



23 February 2017 – Journal Ranking Email

Journal Rankings: Member Consultation

Dear colleagues,

The Asian Studies Association of Australia has decided to prepare a ranking of Asian Studies journals.

In principle, we are not enthusiastic about journal rankings, but we know that Australian universities are using other rankings that disadvantage Asian Studies (either by omission or by using rankings that are inappropriately low). We believe that the interests of Asian Studies will be better served by a ranking based on the shared professional judgment of our scholarly community.

The ASAA Council has commissioned a Working Group consisting of Laura Dales, Vera Mackie, Kama Maclean, Amrita Malhi, Annie Pohlman, Ed Aspinall and Robert Cribb to undertake this work. You will be hearing from us at various stages in the ranking process as we seek to develop a ranking that fairly serves our field.

As a first step, we have prepared a draft list of 285 Asian journals to be ranked, which we selected according to the following criteria:

- We will not cover journals that do not identify as Asian Studies unless they have a record of publishing 20% or more Asia content.
- We will only rank journals on the approved ERA list (available [here](#)). If your favourite journal is not on the ERA list, then you should lobby the ARC to have it included.
- We will not rank Middle Eastern Studies and Pacific (Oceanic) Studies, which have their own associations to take action on ratings if they wish.
- Finally, we include only journals that lie in the humanities and social sciences.

We have carefully gone through the ERA list to produce that draft list, but if you know of any other journals that fit all the above criteria and that should be on our list, please email **robert.cribb@anu.edu.au** and **amrita.malhi@adelaide.edu.au** by **25 March**.

You can also let us know if there are journals that you think should not be on the list.

Best wishes,
Journals, Engagement & Impact Working Group

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