

# Where should I publish?

Choosing and evaluating journals  
for publication



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# Shortlisting journals

- Where are your references from?
- Check departmental journal lists
- Discuss with colleagues
- Look out for special issues/call for papers on your topic
- Use keyword searching in Scopus, Web of Science
- Journal selectors
- Check the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) for open access journals
- Evaluate using readership, rigour and reach

# What to consider when choosing a journal

## Readership

- Subject coverage (general, niche, local, international)
- Audience
- Manuscript types

## Reach

- Indicators of impact
- Indexing (Scopus, Web of Science)
- Open access

## Rigour

- Peer review
- Expert editorial board
- Rejection rate

## Other

- Turnaround time
- Calls for papers
- Charges
- Publication history

# Journal selectors

- Edanz journal selector:  
<https://www.edanzediting.com/journal-selector>
- Elsevier journal finder: <https://journalfinder.elsevier.com/>
- EndNote manuscript matcher:  
<https://endnote.com/product-details/manuscript-matcher/>
- Journal guide: <https://www.journalguide.com/>
- Springer journal suggester:  
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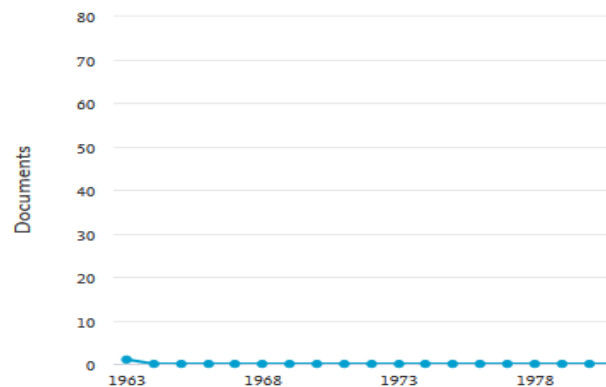
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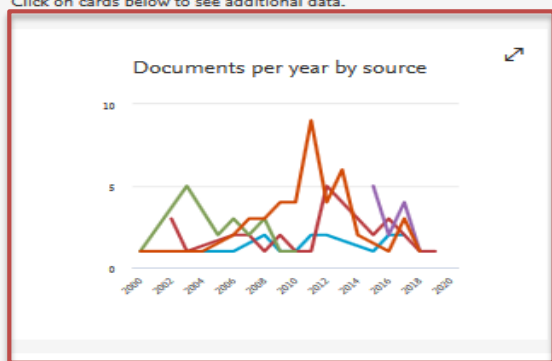
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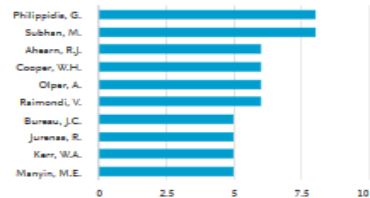
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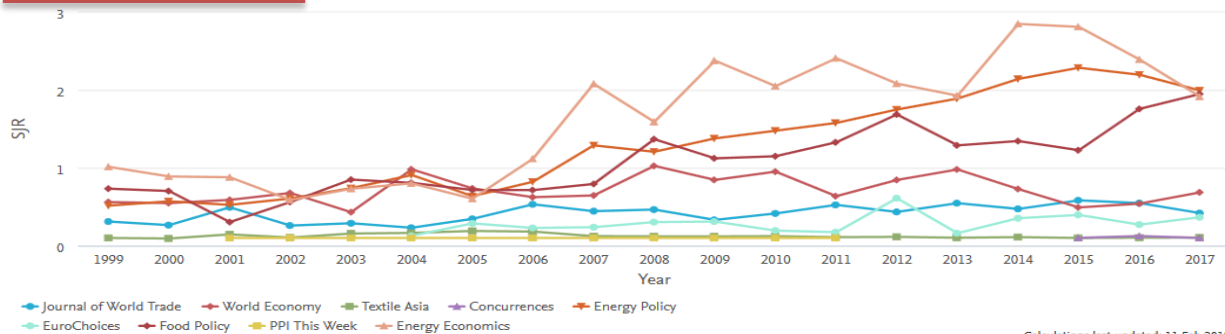
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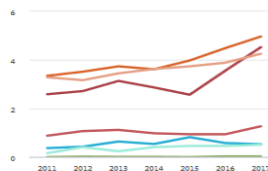
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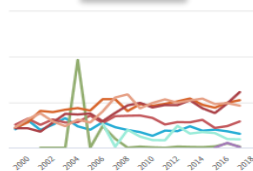
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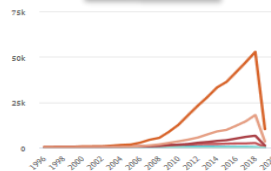
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- Seek to exploit researchers' needs to get published
- Unfortunately part of the scholarly communications environment
- Publish your article for a fee with no peer review process
- Use [Think, Check, Submit](#) to assess whether a journal can be trusted with your research



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