Towards a Migration Letters Index: the most influential works and authors in Migration Studies

Abstract

In this review paper, we refresh and update our earlier ranking list based on citations in the field of migration studies. The results are categorised and presented separately for books and reports, articles and book chapters as well as for authors. In our latest rankings, we present an updated version of the most influential works of all time, but with a focus on the five years period from 2011 to 2016. The results of our ranking for the last five year period are in line with most impact factor calculations that are available. Using the Google Scholar citation database and Ann Harzing software, we have created ranking lists of the most cited articles, books and authors in migration studies.

Keywords: measuring impact; most cited; most influential; migration studies; ranking academic work; articles; books; scholars.

Introduction

Migration studies as a field of study grew exponentially in the last decade. This growth is evident in the number of new journals launched as well as the number of books, articles and doctoral dissertations published. Such increasing number of outlets and publications also resulted in a substantial growth of the volume of citations. Now along with Migration Letters, there are at least two dozens of journals dedicated to migration and related issues while all those other traditional journals of disciplines such as Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Anthropology, Law, Economics and Demography continue to publish large volume of articles on migration.

New researchers face a tremendous challenge as they sift through this huge record of output despite having the advantages of much more sophisticated and capable data tools in this era of digital systems and big data. Similar difficulty exists for those involved in the selection process. Rankings aid both processes. However, as it was the case, when we first drawn a line to count what has been published in 2015, our main goal is to support, encourage and promote continued research in
human mobility by recognising our colleagues’ works and contributions (Sirkeci & Cohen, 2015).

Creating a ranked list of migration research is not free from risks. Particularly, research published in languages other than English are often overlooked and there are surely worthy debates, findings and discussions to be explored.

While we are aware of the dangers such lists can hold (missing important debates and critiques by those who we do not reference) that was not our goal or purpose. We apologize in advance to anyone we may have omitted. What we do here is to place migration scholarship on a transparent map without using commercial resources such as the lists generated by indexing companies. This also gives us an opportunity to look at where we stand in attracting influential researchers in the field to our journal: Migration Letters. We are proud to include work by some of the most influential names in the field including Douglas Massey, Caroline Brettell and Thomas Faist in our journal.

In this exercise, we have used Ann Harzing’s software (Harzing, 2007) extracting citation reports from Google Scholar database. We have used ten keywords: immigration, immigrant, migrant, migration, emigrant, emigration, refugee, asylum seeker, expat, and expatriate. We have run searches for specific periods as well as for the whole historic record. Articles, books, and reports were included in the long lists generated by the software.

The results are presented in several tables ranking all works, journal articles only, books only, as well as authors and the journals where their works appear. Due to the ways in which research works and publications are listed and drawn by the servers, some works with multiple editions register higher citation numbers. Newly added contributors of these highly cited books score well too. One such example is the Castles and Miller’s famous Age of Migration book (3rd edition published in 2013). In this present ranking, all three editions of the book appear as single entry and the third author emerges among the top authors. Although not a widespread issue, we would like to caution our readers for such biases inherent to the data. The reader should note that titles in italics indicate books and reports, whereas journal articles or articles in (working) paper series are indicated by the last column where the title of the series/journal is provided.

The top 100 most cited works of all times are listed in table 1. Tables 2 to 13 list the most cited works from 2011, the cut off year for our continuous ranking to 2016 for books and articles separately. In table 14, the most cited 100 works for 2012-2016 period are listed. Table 15 presents the 25 most cited authors while the journals in which the most cited articles have been published are presented in Table 16. We hope the tables are rather self-explanatory.
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Final remarks

Understandably the top of the list for books is dominated by three text books published in two or more editions. The last edition of Castles and Miller’s *Age of Migration* appears in the top. Brettell and Hollifield’s book has proven to be a student friendly text and placed just above Hollifield, Martin and Orrenius’ new edition of *Controlling immigration*, another popular text book. In Amazon book sales ranking, Brettell and Hollifield actually has a better record than many other titles. Rest of the lists are dominated by studies with economic focus and some health research made top of the lists too. This trend may be at least partly the result of volume of output in these areas as well as discipline specific practices of citation.

As we said earlier, every ranking has its flaws and our ranking is no different. The lists presented here covers the works cited and/or published online and works left outside the digital sphere are not included. Nevertheless, we believe these lists indicate a general direction of migration scholarship and useful to identify gaps in the literature too.

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