

Relative Ranking of a Selected Pool of Leading Scholars in the Social Sciences by
Number of Citations in the Social Science Citation Index, 2000-2009*

Name	Citations Jan 2009-Dec 2009	Rank Jan 2009-Dec 2009	Citations 2000-2009	Rank 2000-2009
Anthony Giddens	1260	1	9816	1
Robert Putnam	1205	2	8194	2
Jurgen Habermas	918	3	6645	3
David Harvey**	788	4	5165	4
Manuel Castells	674	6	4991	5
Ulrich Beck	749	5	4872	6
Marc Granovetter	594	7	4171	7
Zygmunt Bauman	539	8	3318	8
Daniell Bell**	392	9	2835	9
Saskia Sassen	348	10	2675	10
Amitai Etzioni	200	13	1964	11
David Held	215	11	1912	12
Theda Skocpol	199	14	1815	13
Richard Sennett	203	12	1542	14
Immanuel Wallerstein	169	16	1438	15
Joseph Nye	184	15	1314	16
Guillermo O'Donnell	149	17	1124	17
Claus Offe	108	18	1115	18
Alain Touraine	93	19	652	19
Mary Kaldor	66	20	541	20

* Refers only to living scholars as of December 2009

** For frequently cited scholars with common names and several publications, searches brought up hundreds of citations and it was not always possible to distinguish every single citation to confirm whether it was authored by the required author or another with the same last name and initial. In such cases, it is possible that some citations were erroneously included or excluded. Where there was doubt, the preference was for inclusion rather than exclusion. Therefore, citations for these scholars are more likely to have been overestimated than underestimated. This provision applies especially to the results for these scholars.

Methodology for ranking authors using Social Science Citation Index data

The data for this ranking was obtained from the Social Science Citation Index (SSCI) between February 15 and February 19, 2010. Calculations were done using the following method:

For each year, a General Search was first conducted, using the author's name and initials to obtain a list of the author's own articles available in the SSCI database.

This was followed by a Cited Reference Search, which produced a list of all the author's publications that have been cited by others, including all variants of these citations and the total number of citations of each for the entire time span of the database. These publications were selected and a further search retrieved the total number of articles that cited the author during the specified year. The figures provided here therefore, represent the number of articles that cite the author and not the number of times the author has been cited.

Where the Cited Reference Search retrieved a list larger than the database allows access to, the search for number of citations was conducted in two sets. In addition, when the Cited Reference Search produced a list of references that included different authors with the same initials, the address of the author was checked to verify their affiliation, or other options such as a general Internet search were used to verify which publications were not by the required author. The resulting figure was recorded as the number of citations for that year.

The Social Science Citation Index uses only last name and initials, and comes with a caution that author names, initials and publication titles may sometimes be wrongly entered. Interpretation of the results should bear this in mind.