The Research Impact Measurement Service at the University of New South Wales Library

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Context

- Increased emphasis on measuring the impact of research
  - Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)
  - Research funding bodies
  - Academic promotion and performance
H-Indexes

- Calculated using both Web of Science & Scopus data at UNSW
- Presented as spreadsheet providing:
  - Ranked publications with citation counts
  - Tabs listing all citing articles
Research Impact Statements

- Developed to support the humanities and social sciences
- Top 5-10 career best publications
- Google Scholar, Google Books, Web of Science and Scopus searched
Journal Impact Reports

- Provides
  - Impact Factors
  - newer measures such as SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)
  - ERA journal rank
- Assists researchers in publishing for impact
Issues

- Are there potential issues in seeking to publish only in “high impact” journals?
- Will bibliometrics begin to be more widely accepted in the humanities and social sciences?
- How sustainable is this work?
- Is it library work?
Further reading