“Citation Analysis as a measure of Research Impact”

The presence and number of citations are frequently used to assess the influence of a particular article, author, journal or field of research. Whilst it is acknowledged that the total number of citations do not necessarily correlate with article quality, nevertheless a high number of citations for a particular article is suggestive of considerable influence on other researchers and as such is one example of a measure of research impact. Citation analysis has been an important feature of previous University research evaluations and, based on current consultations, the forthcoming Research Excellence Framework assessment is likely to be no exception.

This presentation will explore the influence of citations on assessments of journal quality, and will identify a range of accessible tools available to assist the individual researcher to analyse their own, and other researchers’ citation profiles. These citation analysis tools have been used by the researcher to analyse the impact of her own publications within a PhD by Published Works, and this citation analysis methodology has now been adopted by others registered on this doctorate route.

All welcome!