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TITLE OF THE TALK: MEASURING DISPARITIES IN JOURNAL INDEXING*



Abstract

This keynote addresses the critical need to measure and understand disparities in how journals are indexed within major databases such as Scopus. It emphasizes the impact of publisher volume on metrics like h-index and SCImagoJournal Rank (SJR), illustrating how high-volume publishers often dominate higher-ranking quartiles, potentially overshadowing smaller publishers. The discussion explores the stability and sustainability of journal indexing through coverage duration indicators, highlighting that Open Access (OA) journals generally exhibit better stability than non-OA journals. Additionally, the dynamics of journal evolution and turnover are analyzed, revealing significant trends in the growth and decline of indexed journals. Regional disparities in journal indexing are also underscored, emphasizing the need for balanced global research representation. The broader implications include democratizing knowledge, accelerating scientific progress, reshaping academic careers, and promoting global research equity. The conclusion calls for collaboration with ethicists, policymakers, and community leaders to develop comprehensive, equitable, and impactful metrics that address societal needs and uphold ethical standards

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