

# 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"

- "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](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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## 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**

## 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”

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**

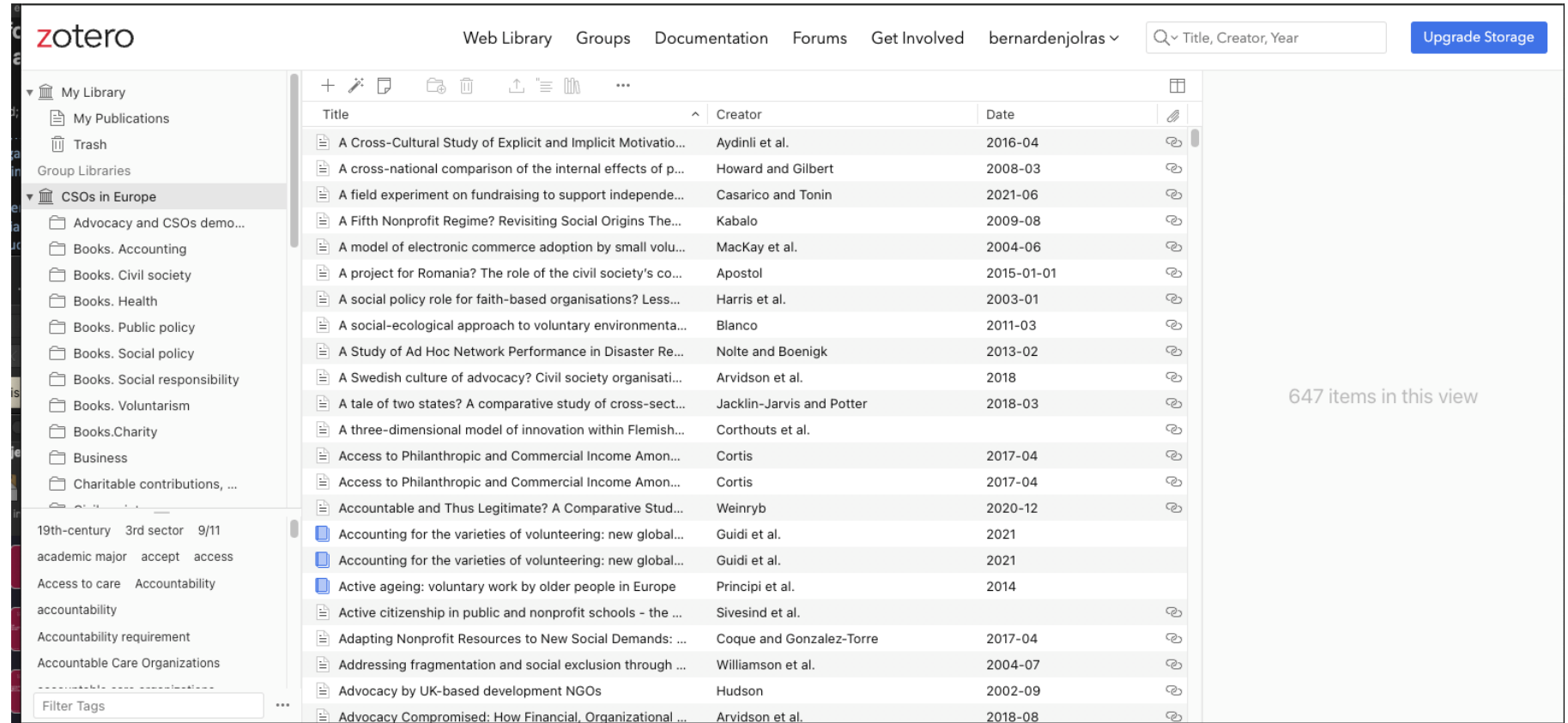
**GENDER**

**ETHNICITY AND INTEGRATION**

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

**COMMERCIALIZATION/MARKETIZATION OF  
CSOS**

# THE RESULT



The screenshot shows the Zotero web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Web Library', 'Groups', 'Documentation', 'Forums', 'Get Involved', and a user profile 'bernardenjolras'. A search bar contains the text 'Title, Creator, Year' and an 'Upgrade Storage' button is on the right.

The left sidebar shows a library structure:
 

- My Library
  - My Publications
  - Trash
- Group Libraries
  - CSOs in Europe
    - Advocacy and CSOs demo...
    - Books. Accounting
    - Books. Civil society
    - Books. Health
    - Books. Public policy
    - Books. Social policy
    - Books. Social responsibility
    - Books. Voluntarism
    - Books.Charity
    - Business
    - Charitable contributions, ...

The main content area displays a table of items with columns for Title, Creator, and Date. The table contains 20 rows of data, including titles like 'A Cross-Cultural Study of Explicit and Implicit Motivatio...', 'A cross-national comparison of the internal effects of p...', and 'Accounting for the varieties of volunteering: new global...'. A '647 items in this view' message is displayed on the right side of the table.

Title	Creator	Date
A Cross-Cultural Study of Explicit and Implicit Motivatio...	Aydinli et al.	2016-04
A cross-national comparison of the internal effects of p...	Howard and Gilbert	2008-03
A field experiment on fundraising to support independe...	Casarico and Tonin	2021-06
A Fifth Nonprofit Regime? Revisiting Social Origins The...	Kabalo	2009-08
A model of electronic commerce adoption by small volu...	MacKay et al.	2004-06
A project for Romania? The role of the civil society's co...	Apostol	2015-01-01
A social policy role for faith-based organisations? Less...	Harris et al.	2003-01
A social-ecological approach to voluntary environmenta...	Blanco	2011-03
A Study of Ad Hoc Network Performance in Disaster Re...	Nolte and Boenigk	2013-02
A Swedish culture of advocacy? Civil society organisati...	Arvidson et al.	2018
A tale of two states? A comparative study of cross-sect...	Jacklin-Jarvis and Potter	2018-03
A three-dimensional model of innovation within Flemish...	Corthouts et al.	
Access to Philanthropic and Commercial Income Amon...	Cortis	2017-04
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Accountable and Thus Legitimate? A Comparative Stud...	Weinryb	2020-12
Accounting for the varieties of volunteering: new global...	Guidi et al.	2021
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Active ageing: voluntary work by older people in Europe	Principi et al.	2014
Active citizenship in public and nonprofit schools - the ...	Sivesind et al.	
Adapting Nonprofit Resources to New Social Demands: ...	Coque and Gonzalez-Torre	2017-04
Addressing fragmentation and social exclusion through ...	Williamson et al.	2004-07
Advocacy by UK-based development NGOs	Hudson	2002-09
Advocacy Compromised: How Financial, Organizational ...	Arvidson et al.	2018-08





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# Mapping analysis of selected publications

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**DATA SOURCE:** CLARIVATE ANALYTICS WEB OF SCIENCE  
([HTTP://APPS.WEBOFKNOWLEDGE.COM](http://apps.webofknowledge.com))

**DATA FORMAT:** BIBTEX

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

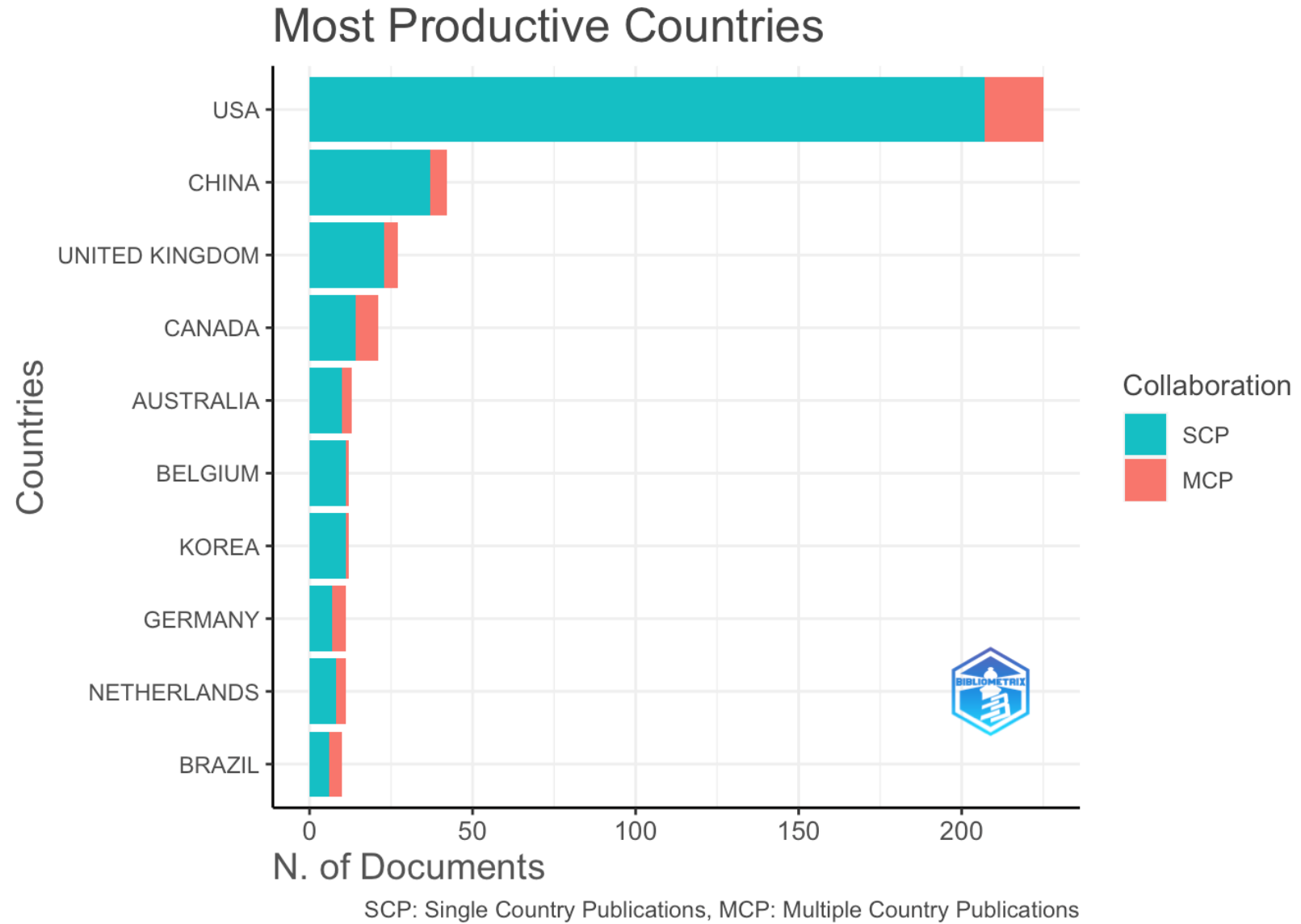
**DOCUMENT TYPE:** ARTICLES

**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.

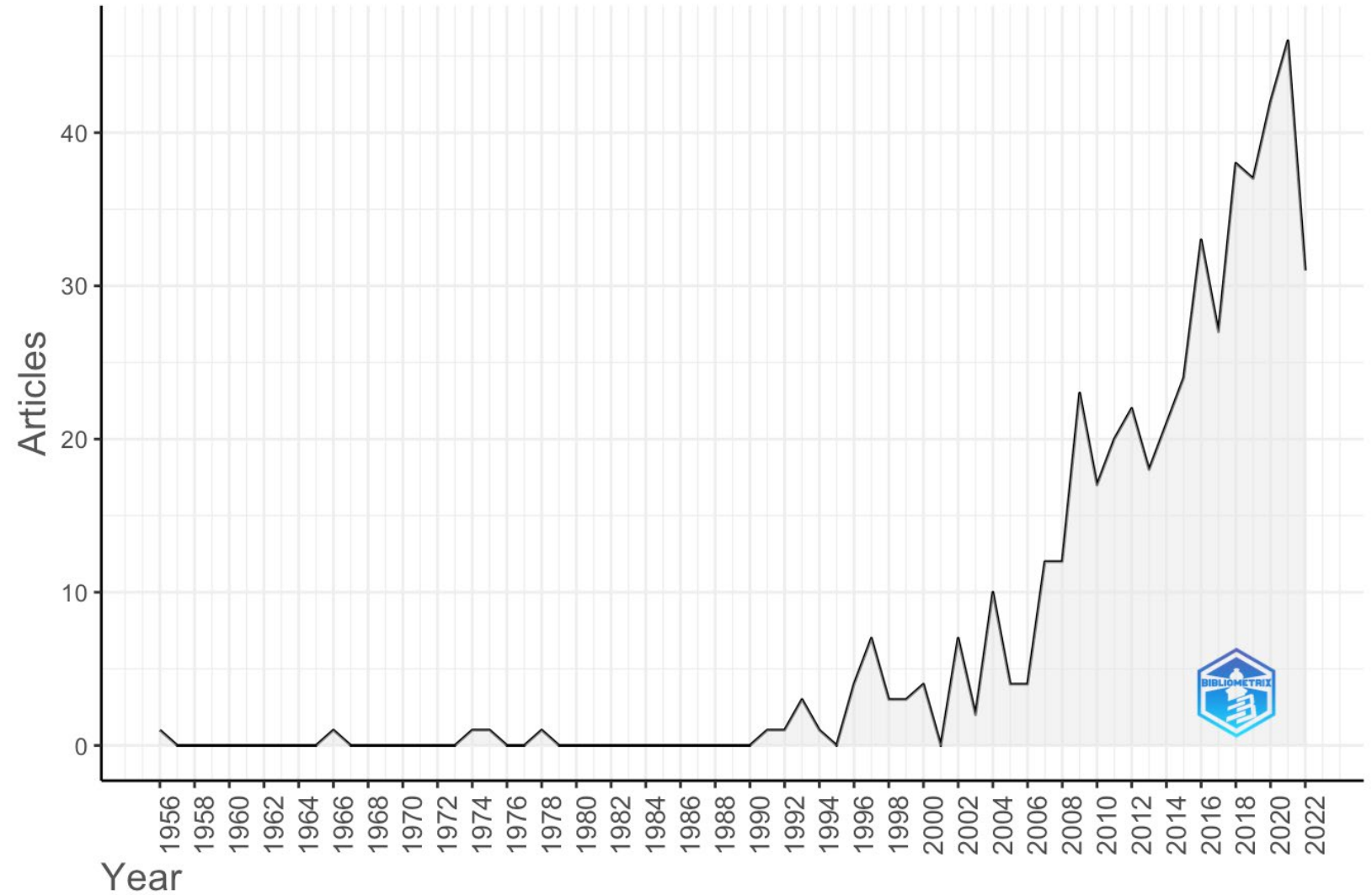
**CITATION TOPICS MESO:** 6.27 POLITICAL SCIENCE OR 6.3 MANAGEMENT OR 6.185 COMMUNICATION OR 6.73 SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY OR 6.122 ECONOMIC THEORY OR 6.10 ECONOMICS.

# MOST PRODUCTIVE COUNTRIES

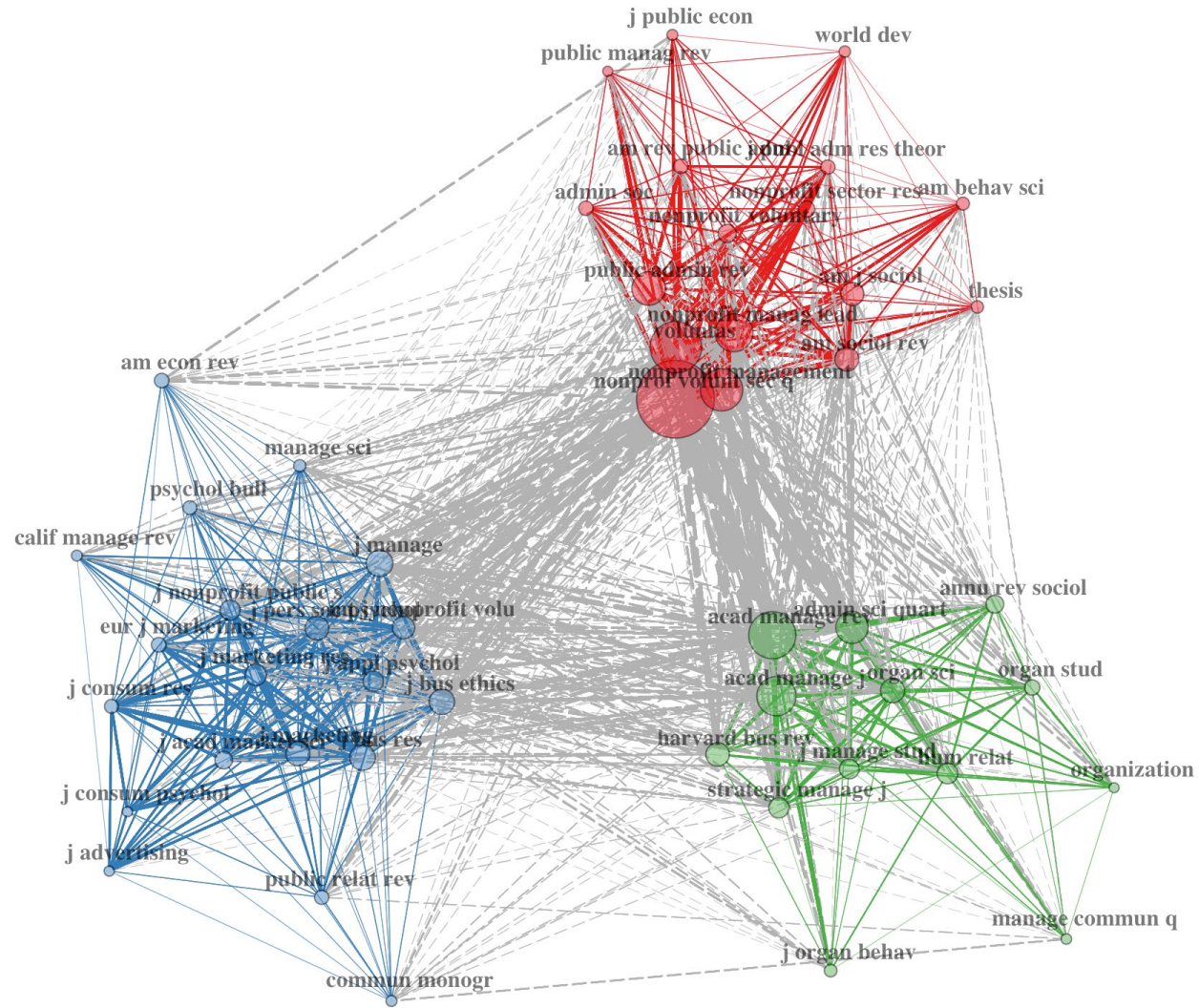


# ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

## Annual Scientific Production

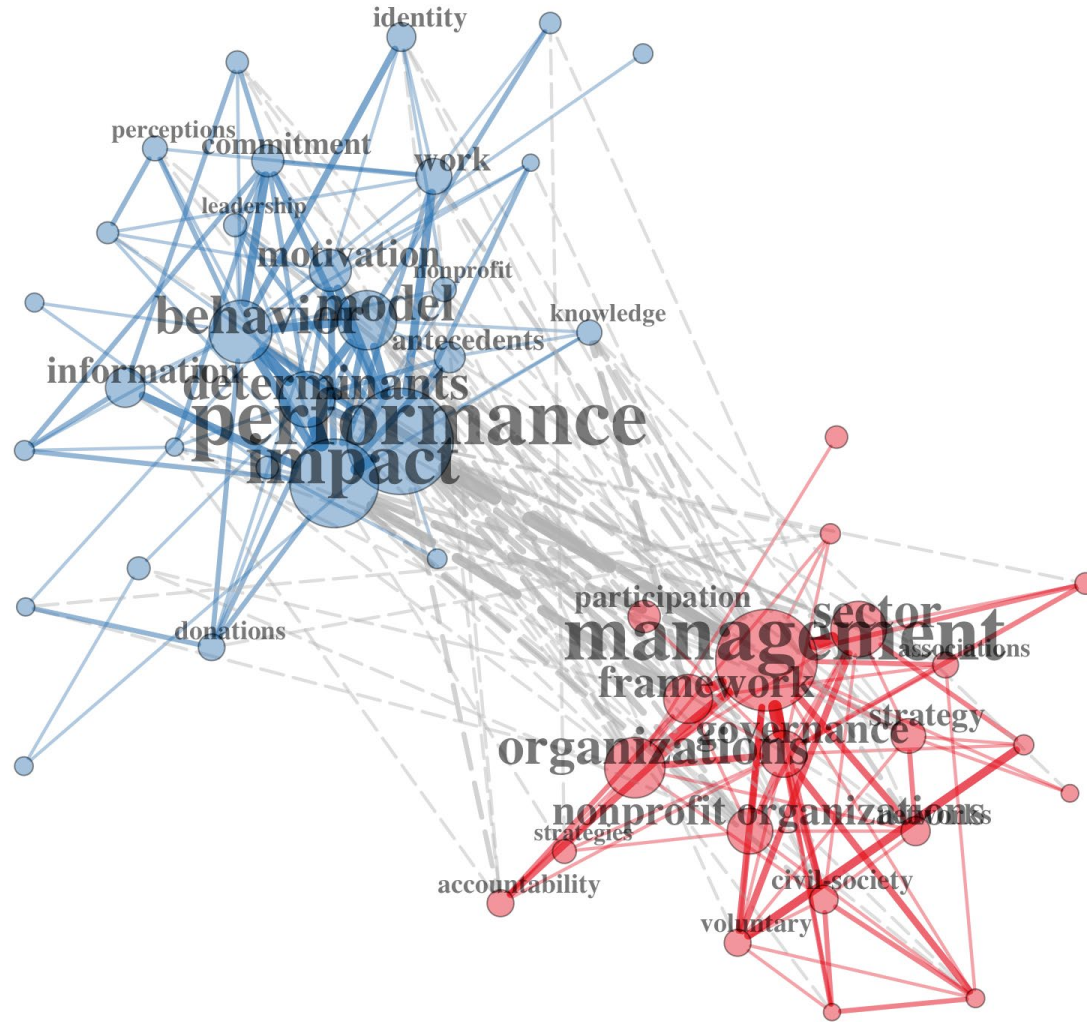


## Co-Citation Network



# INTELLECTUAL STRUCTURE OF THE FIELD

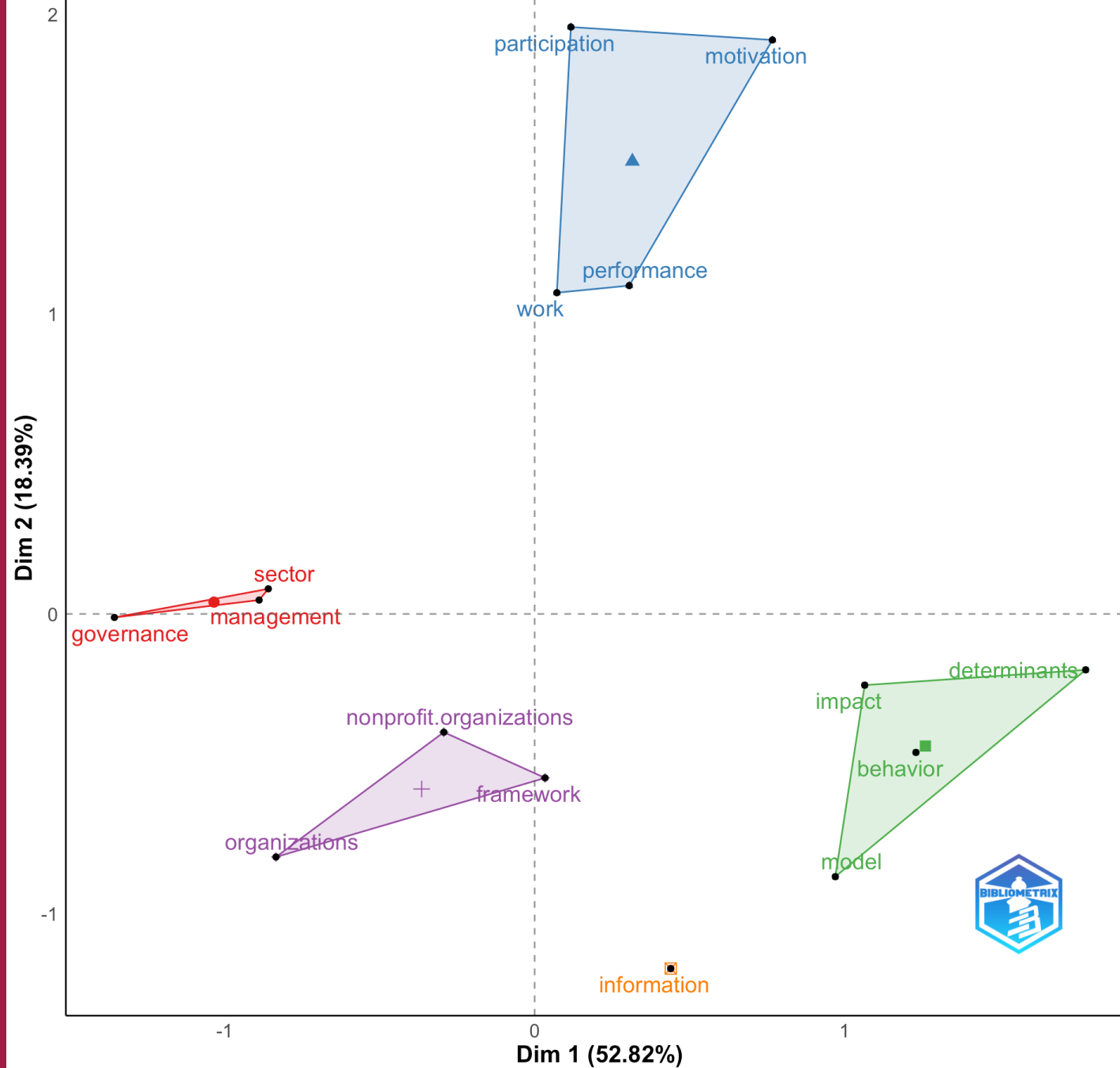
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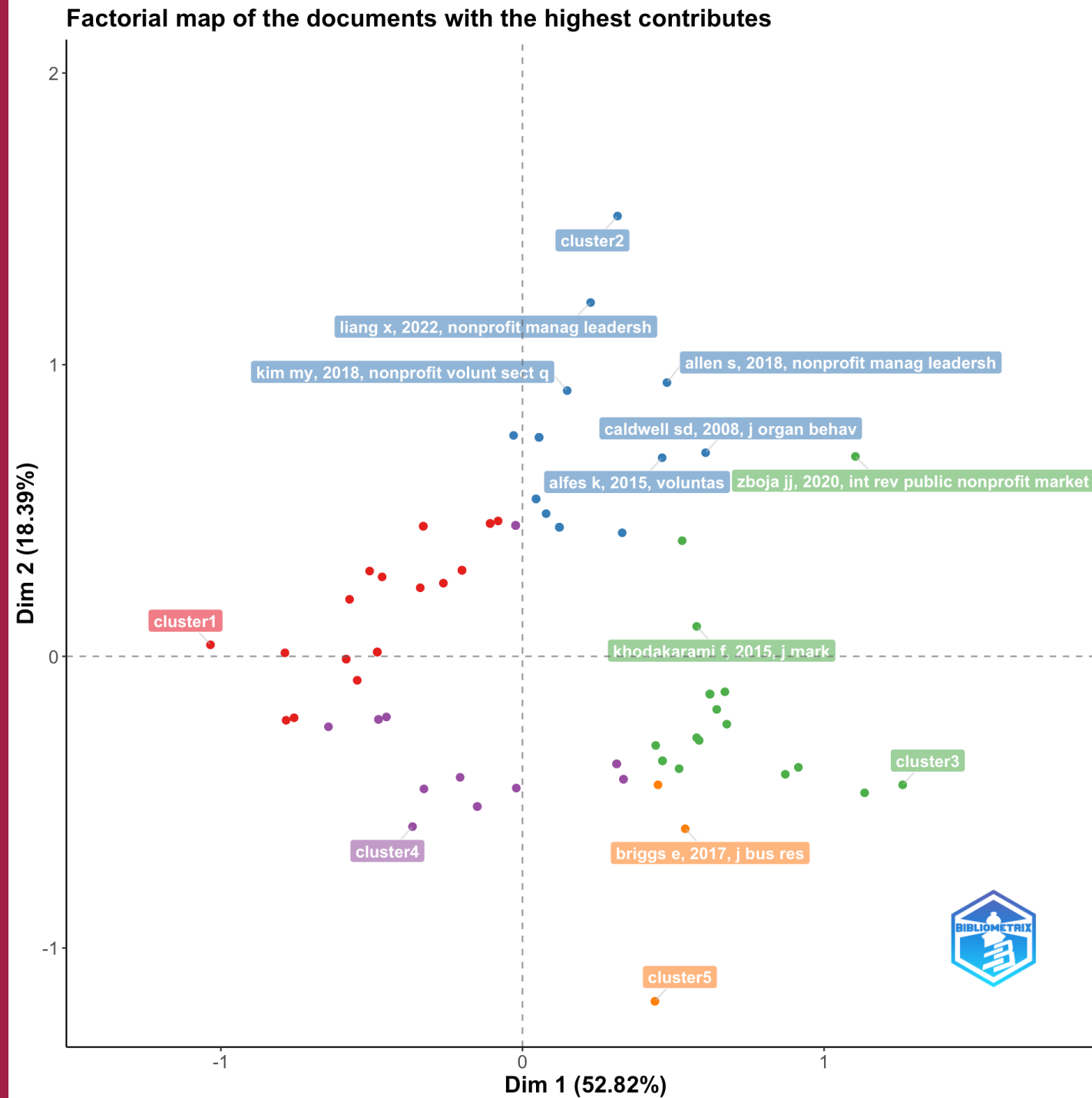
# KEYWORD CO- OCCURRENCES



# Conceptual Structure Map - method: MCA

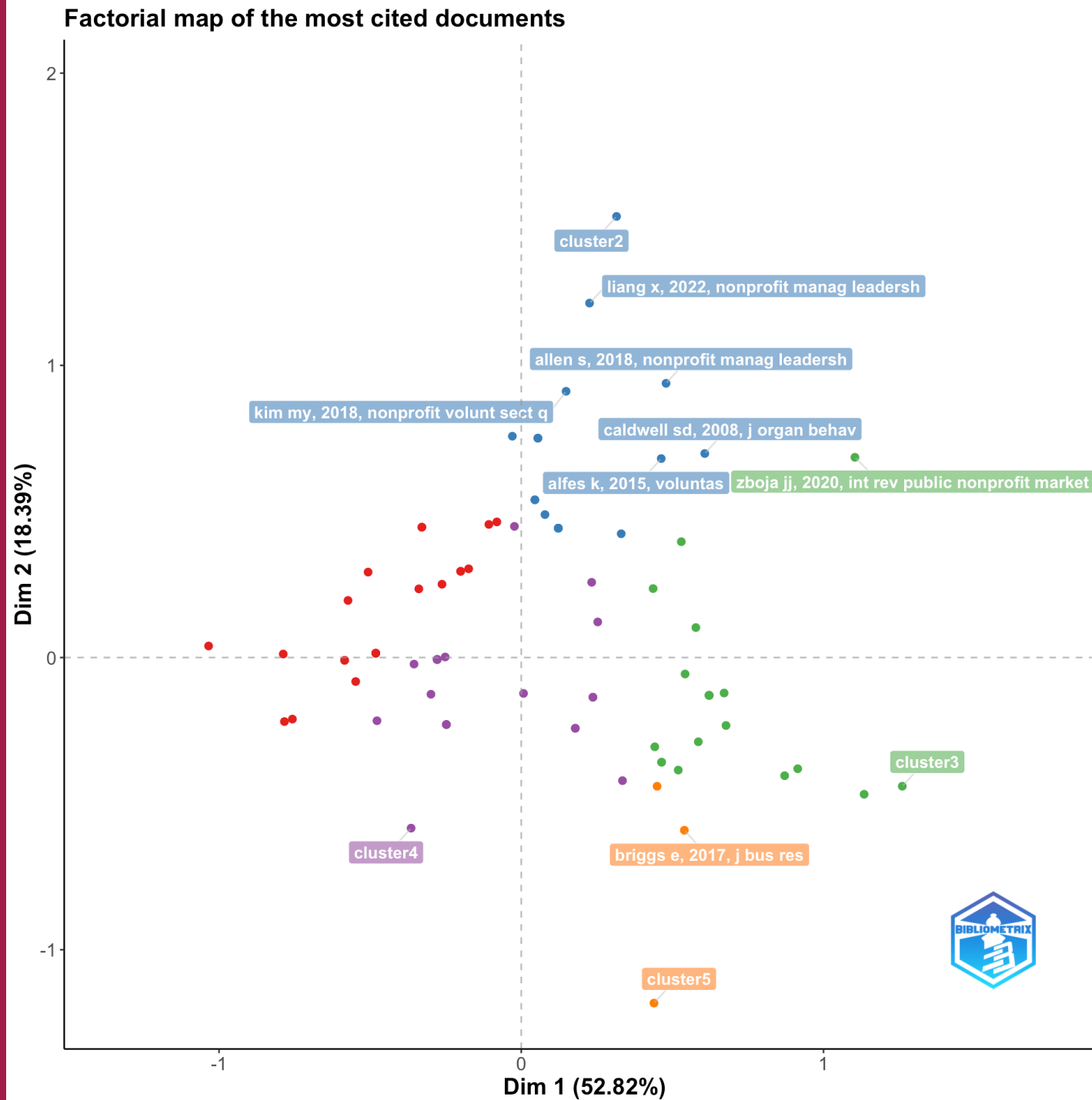


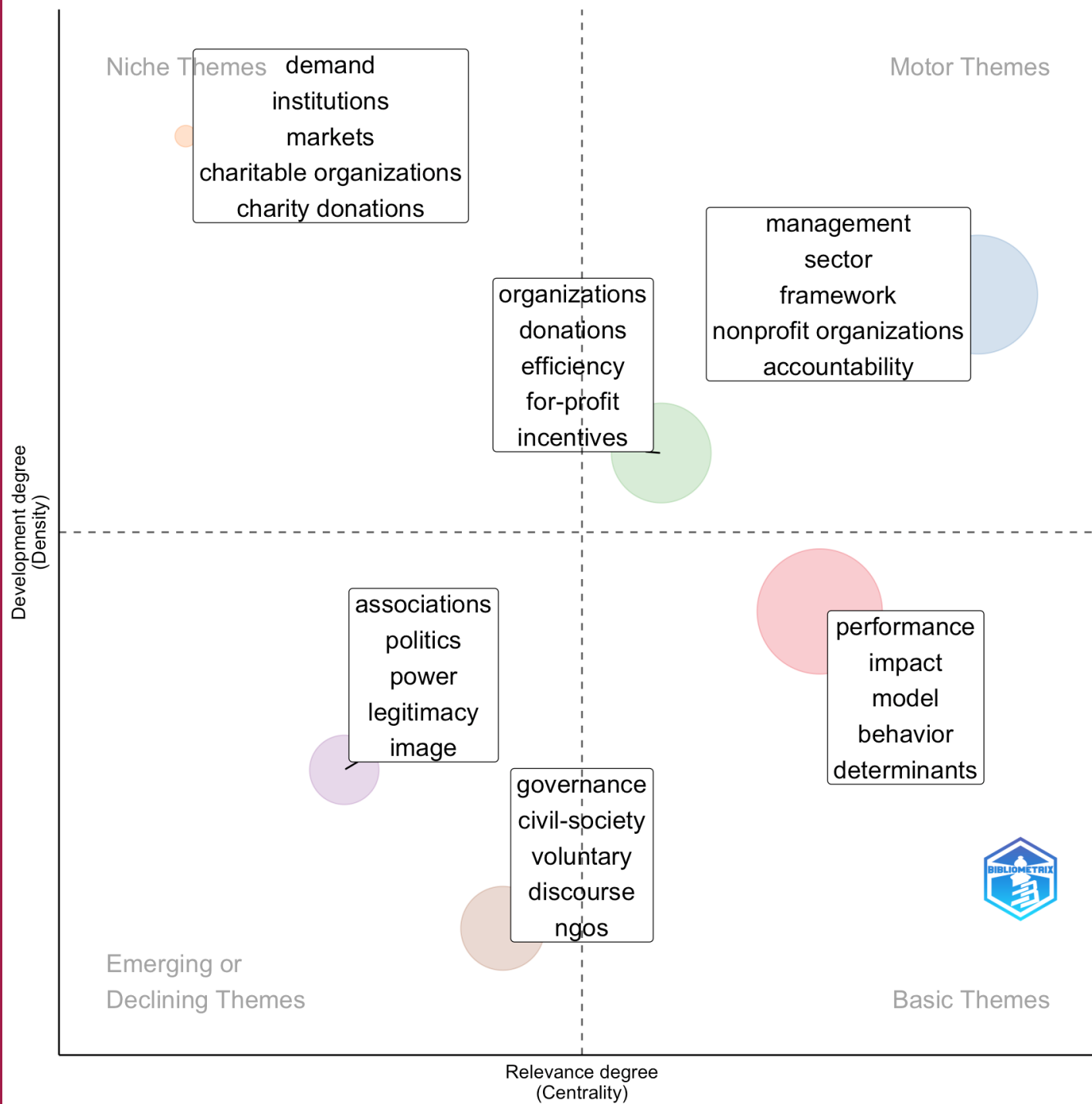
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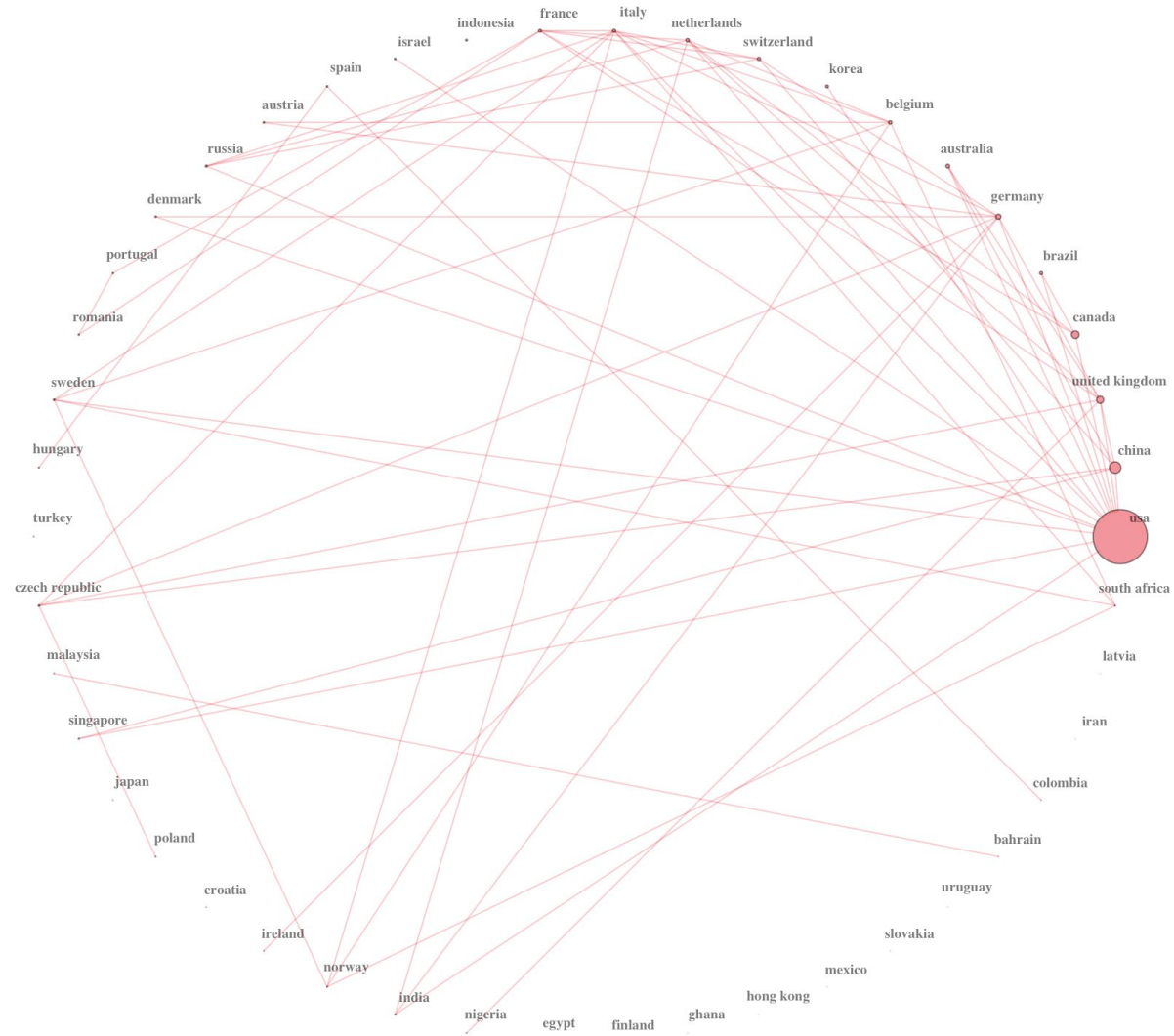
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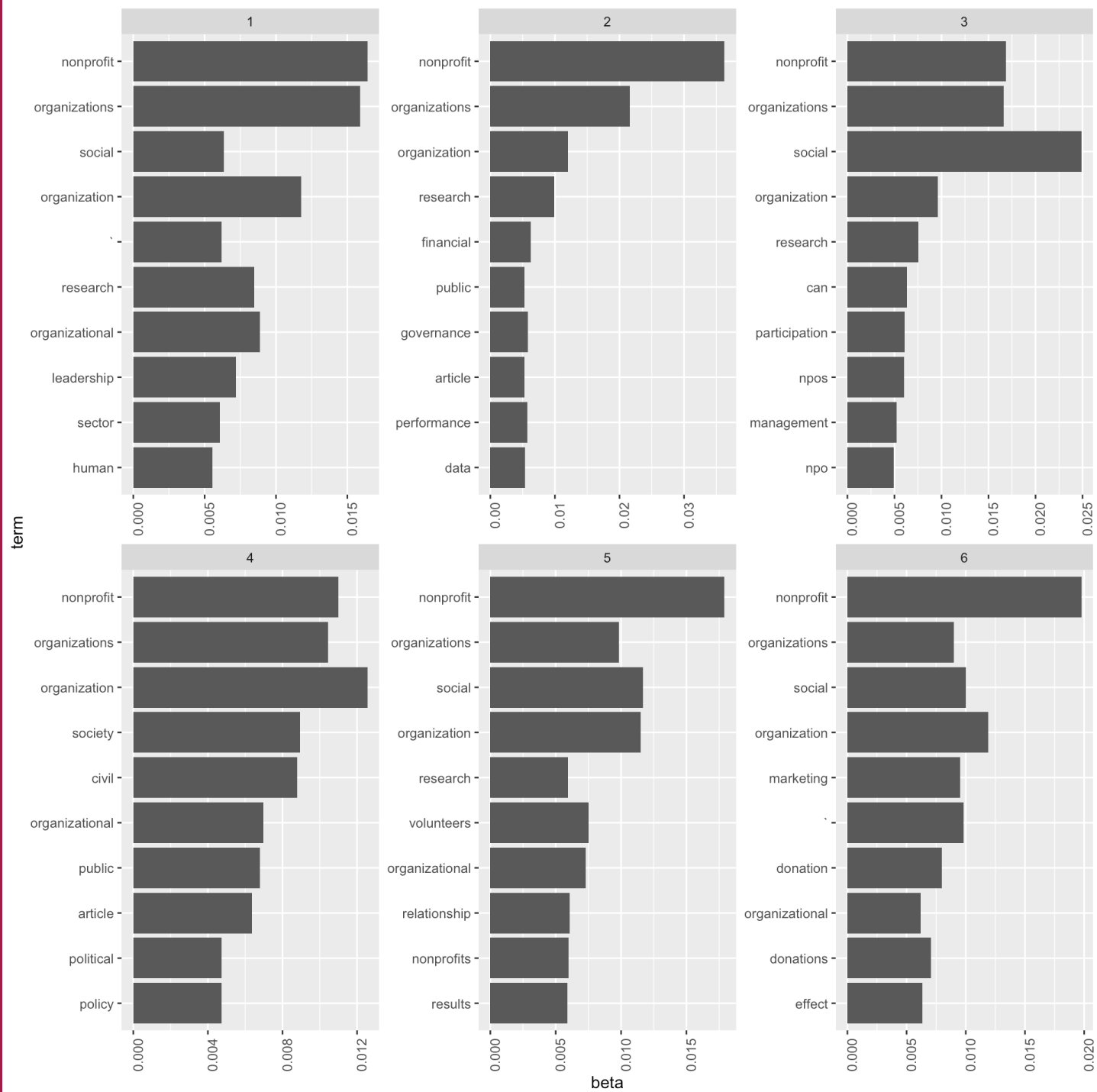


# COUNTRY COLLABORATION NETWORKS

## Country collaboration



# TOPIC ANALYSIS



## CONCLUSIONS OF THE ANALYSIS

- **DOMINATION, IN TERMS OF NUMBER 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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