Citation Metrics and Altmetrics Research Impact - The Times They Are A Changin'

3 Big Players in Traditional Metrics



Changes in the publishing environment, including the impressive growth of the Open Access movement, are necessitating new ways at looking at, evaluating & disseminating information

Caveats & Cautions

Citations are not always for valid reasons, ie/ selfcitations, discussion of flawed theory or methodology

Differences in database coverage alters metrics, ie/ hindex is different in Web of Knowledge, Scopus & Google Scholar

Education/Social Sciences/Humanities literature is not well-served by traditional impact metric tools

Impact metrics are *quantitative* values that evaluate the journal (or article, etc.), not the individual

Impact metrics are... calculations/algorithms that quantify the impact of research or scholarly activity



What Do You Think?

"Citations no longer represent adequately how an article is used."

3 Big Players in Altmetrics

Article-level metrics Usage Citations Blogs & media Social networks

Articles, datasets, blog posts, posters Aggregates data from public & scholarly services Can trace impact over multiple peer networks

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