Workshop proposal: Studying review articles in scientometrics: methods, topics, and future prospects

1) Title: Studying review articles in scientometrics: methods, topics, and future prospects

2) Main objective: The main objective of this workshop is to develop a research agenda for the study of review articles in science. We would like to discuss theoretical, conceptual and empirical accounts of how review articles can be understood and defined, how they may affect or influence scholarly knowledge production. Review articles, it is proposed, can influence knowledge production by shaping citation flows (Ho et al. 2017), by legitimating and justifying new and emerging fields (Blümel 2016), or, by making knowledge production in some ways more transparent. Hence, the study of review articles may provide interesting avenues towards the analysis of knowledge production, consensus making or field formation. There are, however, important methodological caveats for studying review articles, such as lack of consensus on definitions, lack of accuracy of document assignation in data bases, or lack of knowledge about usage of review articles.

Intended audience: The workshop intends to bring together scholars engaged in methodological discussions as well as scholars engaged in finding new theoretical venues and inspirations which can broaden the perspective. Hence, scholars of bibliometrics, informetrics, but also scholars from sociology, history and the social studies of science are invited.

3) Contributors/Organizers: The contributors include: Clemens Blümel, Alexander Schniedermann, Paul Donner and Stephan Stahlschmidt.

4) Software equipment/requirements: There are no software or equipment requirements for this workshop

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