BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASE BY INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

TASK: MAPPING THE STATE OF RESEARCH ON CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE

The objectives for this task were:

1. To map the current state of research on civil society organizations in Europe.
2. To make this mapping readily available to the community of stakeholders.
3. To enable crowd sourcing of references in order to keep the mapping updated.

The solution involved the creation of a comprehensive database of published references. This database is now a valuable resource for anyone interested in the state of research on civil society organizations in Europe.

The database was populated with 650 published references. These references were sourced from English-speaking international scientific journals, ensuring a high standard of quality and relevance.

The creation of the database was a meticulous process that involved extensive research and data gathering. The primary sources of information were reputable bibliographic databases, namely:

1. ISI Web of Science
2. Scopus
3. ScienceDirect

These databases were chosen for their comprehensive coverage of scientific literature and their reputation for quality and reliability.

The search process was guided by a set of predefined terms. These terms were chosen to ensure a broad and relevant coverage of the research field. The main terms used in the search included:

- "Voluntary organization"
- "Association"
- "Nonprofit organization"
- "Civil society organization"
- "Volunteering"
- "Nonprofit sector"
- "Voluntary sector"

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- "Third sector"

- "Civil society"

These terms were used in combination with additional terms to refine the search and ensure relevance to the European context. The added terms included:

- "Europe*" (to cover variations such as "European")

- Specific countries within Europe (e.g., "France", "Germany", "UK", etc.)

- "Comparative perspective"

- "Cross-national"

The use of these terms in various combinations allowed for a comprehensive search of the literature. The asterisk (*) in "Europe*" is a wildcard symbol used in database searches to retrieve variations of a term.

The search process involved entering the main terms and added terms into the search fields of the chosen databases. The search was conducted in a systematic manner, with each term or combination of terms being entered separately to ensure a comprehensive coverage of the literature. The search results were then reviewed for relevance, and the relevant references were added to the database. This process was repeated for each of the chosen databases.

The references have been further classified in sub-directories as following:

Social capital

CSOs and public policies, public funding

CSOs-government relations

Participation, involvement and membership in CSOs

Volunteer-volunteering

EU and CSOs

Advocacy and CSOs democratic role

Civil society regimes

CSOs and co-production

CSOs impact

CSOs governance and accountability

Philanthropy

Professionalization

Health

Welfare, welfare state

Environment

ICT and digitalization

Gender

Ethnicity and integration

Theories of CSOs, NPOs, association, third, nonprofit, voluntary, civil society sectors

Commercialization/marketization of CSOs

The database is made available as a web library, powered by Zotero. This platform was chosen for its robust functionality and user-friendly interface. Users can easily search through the database, making it a practical tool for researchers and other stakeholders.

One of the key features of this solution is the ability for the community to contribute to the database. This crowd sourcing approach ensures that the database remains current and continues to grow over time. Users can add new references, ensuring that the latest research is represented in the database.

The Zotero-powered web library also enables the generation of bibliographies. This feature is particularly useful for researchers who are looking to cite works from the database in their own research.

The task of mapping the state of research on civil society organizations in Europe has been successfully completed. The resulting database is a valuable resource for the community of stakeholders. It is expected that this tool will facilitate further research in the field, and the crowd sourcing feature ensures that the database will remain a relevant and up-to-date resource for the foreseeable future.

Access the library here: https://www.zotero.org/groups/4922952/csos_in_europe/library

Contribute to the library: https://framaforms.org/form-collaborative-digital-library-on-csos-and-democracy-in-europe-1680705733

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Online library of bibliographic references on Civil Society in Europe

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THE ONLINE COLLABORATIVE LIBRARY

OBJECTIVES

- MAPPING THE STATE OF RESEARCH ON CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE
- MAKING THIS MAPPING AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY OF STAKEHOLDERS
- ENABLING CROWD SOURCING OF REFERENCES IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MAPPING UPDATED

THE SOLUTION

- A DATA BASE OF 650 PUBLISHED REFERENCES IN ENGLISH SPEAKING INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS
- AVAILABLE AS WEB LIBRARY ENABLED BY ZOTERO
- ENABLES COMMUNITY-BASED UPDATES AND CROWD SOURCING
- EASY TO SEARCH AND ENABLING THE GENERATION OF BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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THE ONLINE COLLABORATIVE LIBRARY: METHODOLOGY

SEARCH OF BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES

- *ISI WEB OF SCIENCE*
- *SCOPUS*
- *SCIENCEDIRECT*

SEARCH TERMS

MAIN TERMS

"VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION", ASSOCIATION, "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION", "CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION", VOLUNTEERING, "NONPROFIT SECTOR", "VOLUNTARY SECTOR", "THIRD SECTOR", "CIVIL SOCIETY"

ADDED TERMS AND

EUROPE* (EUROPEAN) , COUNTRIES OF EUROPE: FRANCE, GERMANY, UK, … , "COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE" , "CROSS-NATIONAL"

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THE REFERENCES HAVE BEEN FURTHER CLASSIFIED IN SUB-DIRECTORIES AS FOLLOWING:

SOCIAL CAPITAL

CSOS AND PUBLIC POLICIES, PUBLIC FUNDING

CSOS-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

PARTICIPATION, INVOLVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP IN CSOS

VOLUNTEER-VOLUNTEERING

EU AND CSOS

ADVOCACY AND CSOS DEMOCRATIC ROLE

CIVIL SOCIETY REGIMES

CSOS AND CO-PRODUCTION

CSOS IMPACT

CSOS GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PHILANTHROPY

PROFESSIONALIZATION

HEALTH

WELFARE, WELFARE STATE

ENVIRONMENT

ICT AND DIGITALIZATION

GENDER

ETHNICITY AND INTEGRATION

THEORIES OF CSOS, NPOS,, ASSOCIATION, THIRD, NONPROFIT, VOLUNTARY, CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORS

COMMERCIALIZATION/MARKETIZATION OF CSOS

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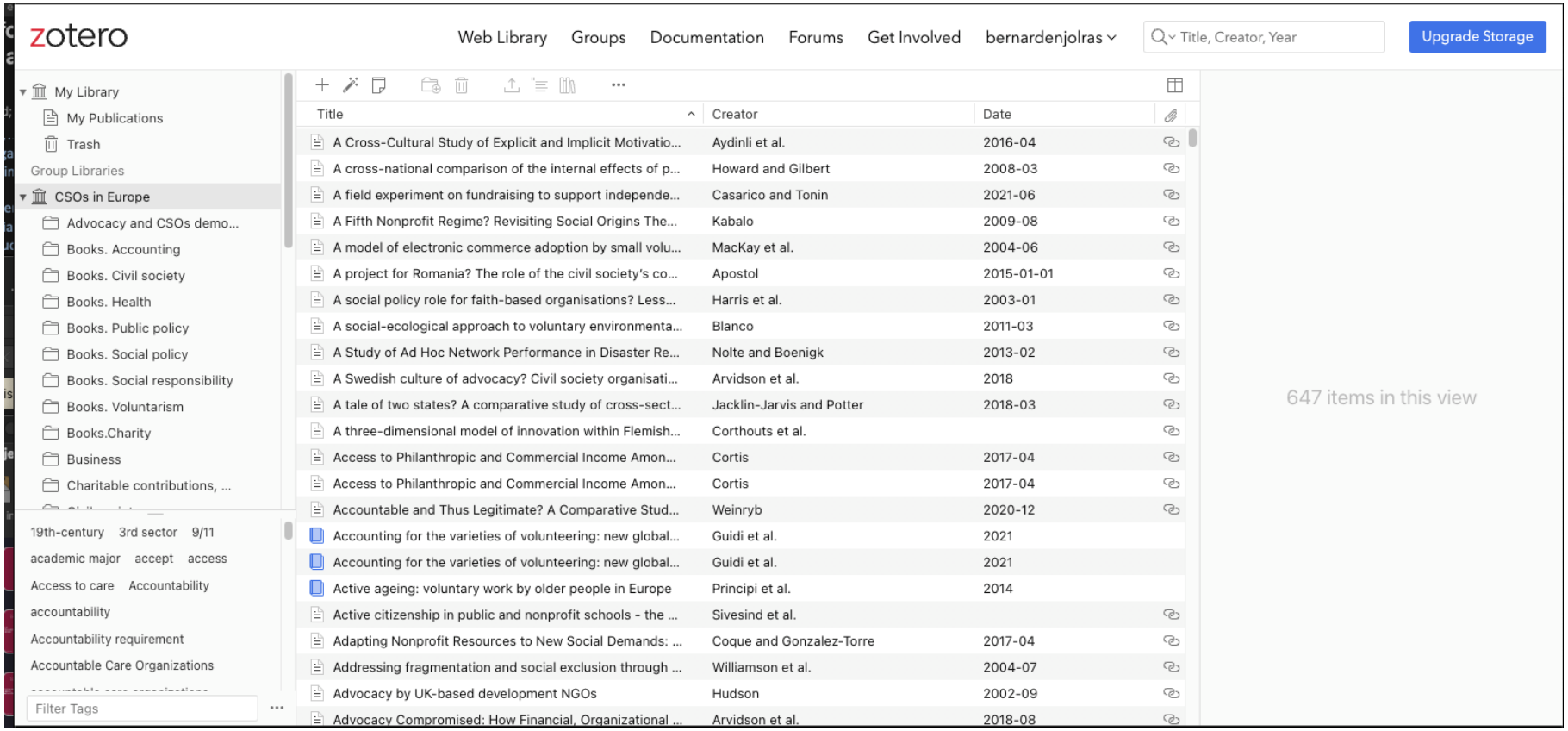
THE RESULT



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Mapping analysis of selected publications

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BIBLIOGRAPHIC COLLECTION

DATA SOURCE: CLARIVATE ANALYTICS WEB OF SCIENCE (HTTP://APPS.WEBOFKNOWLEDGE.COM)

DATA FORMAT: BIBTEX

QUERY: “NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION” OR “VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION” OR “CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION”

DOCUMENT TYPE: ARTICLES

QUERY DATA: FEBRUARY, 2023

WEB OF SCIENCE CATEGORIES: MANAGEMENT OR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION OR SOCIAL ISSUES OR BUSINESS OR COMMUNICATION OR ECONOMICS OR POLITICAL SCIENCE OR SOCIAL SCIENCES INTERDISCIPLINARY OR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES.

CITATION TOPICS MESO: 6.27 POLITICAL SCIENCE OR 6.3 MANAGEMENT OR 6.185 COMMUNICATION OR 6.73 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OR 6.122 ECONOMIC THEORY OR 6.10 ECONOMICS.

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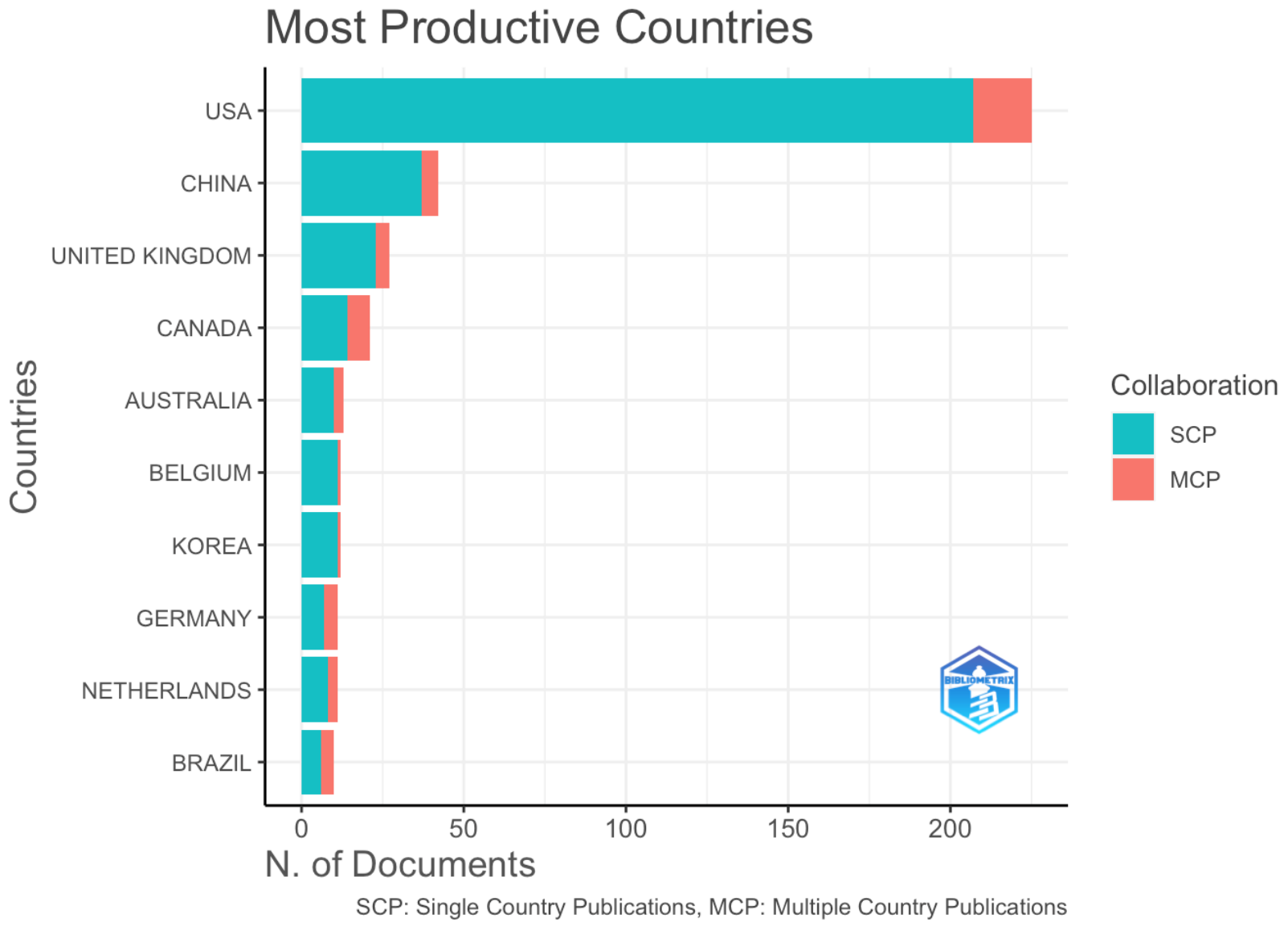
MOST PRODUCTIVE COUNTRIES



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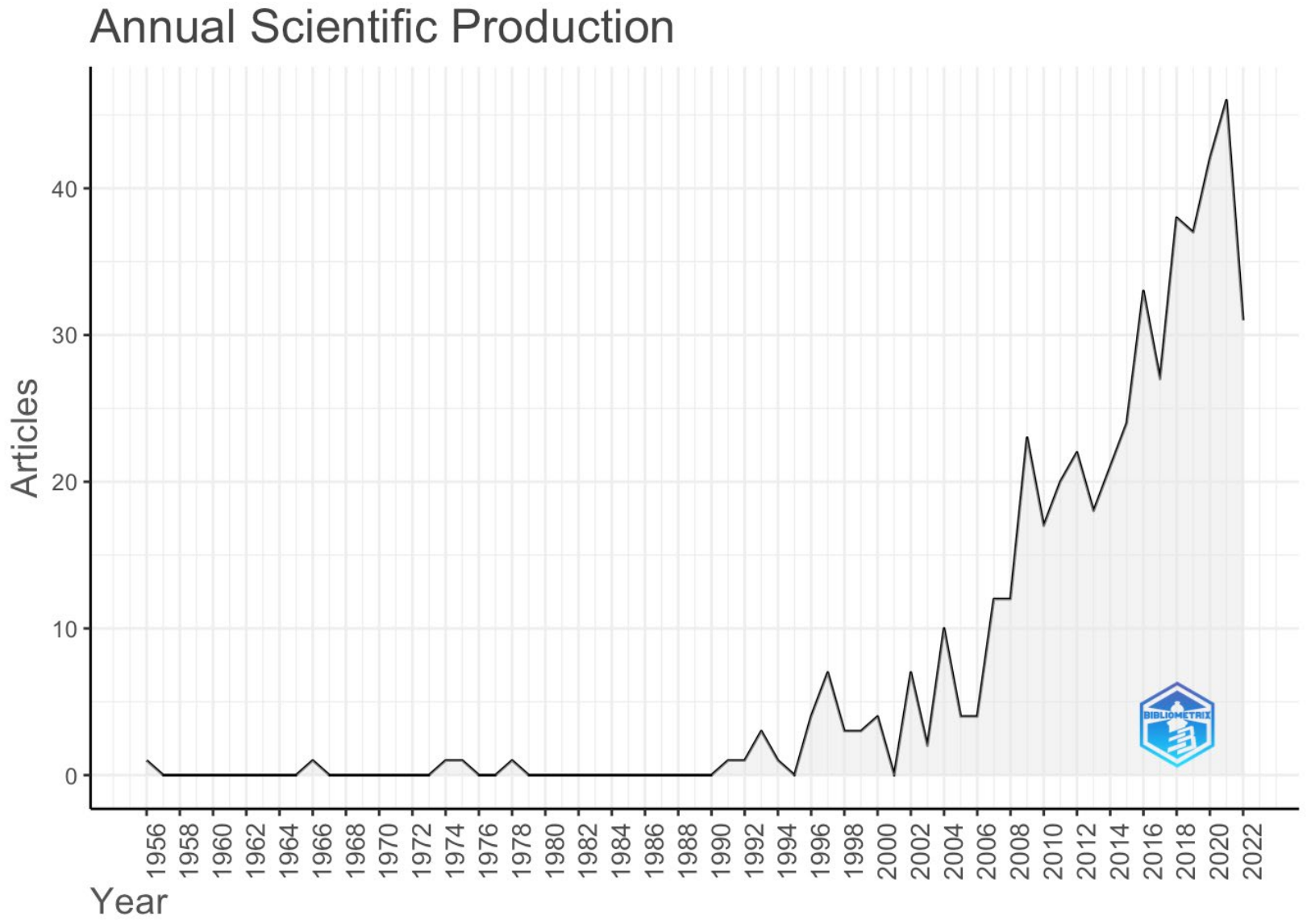
ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION



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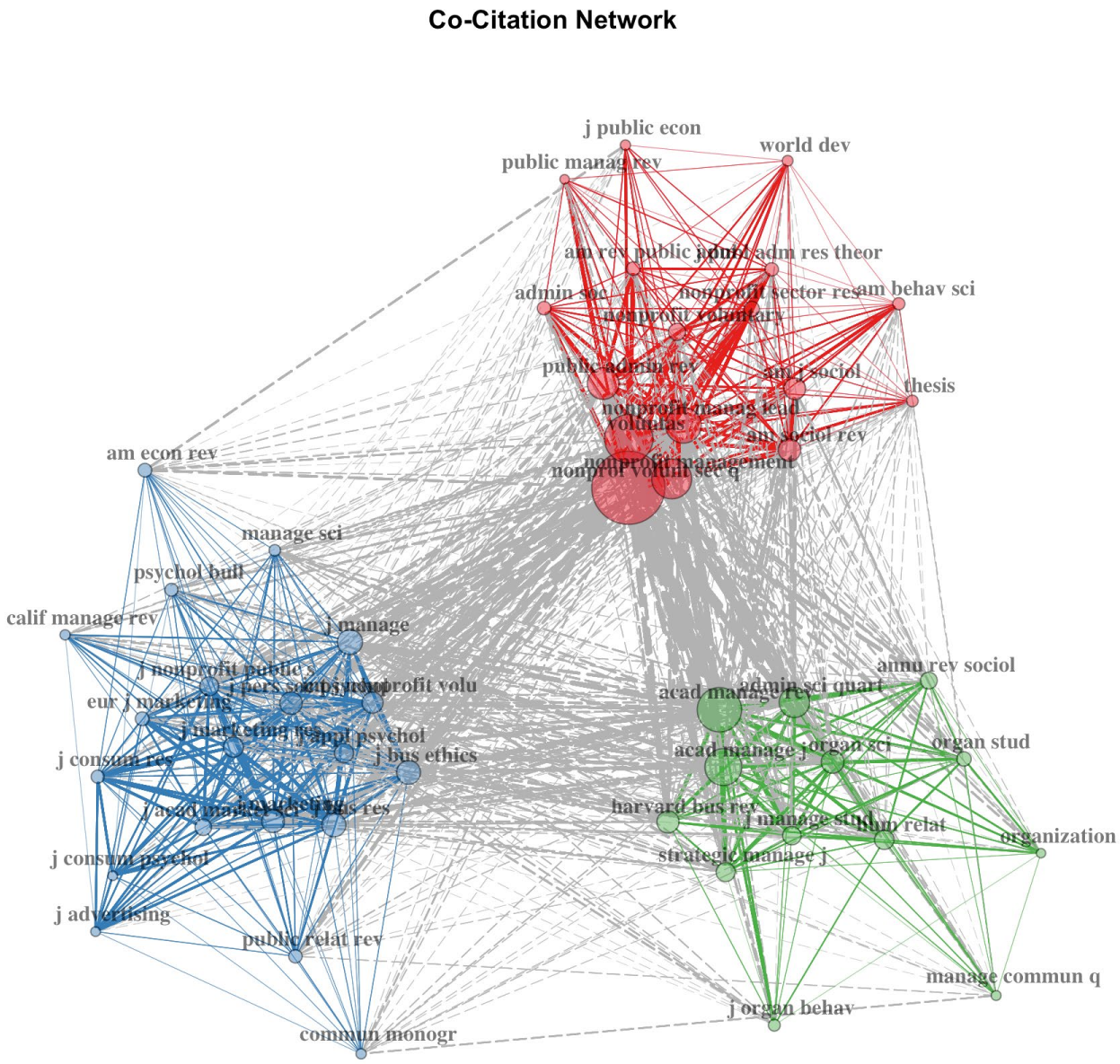

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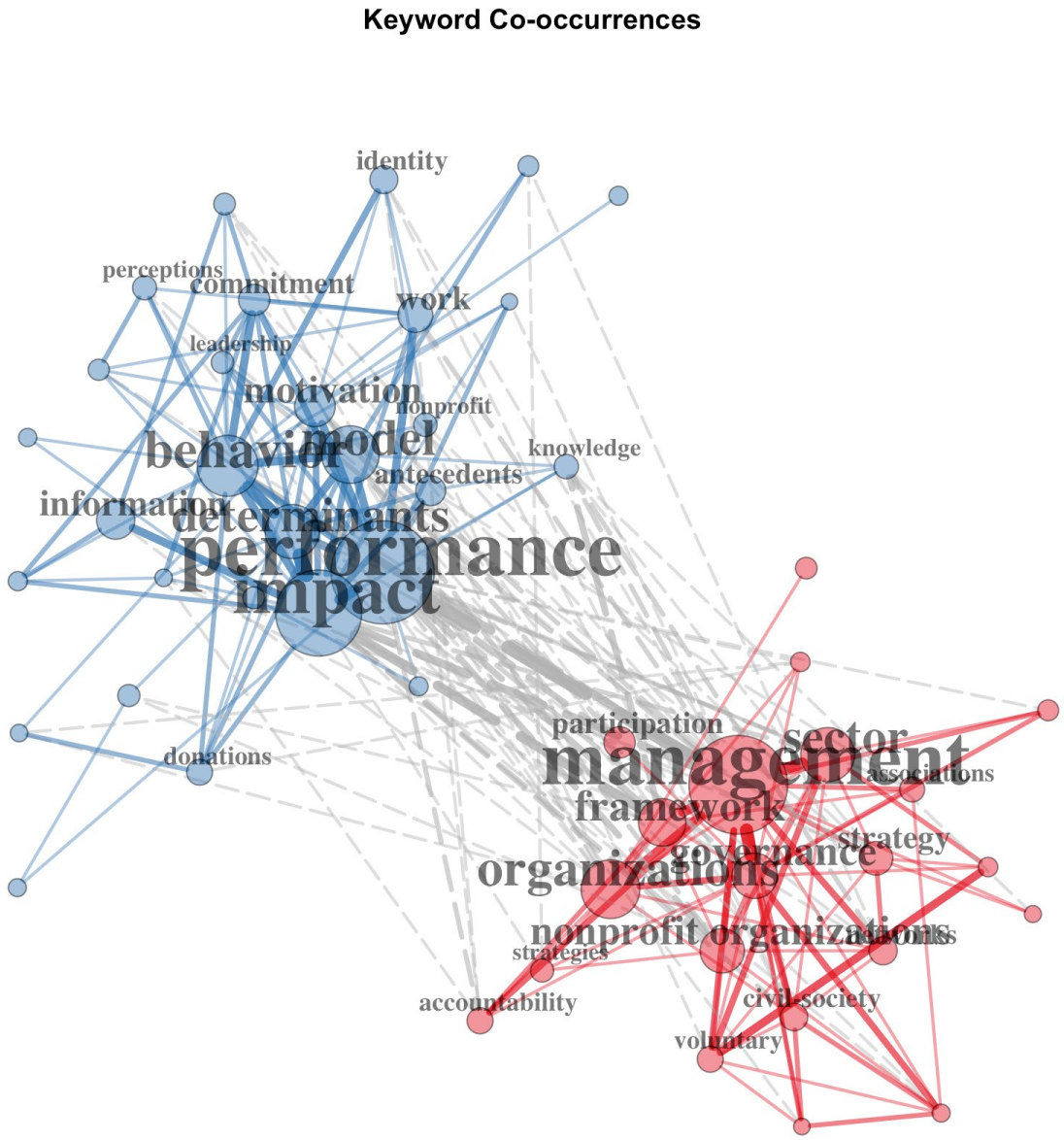
KEYWORD CO-OCCURRENCES



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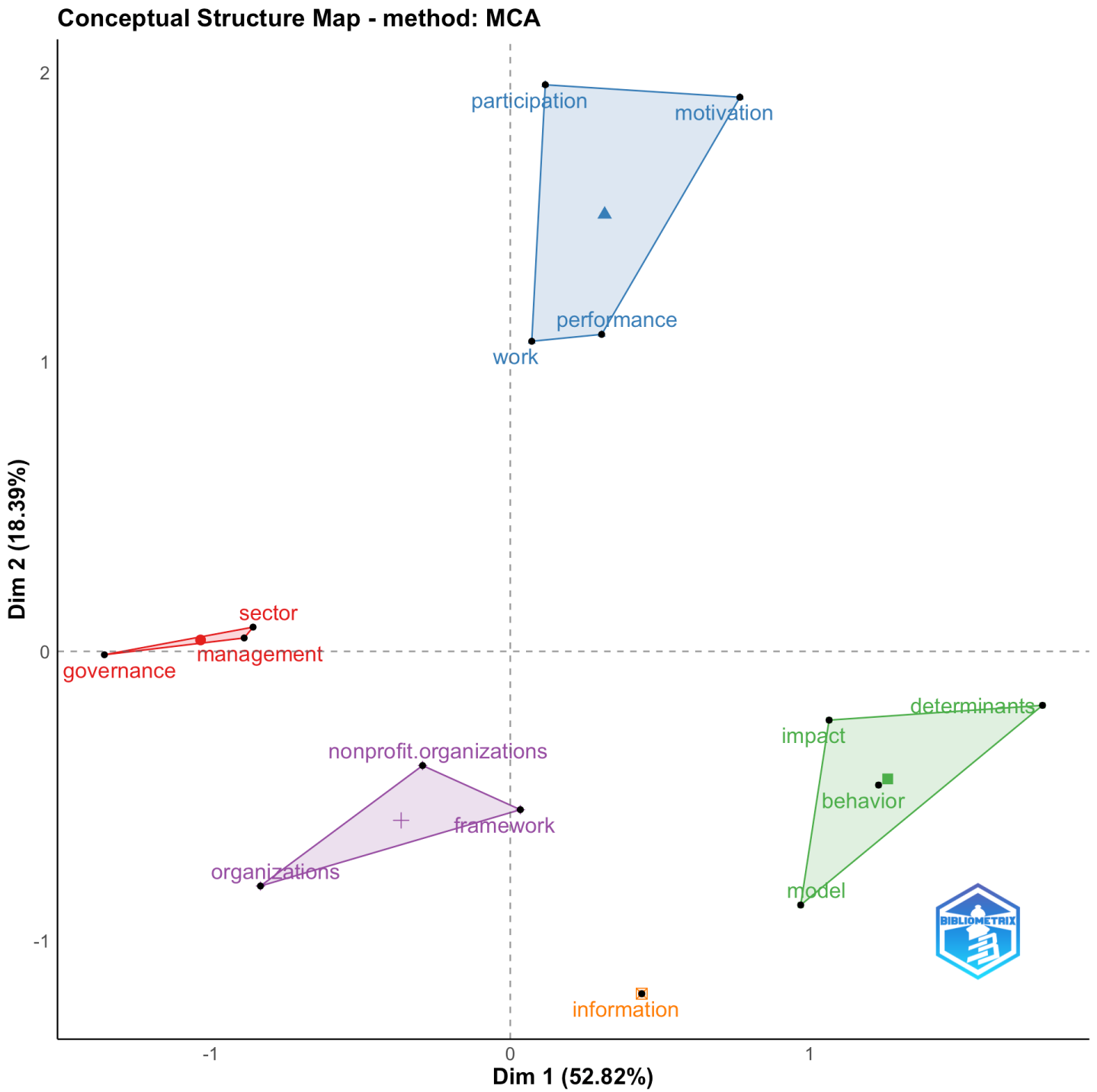
CORRESPONDENCE ANALYSIS OF CO-WORD



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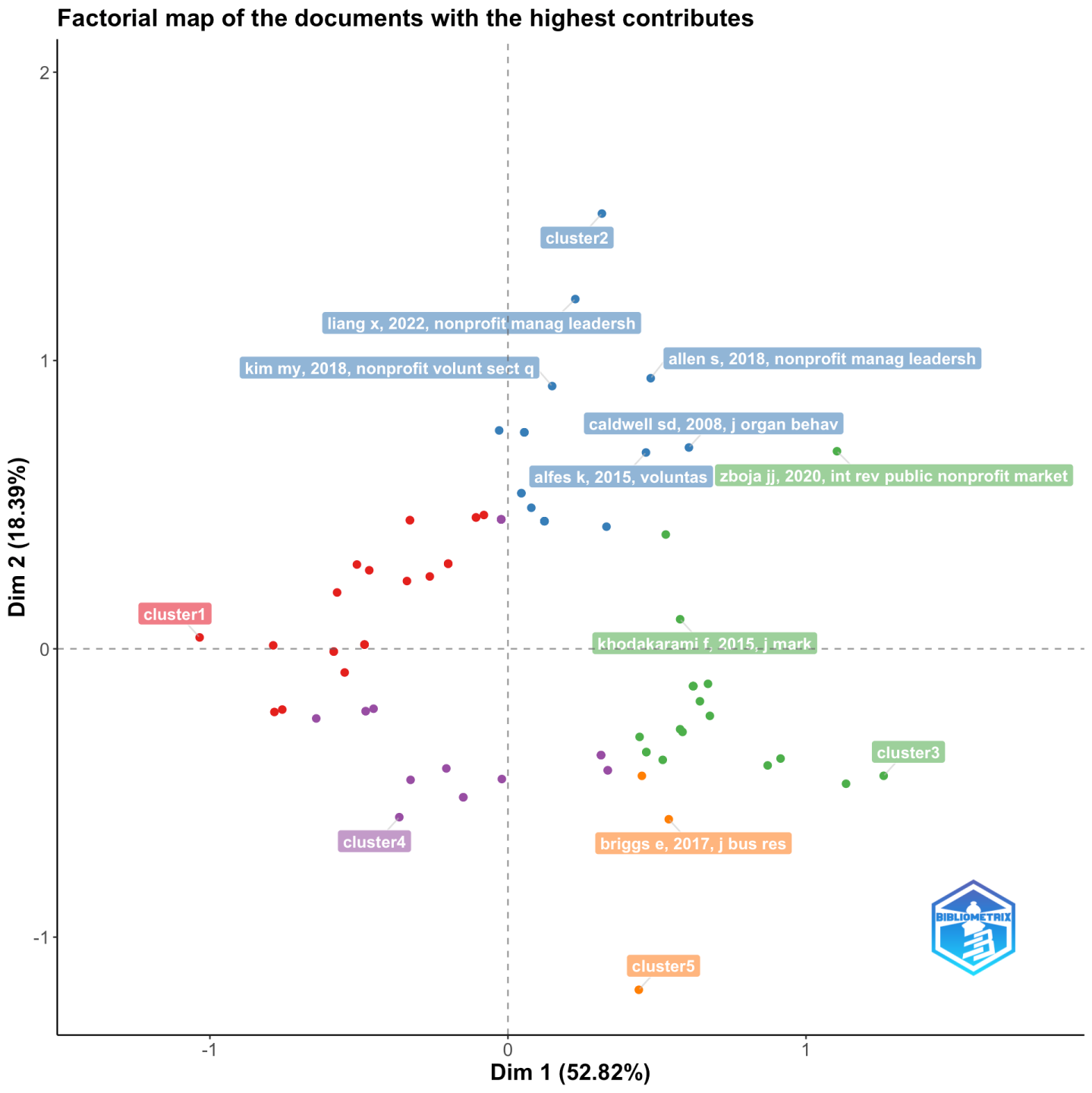
ARTICLES WITH HIGHER CONTRIBUTE BY CLUSTER



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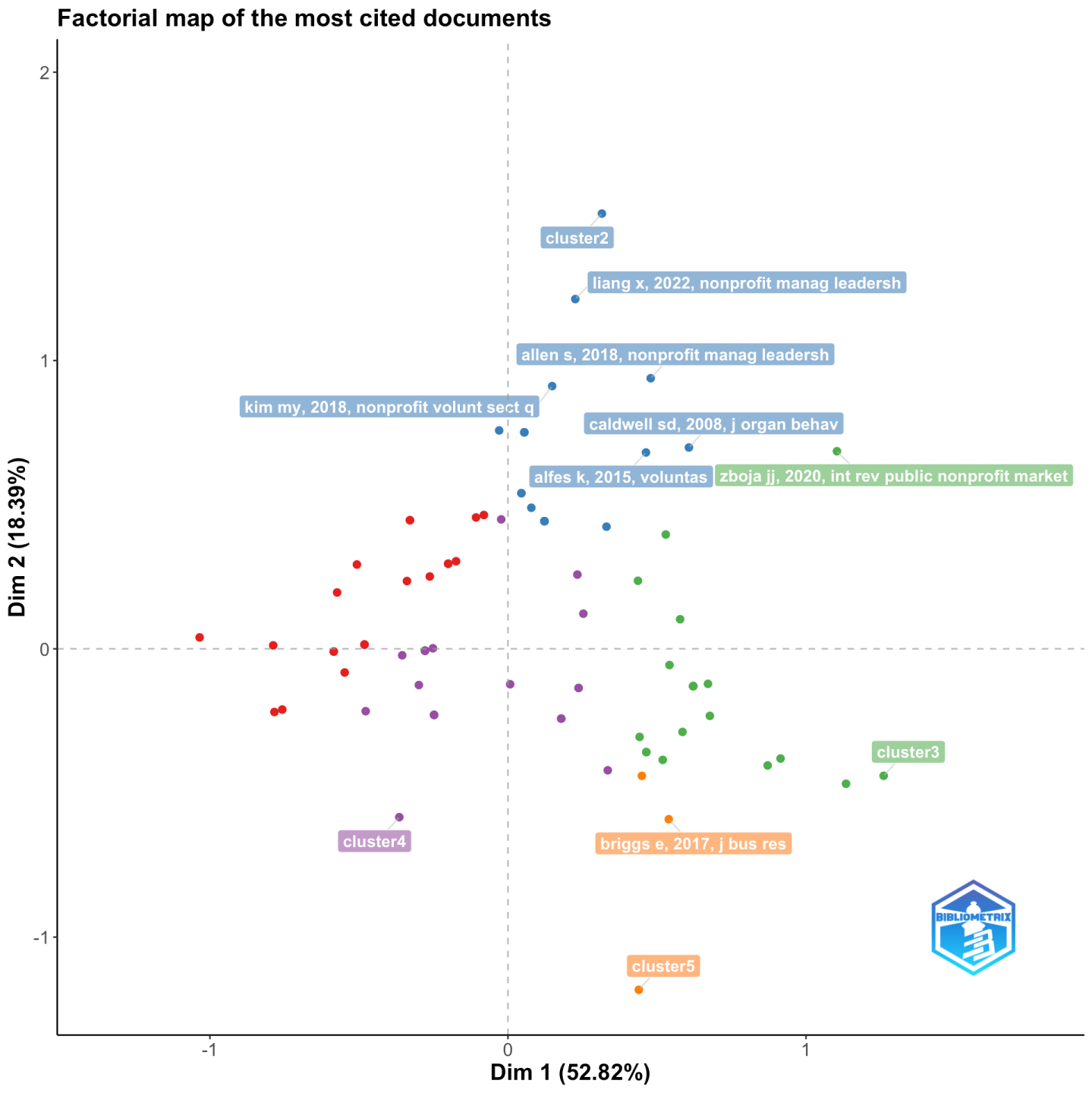

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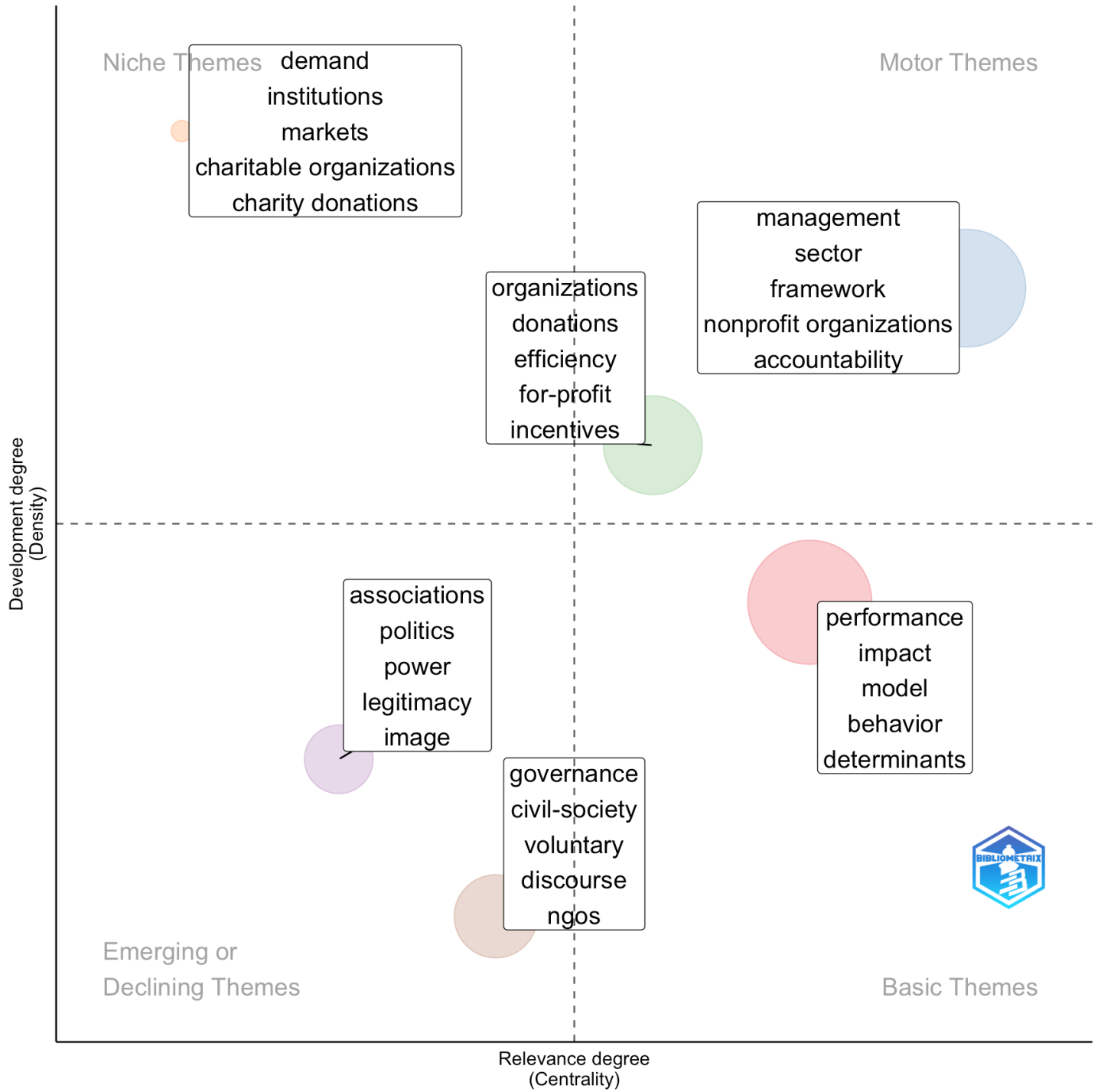

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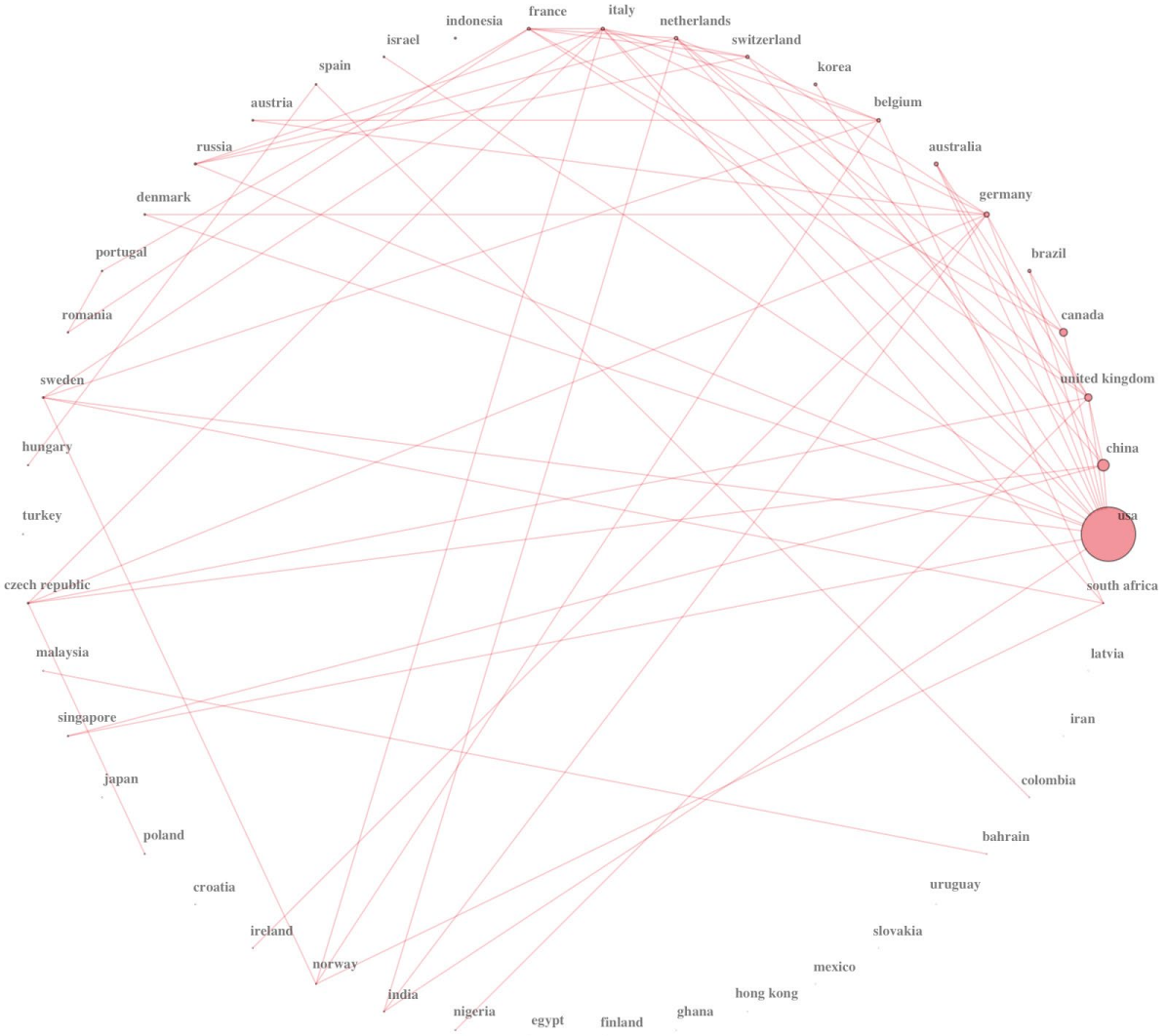
COUNTRY COLLABORATION NETWORKS

Country collaboration



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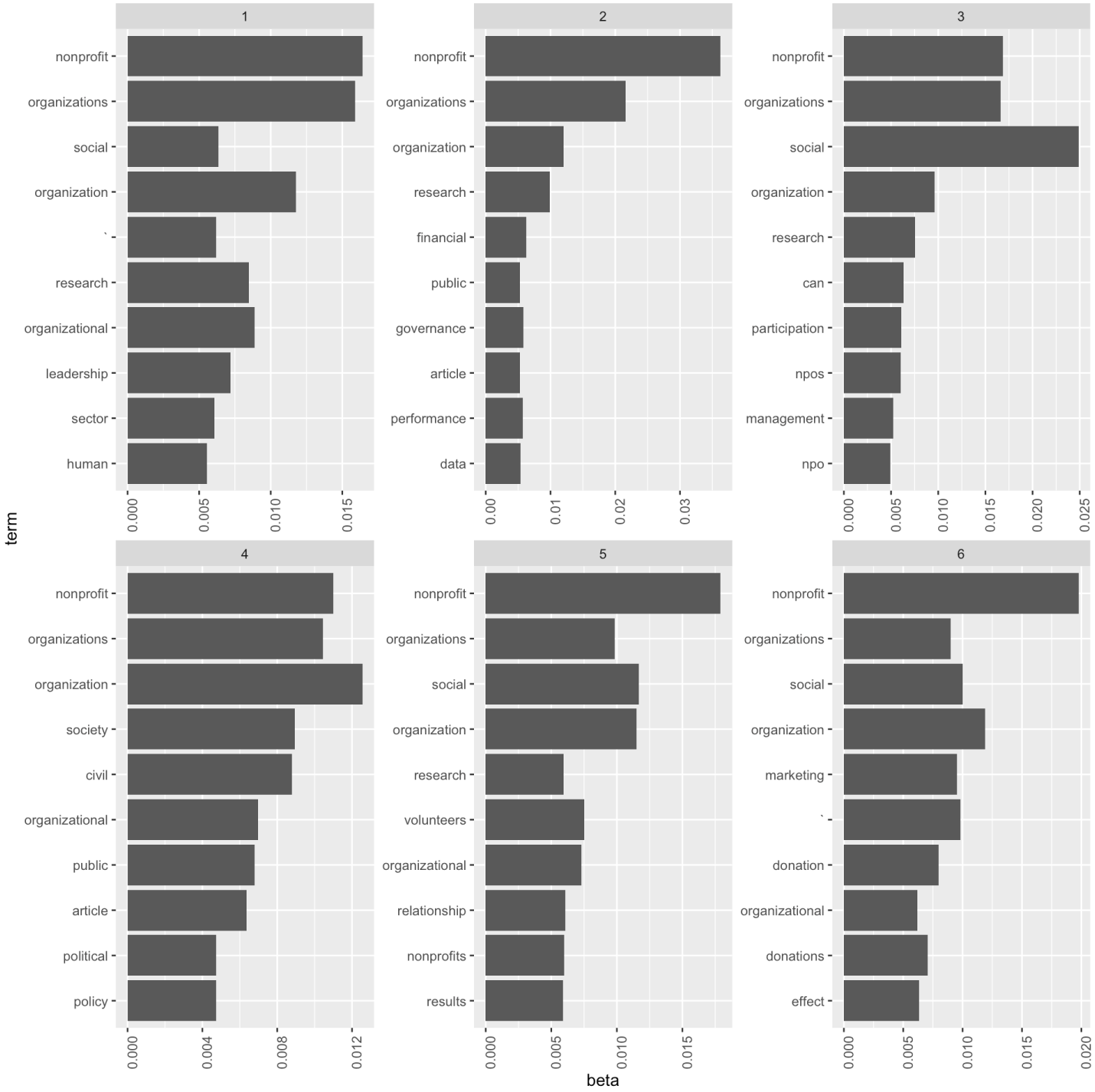
TOPIC ANALYSIS



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CONCLUSIONS OF THE ANALYSIS

- **DOMINATION, IN TERMS OF UMBER OF ARTICLES PUBLISHED, OF USA, CHINA, UK, AND CANADA IN THE INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE ON NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
- **SIGNIFICANT GROWTH OF THE FIELD SINCE 2000 (IN TERMS OF PUBLISHED ARTICLES)**
- **THREE ACADEMIC SUB-FIELDS:**
  - Nonprofit & public management
  - Management and psychology
  - Organizations and sociology
- **DOMINATION OF THE TOPICS/THEMES RELATED TO MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE/EFFICIENCY**
- **ASSOCIATIONS AND POLITICS AS WELL AS GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY ARE EMERGING THEMES**
- **NEED TO STRENGTHEN EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND EUROPEAN PUBLICATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL LITERATURE ON CSO**

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