Special Issue

Bias in Indexing: Effects on Visibility and Equity

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue seeks to examine the characteristics, methodologies, and broader ramifications of biases in indexing, with a focus on how these factors shape the visibility and coverage of information across various contexts. We invite contributions that critically engage with empirical data, propose novel methodologies for identifying and mitigating biases, and assess the ways in which these practices influence decisions regarding the inclusion of content in academic research, public discourse, and market analyses. The objective is to advance a deeper understanding of how biases in indexing influence knowledge ecosystems and to promote practices that are more inclusive and representative. Addressing these biases is critical, as they affect not only the visibility of research but also its potential for funding, citation impact, and overall scholarly influence. In financial contexts, indexing practices can alter market behavior, influence investment strategies, and shape broader economic perceptions. Research in this domain can offer valuable insights for policy development, inform improvements in indexing methodologies, and foster more equitable dissemination of knowledge.

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