Creating synergies in methods of review research and bibliometric analysis

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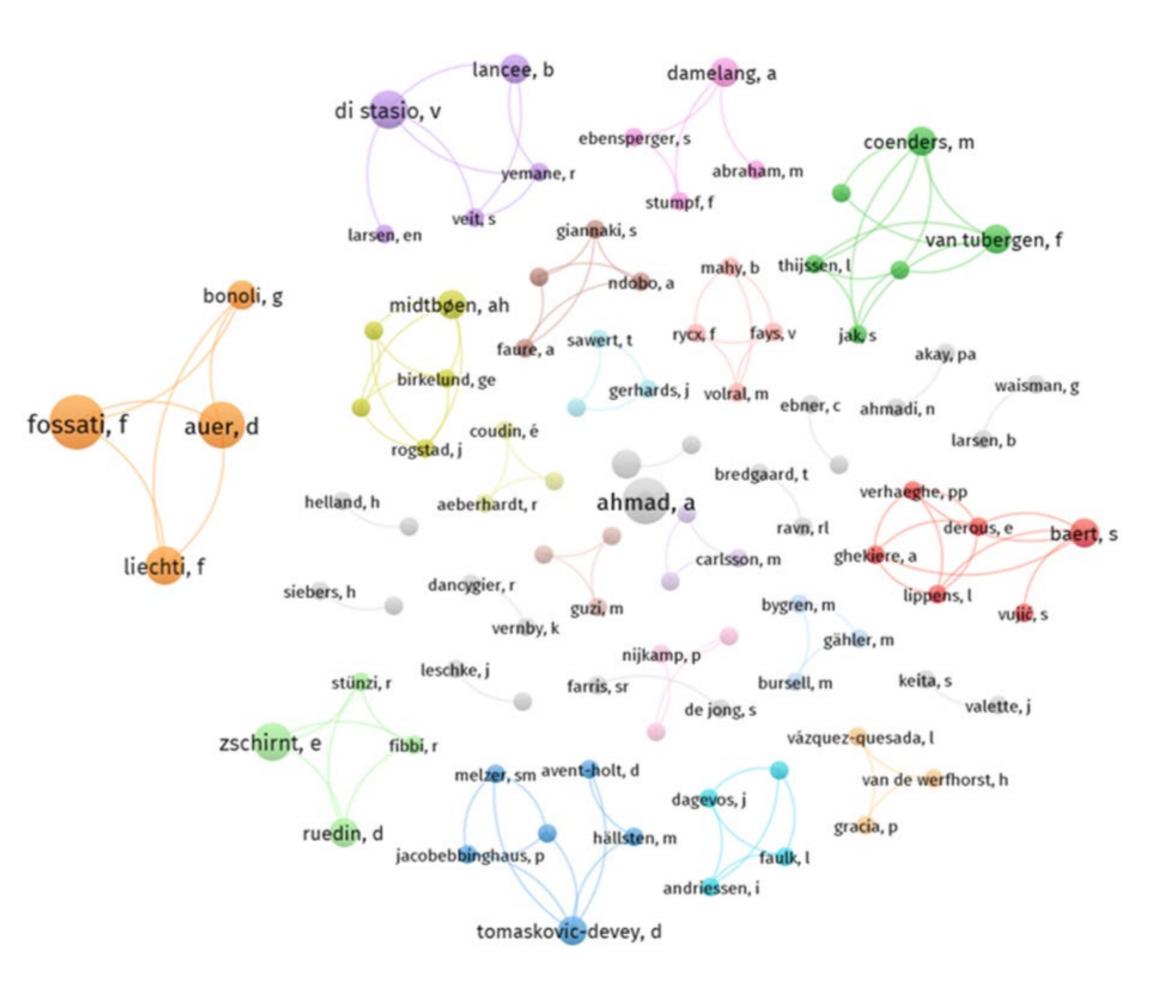
Background

- There has been a rapid growth in research publications internationally over the last decades.
- There is a growing need for "review research"¹ employing scientific methods to keep track with the state-of-the-art.

Scoping and mapping reviews

Address broader questions than systematic reviews, drawing on large

Figure 2: Network analyses in scoping reviews



- datasets retrieved by international databases, e.g., Web of Sciences (WoS).
- Aim to identify knowledge gaps and describe a topic with its conceptual and logistic boundaries².
- Are in particularly useful when the literature is complex and heterogeneous, as well as for topics with emerging evidence.

Purpose

• How can different bibliometric analyses, e.g., science mapping and network analysis, be used at different review stages to facilitate the process and improve visualization?

Methodology

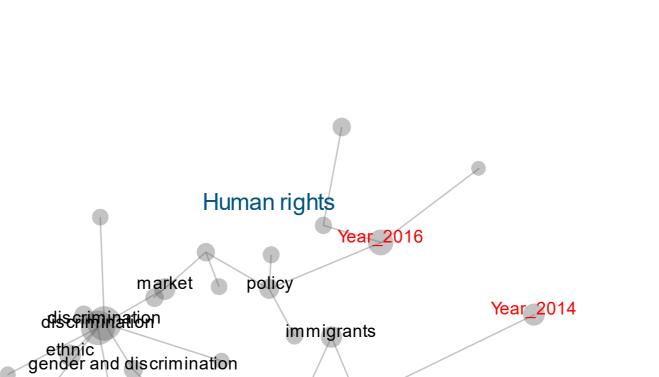
(meta-)data.

- Combining bibliometric analysis and review-methodology to stimulate synergies and efficiency.
- Addressing a broad scope, applying large datasets comprising bibliometric meta-data³.

Vos Viewer

• Figure 2 demonstrates the relationship between study authors of a sample of literature. It shows several clusters of studies that are connected to each other by references.

Figure 3: Nordic research on discrimination – 2010-2020 – concept map

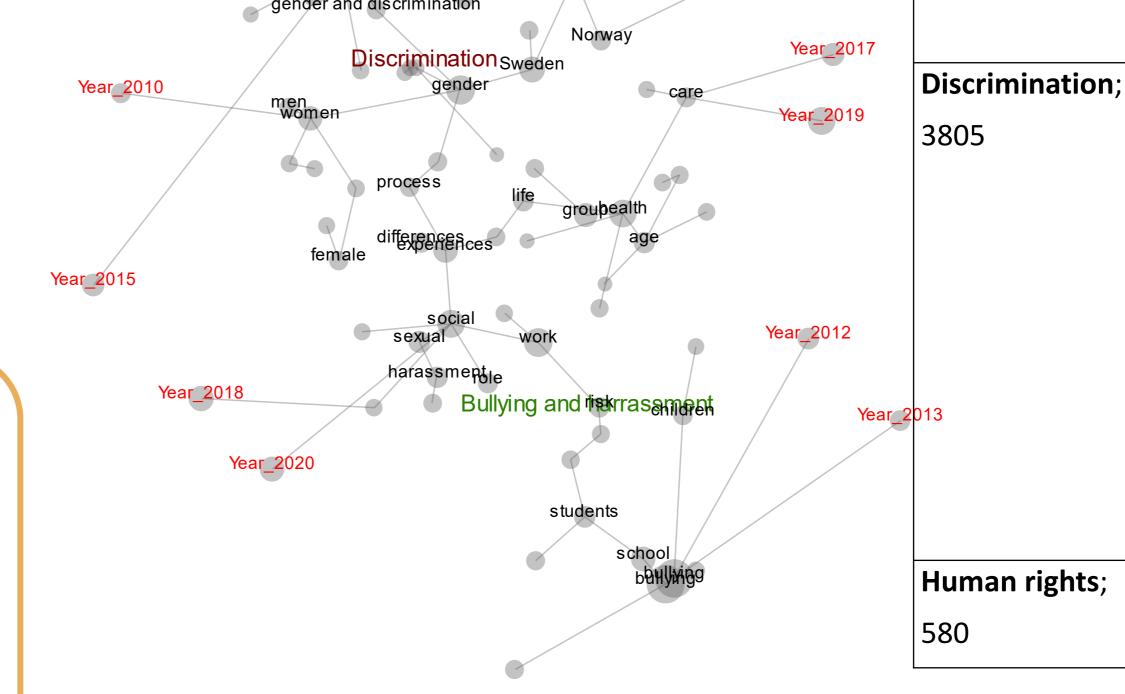


Theme/	Concepts
Hits	
Bullying and	bullying, bullying, work, social, health, school,
harrassment;	group, sexual, students, age, harassment,
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	harassment, victims, problems, status,
	education, relationship, positive, individuals,
	violence, young, exclusion, model, health and

differences, queer

• Software such as e.g., VOS Viewer and Leximancer may be used.

Figure 1: Facilitating the process of scoping reviews



Sweden, experiences, women, ethnic, market, immigrants, life, Norway, differences, policy, care, men, female, process, gender and discrimination, job, ethnic and discrimination, public, labour, working, workers, equality, male, work and discrimination, identity, disability, practices, Finland, cultural, bisexual, gay, lesbian, age and discrimination, intersectional, homosexual

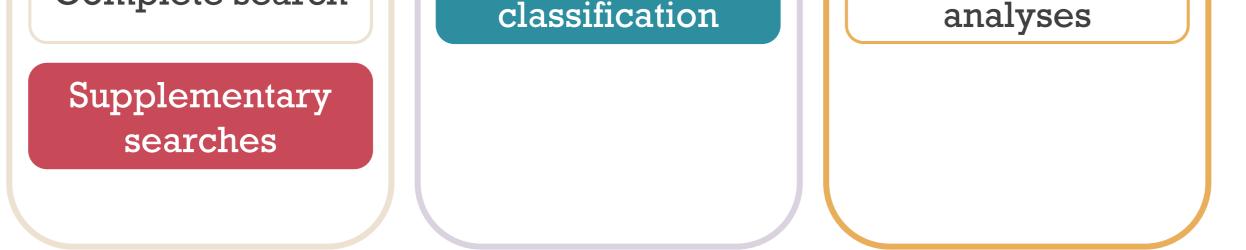
discrimination, discrimination, gender,

man rights;	rights, human, migrants, gender and equality,	
	political, transsexual	

Stage 4: Stage 2: Stage 3: Identify potentially Selecting relevant Bibliometric publications relevant analyses publications Thematic Sorting Selection criteria mapping Stage 1: Operationalization Content analyses Classification Search strategy of research question Bibliographic Test search Visualization coupling Group Descriptive Complete search

Conclusions

- Diverse bibliometric analyses comprising science mapping, content analyses and visualization, contribute to synergies and efficiency in scoping reviews at all stages, addressing broad research questions and large samples.
- Before conducting and integrating bibliometric analysis in the workflow of scoping reviews, a mindful selection of appropriate tools has to be done.



- Various bibliometric analyses can be used at different stages to facilitate the process of scoping reviews.
- For selecting relevant publications, sorting and classification methods can be combined with bibliographic coupling and group classification.
- For analyses bibliometric methods can be used including descriptive

analyses, thematic mapping, content analyses and visualization.

• The broader the research question and the topic, the larger the sample of

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