Google Scholar Citations is now open to everyone. It shows great promise as a free, reliable way to track and compare academic impact over time.

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Google is once again making progress in organising the world's information, this time by systematising the way scholarly citations are noted. Professor Patrick Dunleavy creates his Google Scholar profile and finds the process intuitive, helpful, and a welcome alternative to traditional measures of academic influence.

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After a 'quiet launch' over the summer Google has opened up its Google Scholar Citations capability to everyone. The LSE Impact of Social Sciences project's initial assessment was that the system is easy to use and personalise, equipped with helpful graphs, and lays out not only total citations but a personal h-score and a new i-10 index (the number of publications with at least 10 citations).

It is early days but the added value so far seems to be Google's inclusion of books, conference papers and even blog posts that are not captured by the traditional citation tracking systems but are now crucial outputs in the social sciences.

Google's instructions make the process of building a profile as painless as possible. The first step is a prompt that asks for your name, discipline, and institutional email.

I was then asked to verify a list of my publications, a process which was incredibly quick and easy, taking only a few minutes (some academics with more common names may find the process takes slightly longer). I added a photo and within a few moments was looking at my highest cited publications over the last forty-odd years in academia.

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Authors	Patrick Dunleavy, Helen Margetts, Simon Bastow, Jane Tinkler
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Publisher	Oxford University Press, USA
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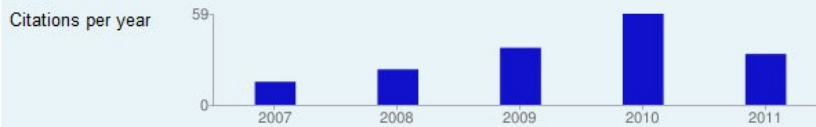
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various co-authors if he or she has a public profile (see Jane Tinkler for example). If you are signed in to
Scholar you can search for authors directly from your profile page.

I have previously argued that using a combination of Google citations and the easy to use and free to
download 'Publish or Perish' software developed by Anne-Wil Harzing has the potential to capture and
compare the academic impact of a scholar's (or department's, or university's) work at a fraction of the cost
it will take for the UK's Research Excellence Framework (each of the panel members will have to read (=
eyeball) 700 pieces of work in order to "evaluate" them).

I would encourage as many academics as possible to create public profiles. Cataloguing our work online
and creating links between authors has the potential to multiply the effect of our academic work across the
board, and make it far more available and accessible to the public.

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