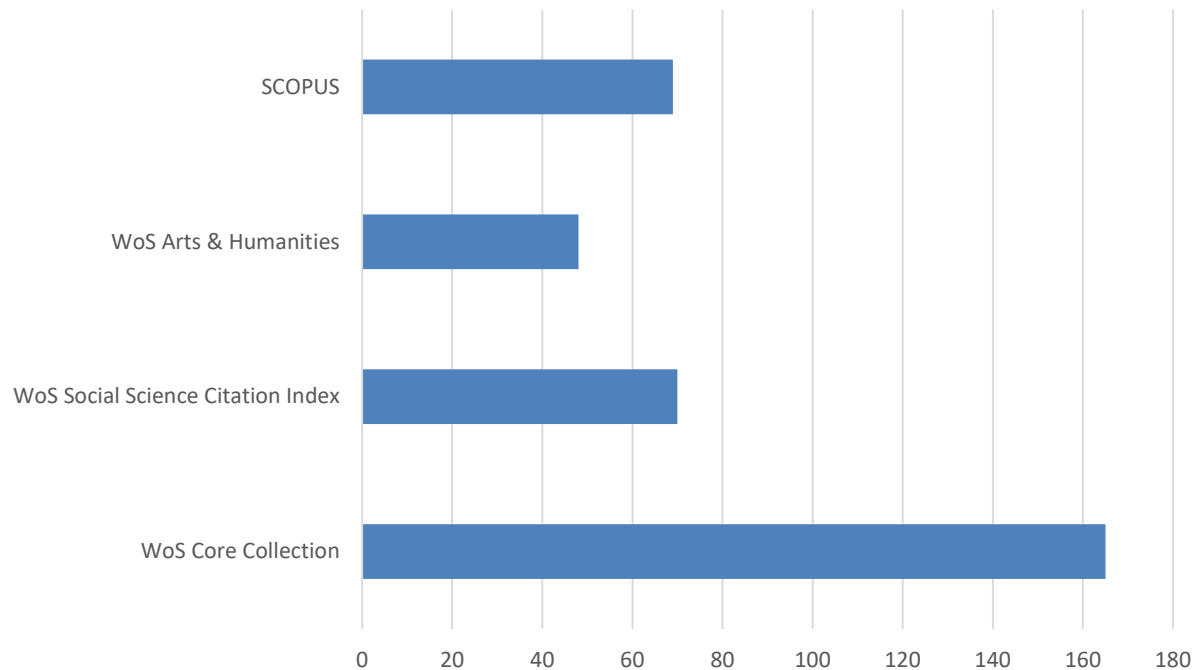Fig 1. Proportion of Ulrich academic journals indexed in Web of Science and Scopus

Mongeon, P., & Paul-Hus, A. (2016). The Journal Coverage of Web of Science and Scopus: a Comparative Analysis. Scientometrics, 106(1): 213-228. doi: 10.1007/s11192-015-1765-5

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

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Databases

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Monographs

Printed copy

Most important medium

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

Important:
vissible 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**

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What does a researcher has to do to get a funding?

FUNDING

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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

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Results of projects

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

Have to be published

Open Access

If the database is Open,
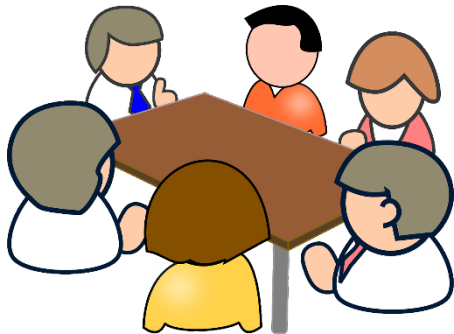# how about the publication?

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What can be done to be better known in the community

NETWORKING

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Networking

Classical

Virtuell

Workshops
Conferences

Twitter
Facebook
Blogs

Academia
Research Gate

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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

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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

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Many thanks for your attention
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