



H-index of East Asian Studies Journals according to Google Scholar Metrics (2015-2019)

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Abstract

This report presents a ranking of East Asian Studies (EAS) journals indexed by Google Scholar Metrics (GSM) during the 2015-2019 period. Being the eighth 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 July 2019, using keywords in different languages (including Chinese, Korean and Japanese) and Boolean operators. However, from an initial list of 178 titles provided by the Department of Translation and Interpreting and East Asian Studies of the same university, only 93 titles had a h5-index, which means that GSM only covers 52% of all active EAS journals. In this sense, it must be reminded that GSM only considers 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 (2015-2019)

Rank	Country	Journal	ISSN	ISSN-e	h5-index	h5-median
1	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of Asian Earth Sciences</i>	1367-9120	1878-5786	45	60
2	United Kingdom	<i>China Quarterly</i>	0305-7410	1468-2648	31	56
3	Korea	<i>Asia Pacific Journal of Tourism Research</i>	1094-1665	1741-6507	31	38
4	United States	<i>Journal of Contemporary China</i>	1067-0564	1469-9400	30	41
5	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of Contemporary Asia</i>	0047-2336	1752-7554	28	39
6	United Kingdom	<i>Europe-Asia Studies</i>	0966-8136	1465-3427	26	38
7	United States	<i>Eurasian Geography and Economics</i>	1538-7216	1938-2863	24	31
8	China	<i>Zhongguo Shehui Kexue (中国社会科学)</i>	1002-4921	-	23	36
9	United States	<i>Journal of Asian Economics</i>	1049-0078	1873-7927	21	33
10	Australia	<i>China journal = Zhongguo Yanjiu (中國研究)</i>	1324-9347	1835-8535	19	30
11	Germany	<i>Asia Europe Journal: Studies on Common Policy Challenges</i>	1610-2932	-	18	24
12	United States	<i>Critical Asian Studies</i>	1467-2715	-	17	29
13	United Kingdom	<i>China & World Economy</i>	1671-2234	1749-124X	17	25
14	Singapore	<i>Asian Journal of Communication</i>	0129-2986	1742-0911	16	23
14	United States	<i>Journal of Asian Studies</i>	0021-9118	1752-0401	16	23



15	China	<i>Zhongguo Nongcun Jingji (中国农村经济) = Chinese Rural Economy</i>	1002-8870	-	16	21
16	United States	<i>Asian Survey</i>	0004-4687	1533-838X	16	20
17	United States	<i>Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus</i>	-	1557-4660	15	24
18	United Kingdom	<i>Modern Asian Studies</i>	0026-749X	1469-8099	15	19
19	Netherlands	<i>China Information = Zhongguo Qingbao (中国情报)</i>	0920-203X	1741-590X	15	18
20	Australia	<i>Asian studies review</i>	1035-7823	1467-8403	14	21
21	United States	<i>Modern China</i>	0097-7004	1552-6836	14	19
22	Singapore	<i>Journal of Southeast Asian Economies</i>	2339-5095	2339-5206	14	17
23	China	<i>Zhongguo Renkou Kexue (中国人口科学) = Chinese Journal of Population Science</i>	1000-7881	-	13	23
24	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of North African Studies</i>	1362-9387	1743-9345	13	18
25	Hong Kong	<i>China Review</i>	1680-2012	-	13	17
26	United Kingdom	<i>Inter-Asia Cultural Studies</i>	1464-9373	1469-8447	12	29
27	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of China Tourism Research</i>	1938-8160	1938-8179	12	21
27	United States	<i>Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East</i>	1089-201X	1548-226X	12	21
28	United Kingdom	<i>Asian Ethnicity</i>	1463-1369	1469-2953	12	19
28	Hong Kong	<i>China Perspectives = Shenzhou Zhanwang (神州展)</i>	2070-3449	1996-4617	12	19



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29	China	<i>Zhongguo Fanyi (中国翻译) = Chinese Translators Journal</i>	1000-873X	-	12	18
30	United Kingdom	<i>Social Science Japan Journal</i>	1369-1465	1468-2680	11	20
31	Netherlands	<i>East Asia</i>	1096-6838	1874-6284	11	17
32	United States	<i>Asian Perspectives</i>	0066-8435	1535-8283	11	14
32	United States	<i>Positions: East Asia Cultures Critique</i>	1067-9847	1527-8271	11	14
33	United States	<i>Japan Forum</i>	0955-5803	1469-932X	10	19
34	United Kingdom	<i>Asian Affairs</i>	0306-8374	1477-1500	10	17
35	Australia	<i>Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology</i>	1444-2213	-	10	13
36	Taiwan	<i>Language and Linguistics (語言暨語言學)</i>	1606-822X	2309-5067	9	14
37	Spain	<i>Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals</i>	1133-6595	2013-035X	9	13
38	Germany	<i>Chinese Journal of Applied Linguistics (中国应用语言学)</i>	2192-9505	2192-9513	9	12
39	Netherlands	<i>Asian Journal of Social Science</i>	1568-4849	1568-5314	8	11
40	United States	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>	0003-0279	2169-2289	8	10
40	Japan	<i>Asian Ethnology</i>	1882-6865	-	8	10
41	United Kingdom	<i>Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society</i>	1356-1863	1474-0591	8	9
42	Singapore	<i>Journal of Southeast Asian Studies</i>	0022-4634	1474-0680	7	14
43	United	<i>Bulletin of the School of</i>	0041-977X	1474-0699	7	11



	Kingdom	<i>Oriental and African Studies</i>				
43	China	<i>Yuyan Jiaoxue Yu Yanjiu (语言教学与研究) = Language Teaching and Linguistic studies</i>	0257-9448	-	7	11
43	United States	<i>Cross-Currents</i>	2158-9666	2158-9674	7	11
44	China	<i>Shanghai Fanyi (上海翻译) = Shanghai Journal of Translators</i>	1672-9358	-	7	9
44	Netherlands	<i>Journal of Asian Pacific Communication</i>	0957-6851	1569-9838	7	9
44	United States	<i>Journal of Chinese linguistics = Zhongguo Yuyan Xuebao (中国语言学报)</i>	0091-3723	-	7	9
45	China	<i>Shijie Hanyu Jiaoxue (世界汉语教学) = Chinese Teaching in the World</i>	1002-5804	-	7	8
45	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	8
45	United Kingdom	<i>Asian Philosophy</i>	0955-2367	1469-2961	7	8
45	Korea	<i>Korea Observer</i>	0023-3919		7	8
46	China	<i>Yuyan Wenzi Yingyong (语言文字应用) = Applied Linguistics</i>	1003-5397	-	6	11
47	United States	<i>Journal of Japanese Studies</i>	0095-6848	1549-4721	6	10
48	Korea	<i>Development and Society</i>	1598-8074	-	6	9



49	China	<i>Social Sciences in China</i>	0252-9203	1940-5952	6	8
50	Korea	<i>Global Asia</i>	1976-068X	-	6	7
50	Netherlands	<i>Journal of Chinese Overseas</i>	1793-0391	1793-2548	6	7
51	China	<i>Zhongguo Yuwen (中国语文)</i> = Chinese Language	0578-1949	-	6	6
52	China	<i>Zhongguo Keji Fanyi (中国科技翻译)</i> = Chinese Science & Technology Translators Journal	1002-0489	-	5	8
52	United Kingdom	<i>Twentieth-Century China</i>	1521-5385	1940-5065	5	8
53	United States	<i>Asian Theatre Journal</i>	0742-5457	1527-2109	5	6
53	Switzerland	<i>Asiatische Studien</i>	0004-4717	2235-5871	5	6
53	United States	<i>Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies</i>	0073-0548	1944-6454	5	6
53	Mexico	<i>Estudios de Asia y África</i>	0185-0164	-	5	6
54	Germany	<i>Welt des Orients</i>	0043-2547	2196-9019	5	5
54	Czech Republic	<i>Archiv orientální = Oriental archive</i>	0044-8699	-	5	5
54	United States	<i>Verge: Studies in Global Asias</i>	-	-	5	5
55	Taiwan	<i>Concentric: Literary and Cultural Studies = Tongxinyuan: Wenxue Yu Wenhua Yanjiu (同心圓與文學與文化研究)</i>	1729-6897	1729-8792	4	9
56	Korea	<i>Korea Journal</i>	0023-3900	-	4	7
57	Netherlands	<i>T'oung Pao (通報)</i>	0082-5433	1568-5322	4	6
57	Germany	<i>Monumenta serica</i>	0254-9948	-	4	6



57	Netherlands	<i>Nan Nü (男女): Men, Women and Gender in Early and Imperial China</i>	1387-6805	1568-5268	4	6
58	China	<i>Yuyan Yanjiu (语言研究)</i>	1000-1263	-	4	5
59	China	<i>Waiguo Wenxue Yanjiu (外国文学研究) = Foreign Literature Studies</i>	1003-7519	-	4	4
59	China	<i>Zhongguo Xiandai Wenxue Yanjiu Congkan (中国现代文学研究丛刊)</i>	1003-0263	-	4	4
59	Germany	<i>Journal of Asian History</i>	0021-910X	-	4	4
60	Italy	<i>Between</i>	-	2039-6597	3	9
61	China	<i>Yuyanxue Luncong</i>	-	-	3	5
62	United States	<i>Chinese Literature Today</i>	2151-4399	2156-8634	3	4
63	Japan	<i>Monumenta Nipponica = Nippon bunka shiso</i>	0027-0741	1880-1390	3	3
64	Germany	<i>Central Asiatic Journal</i>	0008-9192	-	2	4
65	China	<i>Zhongguo Wenxue Yanjiu (中国文学研究)</i>	1003-7535	-	2	3
66	China	<i>Dongfang Fanyi (东方翻译) = East Journal of Translation</i>	1674-6686		2	3
67	Hong Kong	<i>Arts of Asia: the Asian Arts and Antiques Magazine</i>	0004-4083	-	2	2
67	China	<i>Guoji Hanxue (国际汉学) = International Sinology</i>	2095-9257	-	2	2
68	United States	<i>China Review International = Zhongguo Yanjiu Shuping (中国研究書評)</i>	1069-5834	1527-9367	1	3



69	Spain	<i>Instituto Confucio</i>	1674-9723	-	1	2
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