



**H-index of East Asian Studies Journals according to
Google Scholar Metrics (2012-2016)**

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Abstract

This report presents a ranking of East Asian Studies (EAS) journals indexed by Google Scholar Metrics (GSM) during the 2012-2016 period. Being the fifth in a collection of working papers that has covered the same data since the 2008-2012 period, it represents an update of the ranking and can be used to compare the evolution of the journals as far as h-index is concerned.

GSM poses a series of methodological problems as a bibliometric tool. First, it does not currently allow grouping and sorting all journals belonging to a scientific discipline, but only shows the 20 journals with the greatest impact by topic, which is measured using the h-index. Second, it only lists journals according to academic disciplines if they are written in English. Last but not least, the nearest area to East Asian Studies offered by GSM is "Asian Studies & History". Therefore the list of the 20 most cited journals has a clear bias towards the Social Sciences and does not include many EAS journals with a higher h-index.

In order to overcome the above-mentioned limitations, librarians from the Library of Humanities at Autonomous University of Barcelona used a diversity of search procedures to identify title by title the greatest number of EAS journals possible. This search was carried out in September 2017, using keywords in different languages (including Chinese, Korean and Japanese) and Boolean operators. However, from an initial list of 170 titles provided by the Department of Translation and Interpreting and East Asian Studies of the same university, only 86 titles had a h5-index, which means that GSM only covers 50,6% of all active EAS journals. In this sense, it must be reminded that GSM only takes into account journals that have published at least 100 articles during the analysed period and that have received at least one citation.

Journals are sorted according to their h5-index in descending order. In case of draw, the discriminating value is the h5-median.¹

¹ The h5-index and h5-median of a publication are, respectively, the h-index and h-median of only those of its articles that were published in the last five complete calendar years.



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East Asian Studies (2012-2016)

Rank	Country	Journal	ISSN	ISSN-e	h5-index	h5-median
1	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of Asian earth sciences</i>	1367-9120	1878-5786	47	69
2	China	<i>Zhongguo Shehui Kexue (中国社会科学)</i>	1002-4921	-	39	54
3	United Kingdom	<i>China quarterly</i>	0305-7410	1468-2648	27	45
4	China	<i>Zhongguo Fanyi (中国翻译) = Chinese translators journal</i>	1000-873X	-	24	35
5	United States	<i>Journal of contemporary China</i>	1067-0564	1469-9400	23	35
6	United States	<i>Journal of Asian economics</i>	1049-0078	1873-7927	23	34
7	United Kingdom	<i>Europe-Asia studies</i>	0966-8136	1465-3427	23	31
8	Korea	<i>Asia Pacific journal of tourism research</i>	1094-1665	1741-6507	22	32
9	China	<i>Zhongguo Nongcun Jingji (中国农村经济) = Chinese rural economy</i>	1002-8870	-	20	24
10	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of contemporary Asia</i>	0047-2336	1752-7554	19	34
11	Australia	<i>China journal = Zhongguo Yanjiu (中國研究)</i>	1324-9347	1835-8535	18	25
12	United States	<i>Eurasian geography and economics</i>	1538-7216	1938-2863	17	27
13	China	<i>Zhongguo Renkou Kexue (中国人口科学) = Chinese journal of population science</i>	1000-7881	-	17	23
14	United States	<i>Asian survey</i>	0004-4687	1533-838X	17	21
15	United Kingdom	<i>China & world economy</i>	1671-2234	1749-124X	16	29
16	United States	<i>Modern China</i>	0097-7004	1552-6836	14	31
17	Germany	<i>Asia Europe journal</i>	1610-2932	-	14	21
18	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of North African studies</i>	1362-9387	1743-9345	14	19
19	Netherlands	<i>China information = Zhongguo Qingbao (中国情报)</i>	0920-203X	1741-590X	13	29
20	United States	<i>Critical Asian studies</i>	1467-2715	-	13	24
21	United States	<i>Journal of Asian studies</i>	0021-9118	1752-0401	13	18



21	China	<i>Shanghai Fanyi (上海翻译) = Shanghai journal of translators</i>	1672-9358	-	13	18
22	Australia	<i>Asian studies review</i>	1035-7823	1467-8403	13	17
22	Taiwan	<i>Language and linguistics (語言暨語言學)</i>	1606-822X	2309-5067	13	17
22	Spain	<i>Revista CIDOB d'afers internacionals</i>	1133-6595	2013-035X	13	17
23	United Kingdom	<i>Modern Asian studies</i>	0026-749X	1469-8099	13	15
24	United States	<i>Asian perspectives</i>	0066-8435	1535-8283	11	13
25	Hong Kong	<i>China perspectives = Shenzhou Zhanwang (神州展望)</i>	2070-3449	1996-4617	10	18
26	United Kingdom	<i>Asian ethnicity</i>	1463-1369	1469-2953	10	16
27	Netherlands	<i>East Asia</i>	1096-6838	1874-6284	10	13
27	United Kingdom	<i>Inter-Asia cultural studies</i>	1464-9373	1469-8447	10	13
27	China	<i>Shijie Hanyu Jiaoxue (世界汉语教学) = Chinese teaching in the world</i>	1002-5804	-	10	13
27	China	<i>Zhongguo Yuwen (中国语文) = Chinese language</i>	0578-1949	-	10	13
28	Singapore	<i>Journal of Southeast Asian studies</i>	0022-4634	1474-0680	9	15
29	Singapore	<i>Journal of Southeast Asian economies</i>	2339-5095	2339-5206	9	14
30	Hong Kong	<i>China review</i>	1680-2012	-	9	13
30	China	<i>Yuyan Jiaoxue Yu Yanjiu (语言教学与研究) = Language teaching and linguistic studies</i>	0257-9448	-	9	13
31	Australia	<i>Asia Pacific journal of anthropology</i>	1444-2213	-	9	12
32	United States	<i>Comparative studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East</i>	1089-201X	1548-226X	9	11
32	Korea	<i>Korea observer</i>	0023-3919	-	9	11
33	Netherlands	<i>Asian journal of social science</i>	1568-4849	1568-5314	8	11
33	Korea	<i>Global Asia</i>	1976-068X	-	8	11
33	China	<i>Zhongguo Keji Fanyi (中国科技翻译) = Chinese science & technology translators journal</i>	1002-0489	-	8	11



34	United States	<i>Japan Forum</i>	0955-5803	1469-932X	8	10
35	China	<i>Yuyan yanjiu (语言研究)</i>	1000-1263	-	7	11
36	United States	<i>Positions: East Asia cultures critique</i>	1067-9847	1527-8271	7	10
36	China	<i>Yunnan Shifan Daxue xuebao. Duiwai hanyu jiaoxue yu yanjiu ban (对外汉语教学与研究)</i>	1672-1306	-	7	10
36	Netherlands	<i>Journal of Asian Pacific communication</i>	0957-6851	1569-9838	7	10
37	China	<i>Waiguo Wenxue Yanjiu (外国文学研究) = Foreign literature studies</i>	1003-7519	-	7	9
38	China	<i>Zhongguo Xiandai Wenxue Yanjiu Congkan (中国现代文学研究丛刊)</i>	1003-0263	-	7	8
39	United Kingdom	<i>Asian affairs</i>	0306-8374	1477-1500	6	19
40	United States	<i>Journal of Chinese linguistics = Zhongguo Yuyan Xuebao (中國語言學報)</i>	0091-3723	-	6	14
41	United States	<i>Journal of Japanese studies</i>	0095-6848	1549-4721	6	11
42	United States	<i>Cross-currents</i>	2158-9666	2158-9674	6	10
43	United States	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>	0003-0279	2169-2289	6	9
44	China	<i>Social sciences in China</i>	0252-9203	1940-5952	6	8
45	United Kingdom	<i>Asian philosophy</i>	0955-2367	1469-2961	6	7
45	United Kingdom	<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies</i>	0041-977X	1474-0699	6	7
45	United Kingdom	<i>Social science Japan journal</i>	1369-1465	1468-2680	6	7
46	United States	<i>Asian theatre journal</i>	0742-5457	1527-2109	6	6
47	Japan	<i>Asian ethnology</i>	1882-6865	-	5	7
47	Korea	<i>Korea journal</i>	0023-3900	-	5	7
48	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society</i>	1356-1863	1474-0591	5	6
48	China	<i>Yuyan Yu Fanyi (语言与翻译) = Language and translation</i>	1001-0823	-	5	6
48	China	<i>Zhongguo Wenxue Yanjiu (中国文学研究)</i>	1003-7535	-	5	6



48	Germany	<i>Welt des Orients</i>	0043-2547	2196-9019	5	6
49	Germany	<i>Chinese journal of applied linguistics</i> (中国应用语言学)	2192-9505	2192-9513	4	9
50	Italy	<i>Between</i>	-	2039-6597	4	6
51	Mexico	<i>Estudios de Asia y África</i>	0185-0164	-	4	5
51	Netherlands	<i>T'oung Pao</i> (通報)	0082-5433	1568-5322	4	5
51	United Kingdom	<i>Twentieth-century China</i>	1521-5385	1940-5065	4	5
52	China	<i>Chinese language globalization studies</i> (汉语国际传播研究)	-	-	4	4
52	Taiwan	<i>Concentric: literary and cultural studies = Tongxinyuan: Wenxue Yu Wenhua Yanjiu</i> (同心圓與文學與文化研究)	1729-6897	1729-8792	4	4
53	United States	<i>Harvard journal of Asiatic studies</i>	0073-0548	1944-6454	3	5
53	Taiwan	<i>Huayu Wenjiaoxue Yanjiu</i> (華語文教學研究) = <i>Journal of chinese language teaching</i>	1811-8429	-	3	5
54	Czech Republic	<i>Archiv orientální = Oriental archive</i>	0044-8699	-	3	4
54	France	<i>Extrême-Orient, Extrême-Occident</i>	0754-5010	2108-7105	3	4
55	Switzerland	<i>Asiatische Studien</i>	0004-4717	2235-5871	3	3
55	Germany	<i>Central Asiatic journal</i>	0008-9192	-	3	3
56	Hong Kong	<i>Arts of Asia</i>	0004-4083	-	2	4
56	Germany	<i>Journal of Asian history</i>	0021-910X	-	2	4
57	Netherlands	<i>Nan nü</i> (男女): <i>men, women and gender in early and imperial China</i>	1387-6805	1568-5268	2	3
58	China	<i>Guoji Hanxue</i> (国际汉学) = <i>International Sinology</i>	2095-9257	-	2	2
58	Japan	<i>Monumenta Nipponica = Nippon bunka shiso</i>	0027-0741	1880-1390	2	2
59	United States	<i>China review international = Zhongguo Yanjiu Shuping</i> (中國研究書評)	1069-5834	1527-9367	1	1
59	Japan	<i>Gendai Chûgoku Kenkyû</i> (現代中国研究)	1343-2656	-	1	1



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