



***The Algerian Scientific Journal Platform (ASJP):
Do quality and quantity go hand in hand ?***

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Some pre independance statistics regarding education in Algeria

- Colonization = Algerians were generally excluded from education except a very small minority.
- Independance = Governments tried to to catch up by generalizing education at all levels
- 1962 Independance year
 - ❑ Elementary schools 778 000 pupils
 - ❑ Secondary schools 30 000 pupils
 - ❑ Higher education 2800 students.....
- Population 11 778 220

Fast forward to 2023

- School year 2023/2024 : 11 000 000 pupils at primary and secondary schools
- Population : 44 487 616
- Basic education compulsory until 16.
- Students in Higher Education : 1 600 000 (66% females)
- Graduating: 400 000 / year
- 111 Higher education institutions (Universities, University Centers, Superior Schools, etc..)
- A small number of private institutions

Rosy picture isn't it ? More statistics

- 7500 doctors graduating / year
 - There are also:
 - ✓ 2731 National Research Programs Projects
 - ✓ 1779 Research Laboratories
 - ✓ 404 Projects with Socio-economic Impact
 - ✓ 72 Common Services
 - ✓ 40 FabLab
 - ✓ 46 Research Units
 - ✓ 42 Incubators
 - ✓ 30 Research Centers
- (Source : The Directorate – General for Scientific Research and Technological Development)

Outputs ? Scientific journals obviously !

- ~ 30-40 000 academic (scientific) journals worldwide
- Journal Impact Factor : criticized, many flaws and westernly oriented
- Dilemma: how to publish and publish good ?
- How to publish and " not perish " ?
- The scourge of predatory (white - black lists, questionable , etc...) publishing looming especially in The Global South where "checks and balances" are not as strong as in The Global North
- THE SOLUTION ? Next slide !!!!!

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The Algerian Scientific Journal Platform : quantity over quality ?

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Information given in an ASJP journal

Academia

أكاديمية للدراسات السياسية

EISSN: 2710-8414

Périodicité: Semestrielle

Taux d'acceptation: 98%

Temps moyen de réponse: 40 Jours

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Année de création: 2013

Pays: Algérie

Institution: Université Hassiba Ben Bouali de Chlef

Facteur d'impact ASJP: 0.1258

- 1-Electronic ISSN
- 2-Periodicity
- 3-Acceptation rate
- 4-Average time before answering
- 5-Average time before publication
- 6- Foundation year
- 7- Country
- 8- Institution's name
- 9- ASJP's Impact Factor

Information on the main page of the journal

- Brief description of the journal.
- Number of volumes, issues and articles.
- Last issue and archive (all issues)
- Journal's ranking (ASJP's internal ranking)
- Editorial board
- Areas covered
- Instructions to authors
- Guide to authors
- Indexed by
- Call to reviewers
- Article submission
- Subscription
- Ten most downloaded articles

Example of a main page on The ASJP

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Rechercher dans cette Revue: 'Academia'

Description

Academia is an international journal double-blind peer-reviewed, bi-annual and free of charge, open-access journal published by which publishes research articles in the fields of political sciences. Issued by the Arab Policy Reform Laboratory, At Faculty of Law and Political Science Hassiba Ben Bouali Chlef University, the first issue of the journal was published in June 2013, under ISSN; 2335-111X, EISSN; 2710-8414, The journal is concerned with publishing all serious scientific studies and research in the three languages: Arabic, French and English, which deal with various political and international issues, Academia journal is an academic, peer-reviewed open non-profit journal indexed, All papers around the world are very welcome in our International Journal and can be sent at any time.



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Volumes

11

Numéros

159

Articles

Les 10 articles les plus téléchargés

The ASJP by numbers

- There are 827 titles subdivided in 29 fields of knowledge.
- 628 titles in Arabic
- 199 in different languages (mainly French and English)
- A small number of the titles publish in different languages (Spanish , German , Turkish, Chinese, etc...)
- The titles are ranked A,B,C and NC (Non Ranked) with A being the most highly ranked going downward toward C and then NC.

More numbers and statistics

- **Multilingual journals**

- ✓ A : 00
- ✓ B : 09 = 04.52 %
- ✓ C : 37 = 18.59 %
- ✓ NC : 153 = 76.88 %

- **Arabic language journals**

- ✓ A : 00
- ✓ B : 02 = 0.31 %
- ✓ C : 245 = 39.1 %
- ✓ NC : 381 = 60.66 %

Combined statistics (multilingual + arabic language)

- A : 00%
- B : 2.42%
- C : 28.8%
- NC : 68.77



- No journal ranked **A**
- Less than 03% ranked **B**
- Less than 1/3 ranked **C** (accepted for PhDs requirement)
- Over 2/3 of the journals not ranked at all (**NC**)

Remarks , oddities, discrepancies and weaknesses

- 827 journals since 2017
- A rate of increase that averages 100 new journals / year
- ✓ (2017:**379**; 2018:**175**; 2019:**17**; 2020:**110**;2021:**106**; 2022:**79**)
- A number of journals exact similar titles.
- A number of journals have titles that do not mean anything (Journal of Scientific Research, Research, The Researcher, Memory, The Thinker , Studies and Research , etc.... !!)
- Almost all the journals have an irregular periodicity
- Some journals have not published for 10-15 years
- The editorial board has sometimes a single person.
- Some journals do not have even reviewers !!!
- Some reviewers are present in more than 20 journals in editorial boards with very different areas of expertise.

The *culprit* ? The (in) Famous D.G.S.R.T.D.

- The Directorate-General for Scientific Research and Technological Development is a body emanating from The M.H.E.S.R.
- Its mission is to manage graduate scientific research at national level.
- It needs to pursue a policy of integrating the researchers in the world of research = PUBLISHING
- Due to systemic weaknesses at the tertiary level, hard for Algerian researchers to publish in high impact factor journals (especially those publishing in Arabic language)

The (in) Famous D.G.S.R.T.D

- Got caught up in the ranking game (*Times Higher Education* (T.H.E.), the *Academic Ranking of World Universities* – A.R.W.U.).
- Algeria has not fared well in these.
- Ferhat Abbas University (Setif) ranked in the upper 1500 worldwide in T.H.E.
- *Scimago Institutions Ranking* ranks 39 universities from Algeria with Université Djillali Liabes-Sidi Bel Abbas (6324) and Université Abbes Laghrour Khenchela (8418)
- *University of Tlemcen* and *Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d'Oran Mohamed Boudiaf* are ranked between 130-150 in the **Arab world** for *Quacquarelli Symonds* ranking system.

Ad Scientific Index to the rescue

Researchers sound alarm on 'predatory' rankings



Rankings for Scientist

University, Subject,
Country, Region, World

- To back up its allegations *advances and developments* , The DGRSTD uses **Ad Scientific Index** as a proof that Algerian researchers are being cited .
- **Ad Scientific Index** has been dubbed " predatory " by researchers and Retraction Watch.
- The reason ? It charges a fee to have one's name included in the index
- Some university ranking are curious for somebody who knows the Algerian situation (**Université de Mascara** better ranked than **Université des Sciences et de la Technologie Houari Boumediene** for example)

OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOPS !!



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Last 6 years H Index	2	#101	#5,224	#58,680	#1,250,241
Last 6 years / Total H Index	1.000				

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The solution (s) ?

- Reducing drastically the number of ASJP's titles.
- Implementing a system resembling " The Journal Publishing Practices and Standards " (J.P.P.S)- managed by A.J.O.L. and I.N.A.S.P.
- Implementing a **anti plagiarism software** that crawls the whole WEB and not only articles published in ASJP as it is the case now.
- Checking the peer review system, peer reviewers' credentials
- Getting away from the " ASJP's Impact Factor " which is easily manipulable.
- A complete overhaul of the access to universities
- Stopping the policy of quantity in Higher Education
- Defining what do Universities in Algeria strive to achieve
- Arriving at an adequate balance between what the University is supposed to inculcate and the Work Market.
- Stopping the populist approach to Higher Education

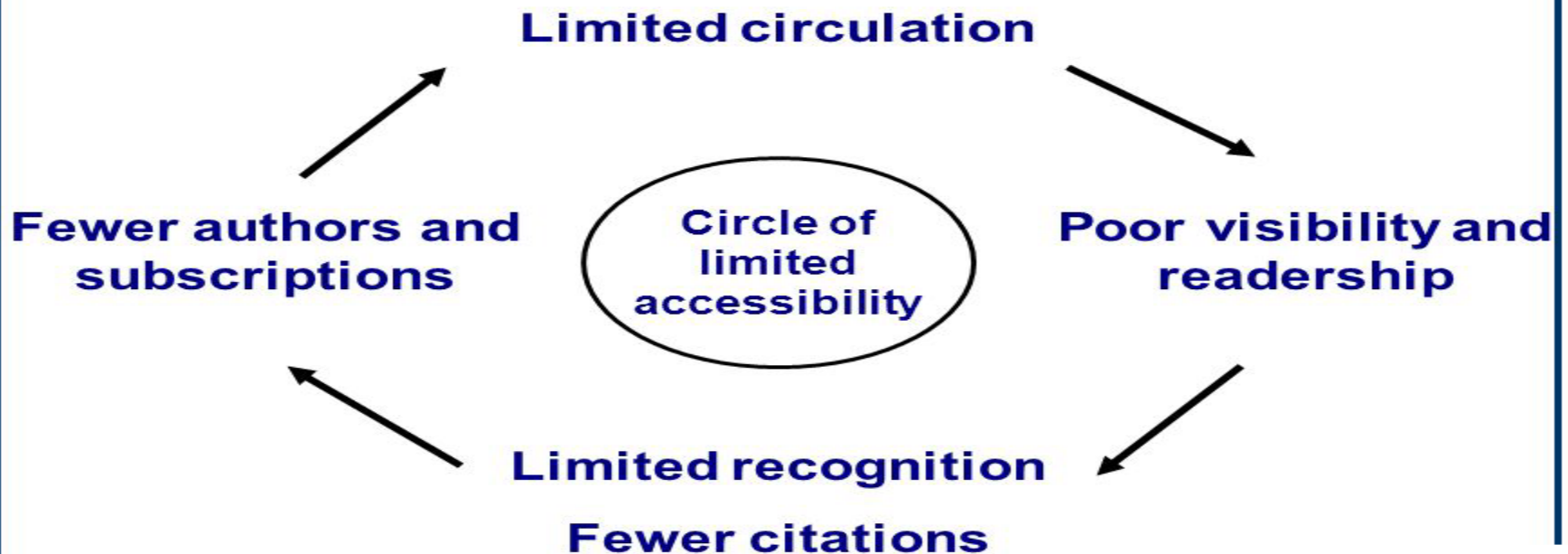


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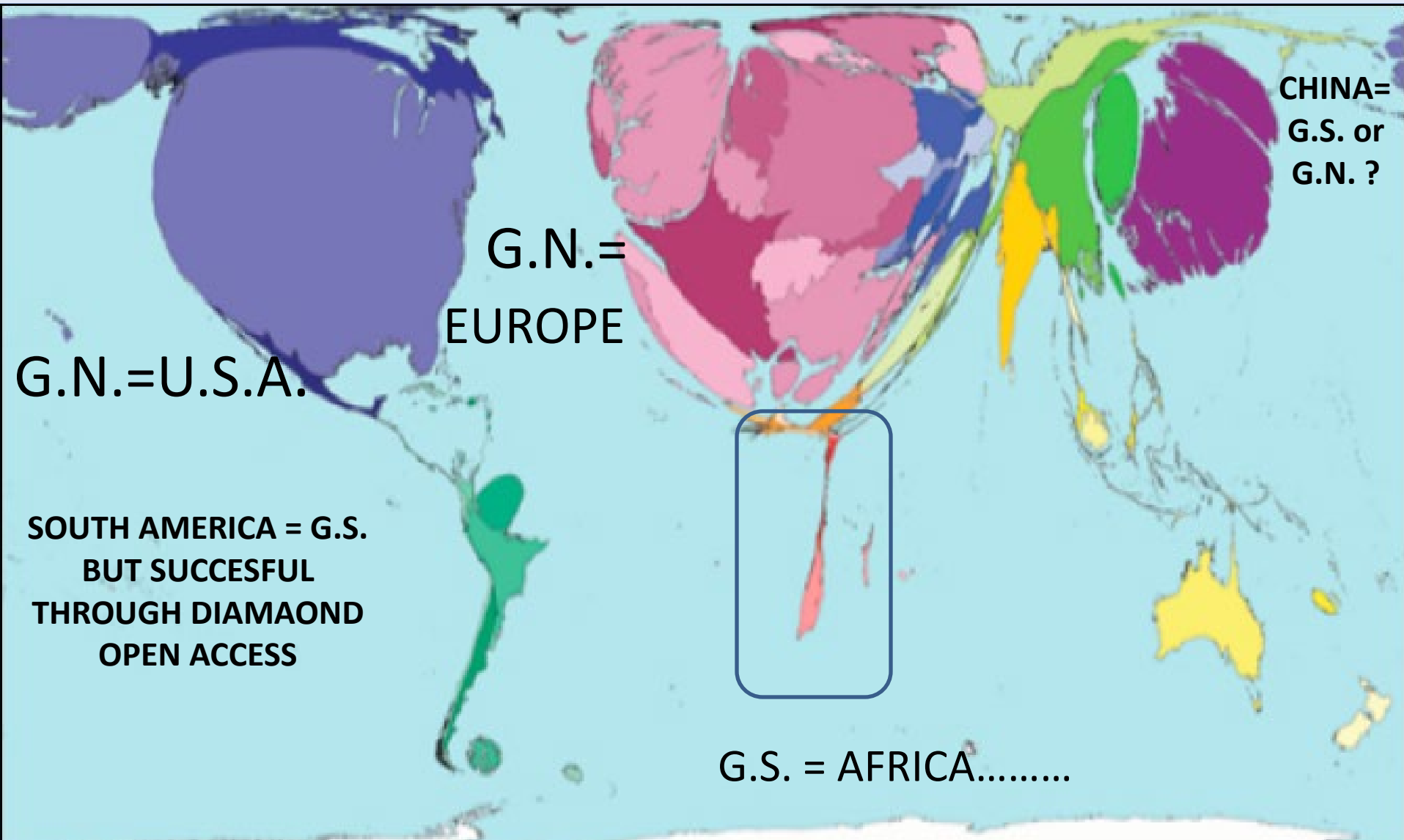
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Ratio of publication between The Global North and The Global South



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YOUR QUESTIONS !

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