

# A Big Picture: Bibliometric Study of the Quantity, Quality, and Impact of Academic Publications from Post-Soviet Countries, 29 October 2020



00:43:52 Emma Sabzalieva: Question: the articles were sourced from Web of Science. Which languages does it include (even if the coverage of the language is partial)?

00:44:12 Simon Marginson: Good to see so many people in the webinar from National Research University - Higher School of Economics!

00:45:10 Simon Marginson: WofS is nearly all English language holdings. scopes has more in Russian, Chinese etc but still only a small minority of papers in the collection

00:45:36 Simon Marginson: Scopus (not scopes, that was the spellcheck speaking)

00:46:05 Emma Sabzalieva: Question 2: Did the authors find any change in the types of journals that are indexed in SCI, SSCI and A&HCI? I'm particularly interested in university journals - Вестник and similar. If there have been increases in the number of university journals being indexed, are there any particular trends you identified e.g. time periods when there were changes?

00:47:09 Justin J.W. Powell: Yes, both Web of Science and Scopus become more inclusive over time, adding more journals.

00:47:52 Emma Sabzalieva: Thanks Simon for clarifying my linguistic question. I wonder whether any of the non-Russian languages e.g. Ukrainian, Georgian, Uzbek are featured in WoS?

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00:49:34 Aida Aaly: thanks!

00:53:22 Maiya Suyunchaliyeva: thanks

00:58:31 Kuat Akizhanov: Maybe I missed something, but where do these numbers come from? This is not to undermine the critical situation with publications and the overall status of science in former Soviet republics. But - the difference in the size of economies of, for instance, Kazakhstan and Armenia (or Georgia) is huge so in terms of absolute state expenditures, the picture might be different. Also, for the last (at least) two decades Kazakhstan is the only post-Soviet country which has state-run scholarship for PhD students

(Bolashak) to study abroad. At least 90% of them publish at least one article...So, BIG questions especially concerning absolute numbers...

00:59:13 Simon Marginson: Now is the time to start 'interrogating the data' that Maia is presenting. What does this pattern mean - across the post-Soviet zone, and when comparing the Post-Soviet zone to the world? Your questions of our speakers please!

01:01:33 Simon Marginson: On the question list I have myself, then Emma Sabzalieva, then Kuat Akizhanov

01:07:57 Hayrullo Hamidov: Question: Is it possible to track the publications in the so called "predator" publications?

01:09:33 John Anchor: Is there any relationship between research quality and the % of research undertaken in universities (rather than research institutes)?

01:19:34 Sharifa Djurabaeva: Question: I wonder if there is any relationship between the number of research publications from the former Soviet Union countries and level of democracy in the country? I know that it is hard to conduct research in social sciences in some countries.

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01:28:37 John Anchor: There is some evidence that the quality of social science research in China is currently below that in engineering and science

01:28:50 Zhaxybay Suingariyev: Is it possible that one day the authors of scientific articles from the Soviet Union countries could become leaders?)

01:29:15 Cristina Carvalho: Thanks! It is really nice webinar!

01:29:17 Emma Sabzalieva: Thanks Maia and team. This was great!

01:29:23 Trif Victorita: Thank you!

01:29:26 Hayrullo Hamidov: Thank you!

01:29:47 Maiya Suyunchaliyeva: thank you very much

01:29:47 Andrei Laurukhin: Thank you!

01:30:01 Linh Nguyen: Thank you very much Maia and your research team for your fascinating data and discussion. Thank you Simon and all for this webinar.

01:30:03 Amina Sh: Thank you!

01:30:05 Kuat Akizhanov: Thank you to organisers!