

Citation Analysis of Indigenous Research in Taiwan: A Study of Taiwan Journal of Indigenous Studies

Abstract

The citations of a published paper reveal meaningful relationships between a paper and the reference (Feeley, 2008), which helps us identify the connections and the positions a paper may have in its field. The citation analysis has been utilized to demonstrate the network of knowledge (Lin, Wang, & Tsai, 2010), the journal impacts (Levine, 2010), and the evolution of the field (Chang & Tai, 2005).

The College of Indigenous Studies (CIS) at National Dong Hwa University was established in 2001 to promote the development of indigenous culture and education. Since 2008 the *Taiwan Journal of Indigenous Studies* (TJIS) has been published quarterly by the CIS to provide a venue for intellectual discourse and communication in the field of indigenous studies in Taiwan. The citation patterns in TJIS may exhibit some tangible evidence of the development of Taiwan indigenous studies. The current research examines a total number of 110 articles published in 16 issues from 2008 to 2011. The forms, the year, and the frequency of cited materials in the published papers are investigated to identify the most influential studies and scholars. Additionally, the network analysis is conducted to map the intellectual structure of indigenous studies in Taiwan.

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