

Two Spheres of Korean Politics: Knowledge Production and Dissemination across Linguistic Divides

- Supplementary Materials -

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A. Journal Lists

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Journal Title	Publisher	Journal Type
현대북한연구	북한대학원대학교 심연북한연구소	KCI
의정연구	한국의회발전연구회	KCI
정치사상연구	한국정치사상학회	KCI
JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES	서울대학교 국제학연구소	KCI
국제.지역연구	서울대학교 국제학연구소	KCI
국제관계연구	고려대학교 일민국제관계연구원	KCI
현대정치연구	서강대학교 현대정치연구소	KCI
THE KOREAN JOURNAL OF SECURITY AFFAIRS	국방대학교 국가안전보장문제연구소	KCI
의정논총	한국의정연구회	KCI
문화와 정치	한양대학교 평화연구소	KCI
연구방법논총	경북대학교 사회과학기초자료연구소	KCI
한국지방정치학회보	한국지방정치학회	KCI
통일정책연구	통일연구원	KCI
정치·정보연구	한국정치정보학회	KCI
한국정치외교사논총	한국정치외교사학회	KCI
한국정치학회보	한국정치학회	KCI

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평화연구	고려대학교 평화와 민주주의연구소	KCI
ASIAN PERSPECTIVE	경남대학교 극동문제연구소	KCI, SSCI
한국동양정치사상사연구	한국동양정치사상사학회	KCI
KOREA OBSERVER	한국학술연구원	KCI, SSCI
국가전략	세종연구소	KCI
미래정치연구	명지대학교 미래정치연구소	KCI
21세기정치학회보	21세기정치학회	KCI
세계지역연구논총	한국세계지역학회	KCI
통일연구	연세대학교 통일연구원	KCI
선거연구	중앙선거관리위원회	KCI
한국정당학회보	한국정당학회	KCI
국제정치논총	한국국제정치학회	KCI
국가안보와 전략	국가안보전략연구원	KCI
통일문제연구	평화문제연구소	KCI
전략연구	(사) 한국전략문제연구소	KCI
한국정치연구	서울대학교 한국정치연구소	KCI
Oughtopia (오토피아)	경희대학교 인류사회재건연구원	KCI
국제정치연구	동아시아국제정치학회	KCI
한국지방자치학회보	한국지방자치학회	KCI
북한연구학회보	북한연구학회	KCI
동북아연구	조선대학교 동북아연구소	KCI
한국과 국제정치	경남대학교 극동문제연구소	KCI
국제관계연구	고려대학교 일민국제관계연구원	KCI
글로벌정치연구	한국외국어대학교 글로벌정치연구소	KCI
지역과 정치	국립부경대학교 지방분권발전연구소	KCI
비교민주주의연구	인제대학교 민주주의와 자치 연구소	KCI
한국국가전략	사단법인 한국국가전략연구원	KCI
신아세아	신아시아연구소	KCI
사회과학연구	서강대학교 사회과학연구소	KCI
PACIFIC FOCUS	인하대학교 국제관계연구소	KCI, SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF KOREAN UNIFICATION STUDIES	통일연구원	KCI
평화학연구	사단법인 한국평화연구학회	KCI
ACTA POLITICA	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
AFRICAN AFFAIRS	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	WILEY	SSCI
AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	ANNUAL REVIEWS	SSCI
ARMED FORCES & SOCIETY	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF POLITICS AND HISTORY	WILEY	SSCI
BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICS & INT'L REL.	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
BRITISH POLITICS	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
BUSINESS AND POLITICS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
CAMBRIDGE REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS	SSCI
CITIZENSHIP STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS	SSCI
COMMUNIST AND POST-COMMUNIST STUDIES	UNIV CALIFORNIA PRESS	SSCI
COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN POLITICS	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
COMPARATIVE POLITICS	SHERIDAN PRESS	SSCI
CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL THEORY	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
CONTEMPORARY POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
CONTEMPORARY SECURITY POLICY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
CONTEMPORARY SOUTHEAST ASIA	INST SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES-ISEAS	SSCI
COOPERATION AND CONFLICT	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
CRITICAL POLICY STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
CRITICAL REVIEW	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
CURRENT HISTORY	UNIV CALIFORNIA PRESS	SSCI
DEMOCRATIZATION	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
DISSENT	FOUNDATION STUDY INDEPENDENT SOCIAL IDEAS	SSCI
EAST EUROPEAN POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
EAST EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETIES	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
ECONOMICS & POLITICS	WILEY PERIODICALS	SSCI
ELECTORAL STUDIES	ELSEVIER SCI LTD	SSCI
ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
ETHICS & GLOBAL POLITICS	TAYLOR	SSCI
ETHICS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
EUROPEAN HISTORY QUARTERLY	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY	ELSEVIER SCIENCE INC	SSCI

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EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL RESEARCH	WILEY	SSCI
EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
EUROPEAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
EUROPEAN SECURITY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
EUROPEAN UNION POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
EUROPE-ASIA STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
FORUM-A JOURNAL OF APPLIED RESEARCH IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICS	WALTER DE GRUYTER GMBH	SSCI
GEOPOLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
GERMAN POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS	MIT PRESS	SSCI
GLOBAL POLICY	WILEY	SSCI
GOVERNANCE-AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLICY ADMINISTRATION AND INSTITUTIONS	WILEY	SSCI
GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
HISTORICAL MATERIALISM-RESEARCH IN CRITICAL MARXIST THEORY	BRILL	SSCI
HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INDEPENDENT REVIEW	INDEPENDENT INST	SSCI
INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS-POLITICS LAW AND ECONOMICS	SPRINGER	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST JOURNAL OF POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE	INST INTERDISCIPLINARY RES	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CONFLICT MANAGEMENT	EMERALD GROUP PUBLISHING LTD	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PRESS-POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PUBLIC OPINION RESEARCH	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI

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INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL POLITICS	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES QUARTERLY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES REVIEW	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
INTERNATIONAL THEORY	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JAPANESE JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
JCMS-JOURNAL OF COMMON MARKET STUDIES	WILEY	SSCI
JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY	AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL ECONOMY MOVEMENT	SSCI
JOURNAL OF CHINESE GOVERNANCE	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF CHINESE POLITICAL SCIENCE	SPRINGER	SSCI
JOURNAL OF COLD WAR STUDIES	MIT PRESS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF CURRENT SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV PRESS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF ELECTIONS PUBLIC OPINION AND PARTIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN PUBLIC POLICY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT	PALGRAVE MACMILLAN LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF PEACE RESEARCH	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF POLICY HISTORY	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY	WILEY	SSCI
JOURNAL OF POLITICS	UNIV CHICAGO PRESS	SSCI

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JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH AND THEORY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF PUBLIC POLICY	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
JOURNAL OF STRATEGIC STUDIES LTD	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF THEORETICAL POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
JOURNAL OF WOMEN POLITICS & POLICY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY	WILEY	SSCI
LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDIES	Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis Ltd	SSCI
MEDITERRANEAN POLITICS	Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis Ltd	SSCI
MONTHLY REVIEW-AN INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST MAGAZINE	Monthly Review Foundation	SSCI
NATION	Nation Co Inc	SSCI
NATIONALITIES PAPERS-THE JOURNAL OF NATIONALISM AND ETHNICITY	Cambridge Univ Press	SSCI
NATIONS AND NATIONALISM	Wiley	SSCI
NEW LEFT REVIEW	New Left Rev Ltd	SSCI
NEW POLITICAL ECONOMY	Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis Ltd	SSCI
NEW REPUBLIC	New Republic Inc	SSCI
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS	Oxford Univ Press	SSCI
PARTY POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
PEACEBUILDING	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
PERSPECTIVES ON POLITICS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
PHILOSOPHY & PUBLIC AFFAIRS	WILEY	SSCI
POLICY AND INTERNET	WILEY	SSCI
POLICY AND POLITICS	POLICY PRESS	SSCI
POLICY AND SOCIETY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
POLICY STUDIES JOURNAL	WILEY	SSCI
POLITICAL ANALYSIS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
POLITICAL BEHAVIOR	SPRINGER/PLENUM PUBLISHERS	SSCI
POLITICAL COMMUNICATION	TAYLOR & FRANCIS INC	SSCI
POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY	ELSEVIER SCI LTD	SSCI
POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY	WILEY	SSCI
POLITICAL QUARTERLY	WILEY	SSCI
POLITICAL RESEARCH QUARTERLY	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
POLITICAL SCIENCE	TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI

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POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
POLITICAL STUDIES	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
POLITICAL STUDIES REVIEW	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
POLITICAL THEORY	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS LTD	SSCI
POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE	COGITATIO PRESS	SSCI
POLITICS AND RELIGION	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
POLITICS & GENDER	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
POLITICS GROUPS AND IDENTITIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
POLITICS PHILOSOPHY & ECONOMICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
POLITICS RELIGION & IDEOLOGY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
POLITICS & SOCIETY	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
POLITIKON	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
POLITY	UNIV CHICAGO PRESS	SSCI
POST-SOVIET AFFAIRS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES QUARTERLY	WILEY	SSCI
PROBLEMS OF POST-COMMUNISM	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
PS-POLITICAL SCIENCE & POLITICS	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	WILEY	SSCI
PUBLIC CHOICE	SPRINGER	SSCI
PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
PUBLIUS-THE JOURNAL OF FEDERALISM	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	NOW PUBLISHERS INC	SSCI
REGULATION & GOVERNANCE	WILEY	SSCI
RESEARCH & POLITICS	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	SSCI
REVIEW OF AFRICAN POLITICAL ECONOMY	SCIENCEOPEN	SSCI
REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	SPRINGER	SSCI
REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
REVIEW OF POLICY RESEARCH	WILEY	SSCI
ROMANIAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE	ROMANIAN ACAD SOC	SSCI
SCANDINAVIAN POLITICAL STUDIES	WILEY	SSCI
SCOTTISH JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY	WILEY	SSCI

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SOCIAL MOVEMENT STUDIES	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
SOCIAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY	WILEY	SSCI
SOCIO-ECONOMIC REVIEW	OXFORD UNIV PRESS	SSCI
SOUTH EUROPEAN SOCIETY AND POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
STATE POLITICS & POLICY QUARTERLY	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
STUDIES IN AMERICAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT	CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS	SSCI
STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	SPRINGER	SSCI
STUDIES IN CONFLICT & TERRORISM	TAYLOR & FRANCIS INC	SSCI
SURVIVAL	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
TELOS	TELOS PRESS LTD	SSCI
TERRITORY POLITICS GOVERNANCE	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
TERRORISM AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
WEST EUROPEAN POLITICS	ROUTLEDGE JOURNALS, TAYLOR & FRANCIS LTD	SSCI
WORLD POLITICS	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV PRESS	SSCI

B. Topic Distribution

Below are topic distribution plots based on other operationalizations of linguistic spheres: journal indexing type and publisher location. The results are consistent across all operationalizations.

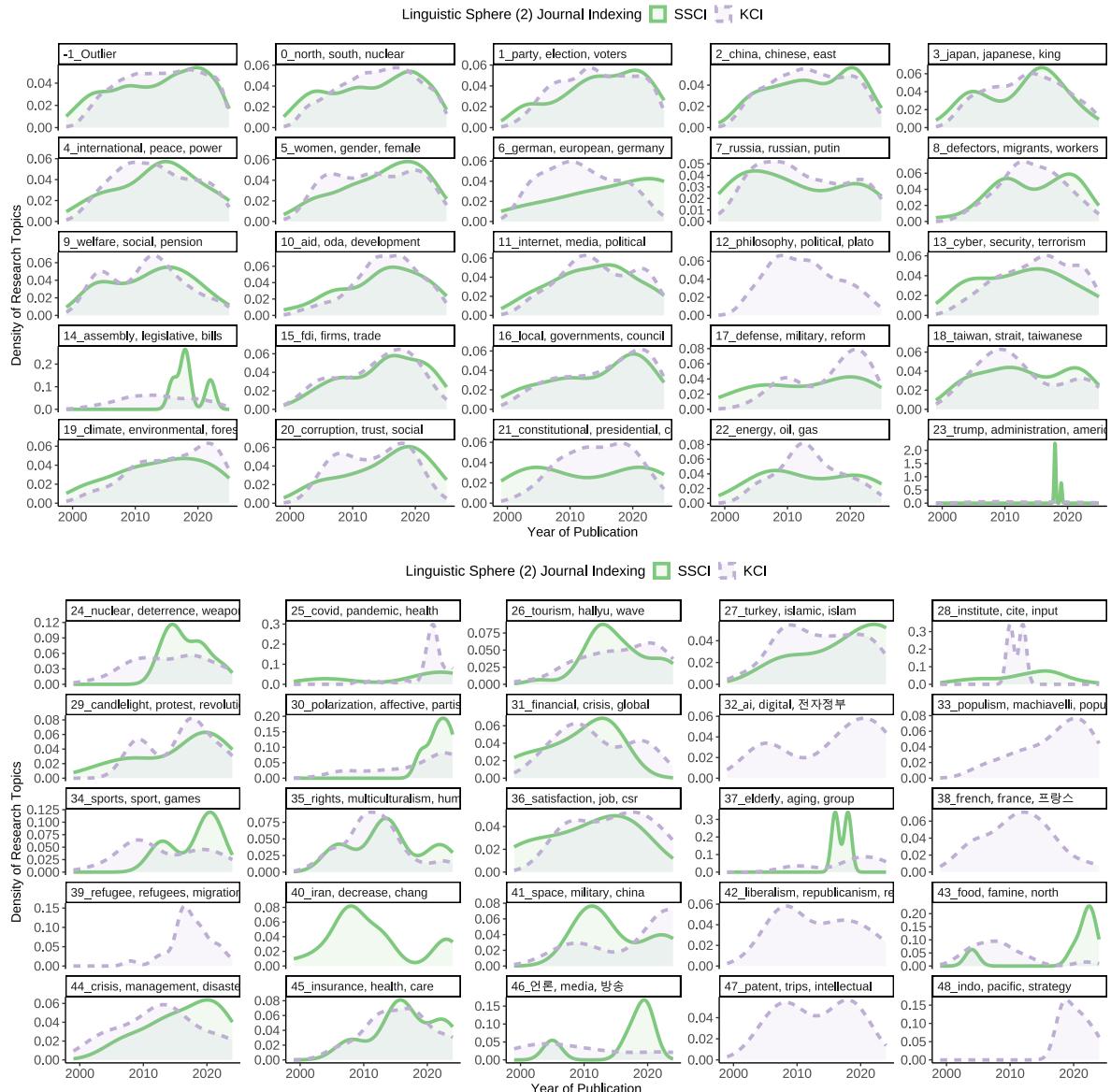


Figure 1: Journal Indexing Type: Density plots for Topic 1-23 (top) and Topic 24-48 (bottom).

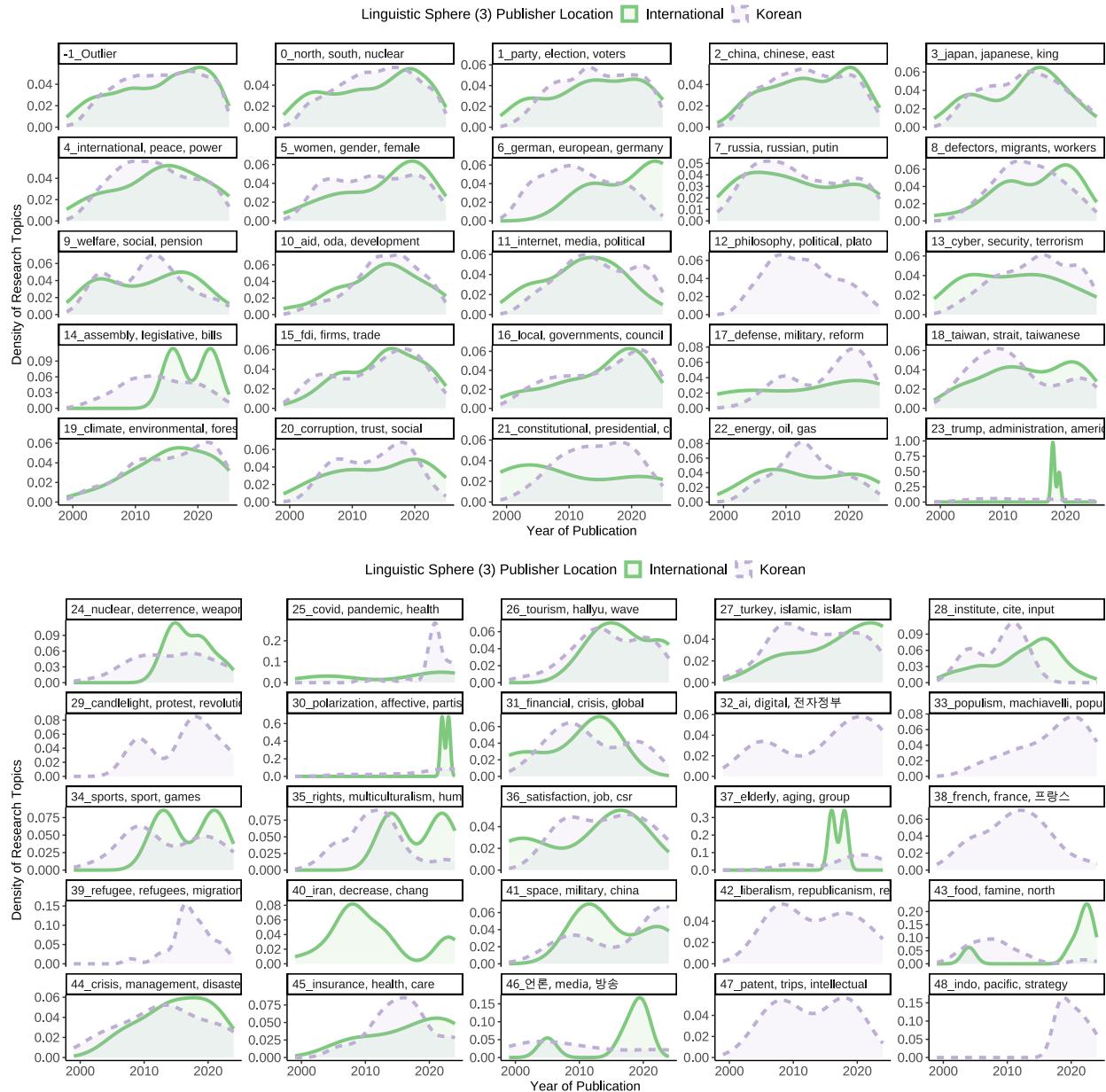


Figure 2: Publisher Location: Density plots for Topic 1–23 (top) and Topic 24–48 (bottom).

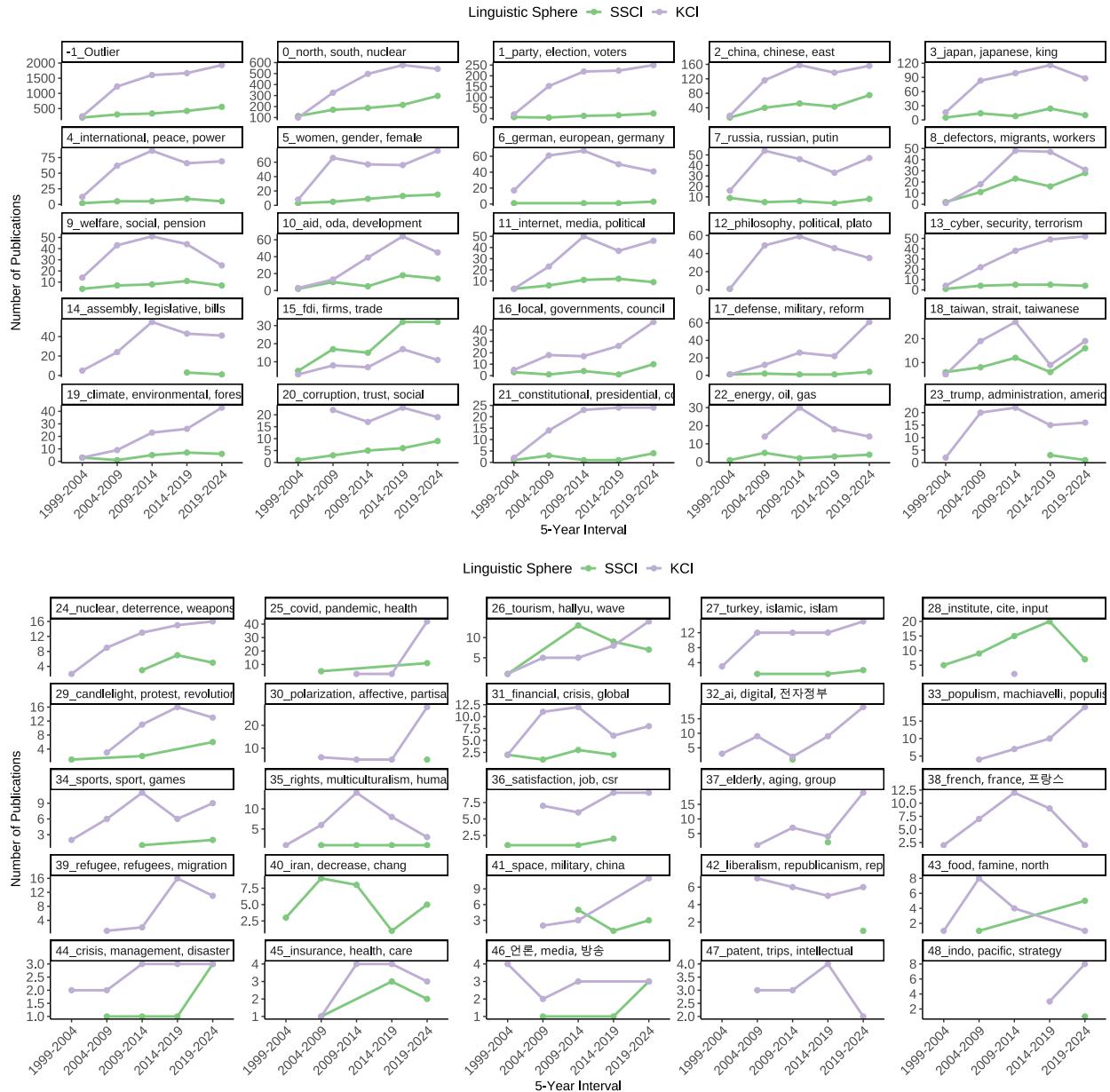


Figure 3: Journal Indexing Type: Aggregated topic trends for Topic 1-23 (top) and Topic 24-48 (bottom).

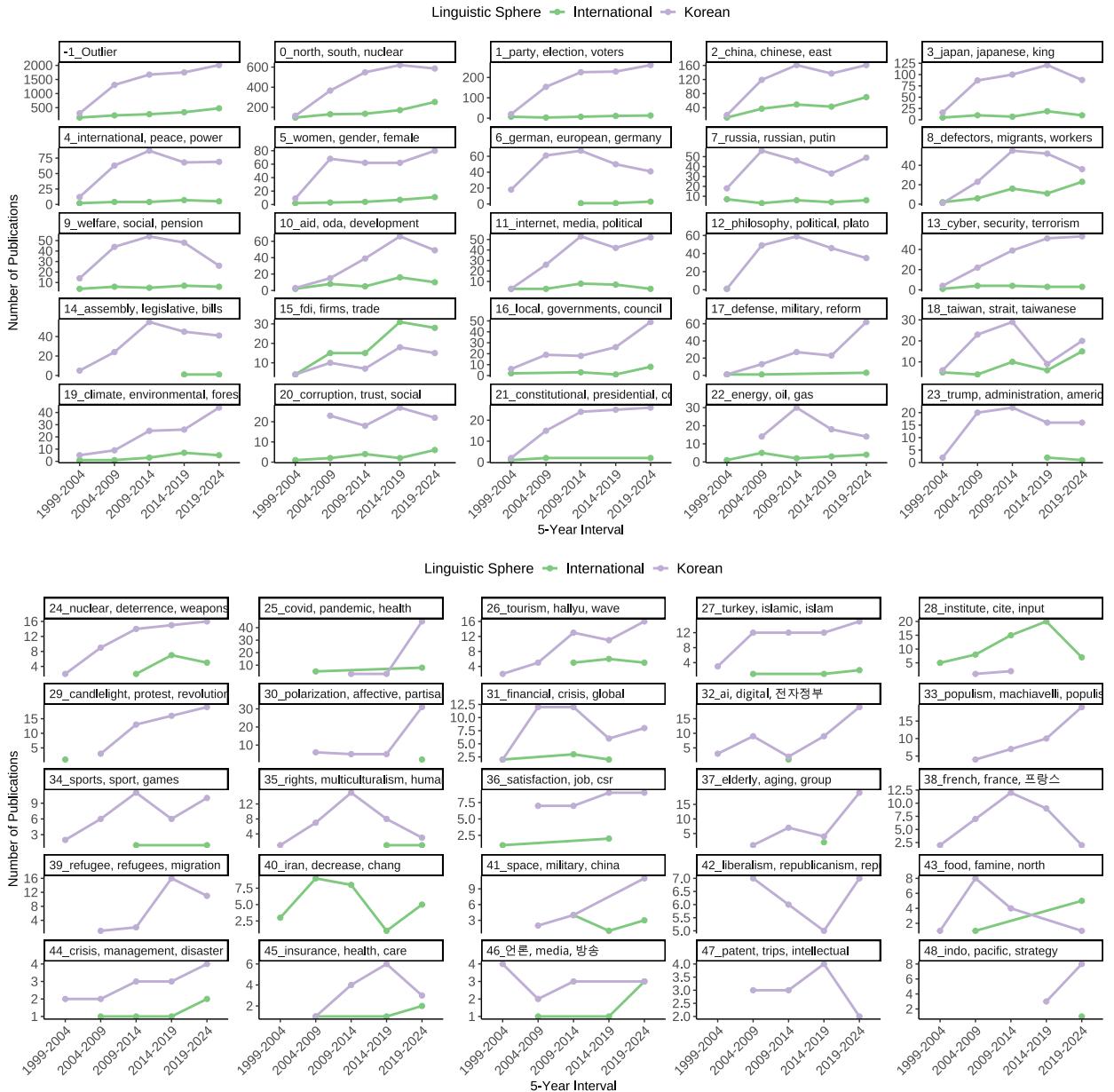


Figure 4: Publisher Location: Aggregated topic trends for Topic 1-23 (top) and Topic 24-48 (bottom).

C. Replication of findings in Science of Science

To contextualize our findings within the broader framework of the SciSci literature, we replicate two well-established empirical regularities discussed in Fortunato et al. [1]: (1) the exponential growth of scientific publications versus the linear growth of topics, and (2) the heavy-tailed distribution of incoming citations.

Q. Does the number of publications increase exponentially, while the number of topics increases linearly?

The number of scientific publications has grown exponentially over time, whereas the topical space of science expands linearly [1, 2]. This divergence reflects the tendency of knowledge production to densify around established thematic clusters, rather than explore conceptually new, distant frontiers [1]. We check whether this established pattern appears in our dataset.

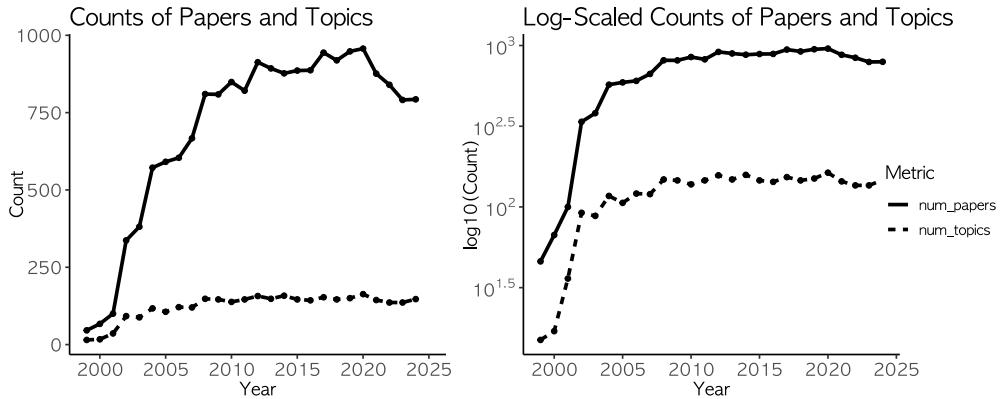


Figure 5: Temporal trend of raw counts and log-scaled counts of papers and topics in our dataset.

Figure 5 shows that the number of publications exhibits steep growth until around 2005, followed by continued but slower growth until approximately 2010, after which it plateaus. The number of unique topics rises rapidly until around 2005, mirroring the exponential trend of paper counts in the early years, but then stabilizes, showing little increase thereafter. Figure 6 replicates Figure 5, with a breakdown by linguistic sphere. Overall, it appears that publications in the Korean linguistic sphere were largely responsible for the sharp increase in publication volume in the early 2000s. As the field matured, this growth began to stabilize.

This pattern is partially consistent with an established finding in the science of science literature: while the number of scientific publications tends to grow exponentially, the expansion of conceptual space, approximated by topic diversity, proceeds more slowly and often linearly [1, 2]. In our case, the field initially experienced growth in both the number of papers and the range of topics. Yet this phase of expansion did not last long, and both metrics began to plateau relatively early.

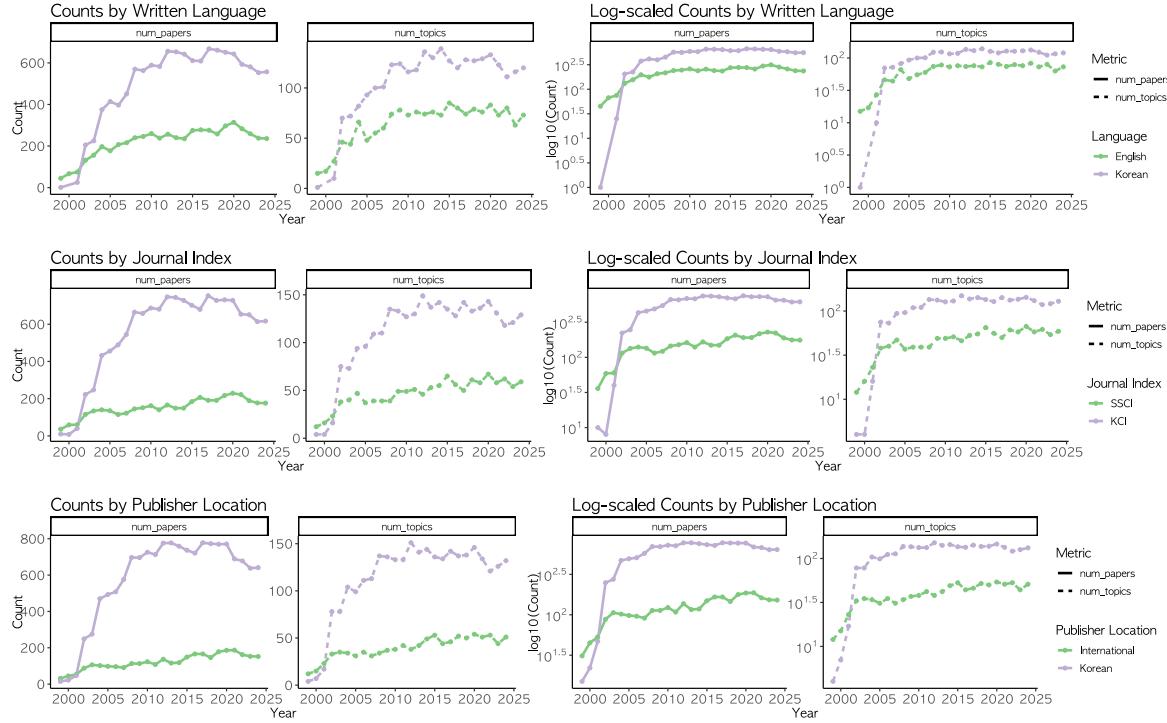


Figure 6: Replication of Figure 12, disaggregated by linguistic sphere.

This divergence from the typical global pattern may stem from the scope of the field under analysis. It is possible that the findings would align more closely with established patterns in the science of science literature if the unit of analysis were the broader field of political science, rather than the relatively small and specialized subfield of Korean politics. In other words, our findings suggest that insights from science of science research may not seamlessly generalize to smaller or specific domains within a field.

Q. Do incoming citations have a heavy-tailed distribution?

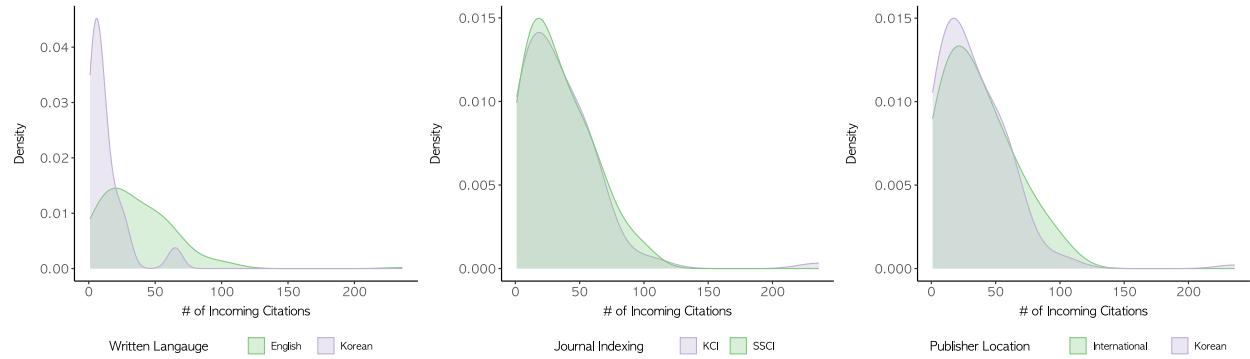


Figure 7: Kernel density plot of incoming citations, disaggregated by linguistic spheres. The distribution is highly skewed and heavy-tailed.

Another central empirical finding in the SciSci literature is the highly skewed nature of citation distributions. It has been consistently observed that a small fraction of papers accounts for a large proportion of total citations [1, 2].

To assess whether this regularity holds in our dataset, we examine the distribution of incoming citations. As shown in Figure 7, the distribution is clearly heavy-tailed, reflecting strong inequality in citation accumulation. This finding suggests that knowledge dissemination in Korean politics scholarship follows patterns similar to those observed in other scientific domains: a small number of highly influential papers receive disproportionate attention, while the vast majority remain sparsely cited.