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LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

RESEARCH CORNER

• Privileges of Postgraduate Students and Researchers



* Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Services (ILL)

ILL provides teaching, learning and research support to the PolyU community by borrowing literature that are not held in the PolyU Library collections. Eligible users can login at [Online Interlibrary Loan System](#) and submit the requests on a quota basis. We'll send you email notification for picking up or online viewing the requested items in details.

* Information Consultancy Service

To empower teaching/research staff and students to navigate in the world of knowledge, our Faculty/Schools Librarians can help you to identify electronic and printed resources for your needs. We will also help you to make strategic use of the relevant resources of your area of research and introduce you to the state-of-the-art bibliographic and reference tools.

Please contact your [Faculty/Schools Librarian](#) for an appointment.

* Using UGC-funded Libraries - JULAC Library Card

UGC-funded and PolyU's self-funded postgraduate degree, UGC-funded postgraduate non-degree students, as well as the full-time teaching, research and administrative staff may obtain a Joint University Librarians Advisory Committee (JULAC) Library Card for admittance to the other UGC-funded libraries and borrow books. Applications should be made at the Circulation Counter (P/F). Books borrowed by PolyU JULAC cardholders from other UGC-funded libraries can be returned at the Circulation Counter on or before the due date.

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• Tools for Evaluating Journals

* Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

Published by the Institute for Scientific Information annually, the Journal Citation Reports provide systematic and objective means of determining the relative importance of science and social sciences journals within their subject categories. For Science Edition, it includes topics from Agriculture to Zoology and contains citation data on nearly 5,000 leading science journals. For Social Science Edition, it includes topics from Anthropology



to Women's Studies and contains citation data on approximately 1,700 leading social sciences journals.

The JCR can tell you:

- the total number of times that each journal has been cited in a given year (Total Cites)
- the frequency with which the average article in a journal has been cited in a particular year (Impact Factor)
- how quickly the average article in a specific journal is cited (Immediacy Index)
- the number of articles published in the year of coverage (Articles)
- the ongoing use of a particular journal (Cited Half-life)

To explore more on the function and features, please visit JCR via Library's web page, <http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/databases/jcr>

* **SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)**

SCImago Journal Rank is a journal analyzer provided by Scopus. It

- is weighted by the prestige of the journal, thereby 'leveling the playing field' among journals
- eliminates manipulation: raise the SJR ranking by being published in more reputable journals
- 'shares' a journal's prestige equally over the total number of citations in that journal
- normalizes for differences in citation behavior between subject fields

To access SJR, please go through Scopus via Library's web page, <http://www.lib.polyu.edu.hk/databases/scopus>

* **Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP)**

Source Normalized Impact per Paper is also a journal analyzer provided by Scopus. It

- measures contextual citation impact by 'normalizing' citation values
- takes a research field's citation frequency into account
- considers immediacy - how quickly a paper is likely to have an impact in a given field
- accounts for how well the field is covered by the underlying database
- calculates without use of a journal's subject classification to avoid delimitation
- counters any potential for editorial manipulation

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