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# Policy Citation Index

## Quick Reference Guide

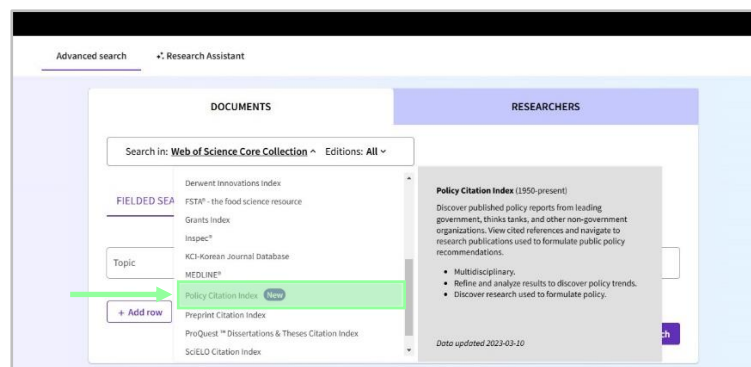
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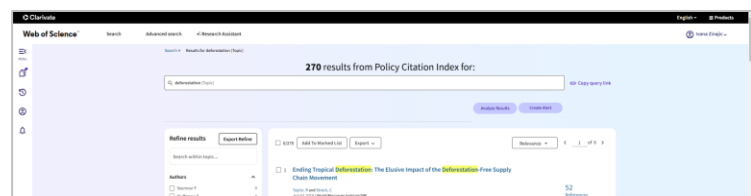
The Policy Citation Index enables you to trace the path of your research as it informs legislative, environmental, economic, healthcare, and other public policies. By seeing how your research is used to support policy decisions, you gain valuable insight into the broader implications of your work. Furthermore, it helps policymakers find relevant, evidence-based studies to guide their decisions, ensuring that public policies are grounded in solid research.

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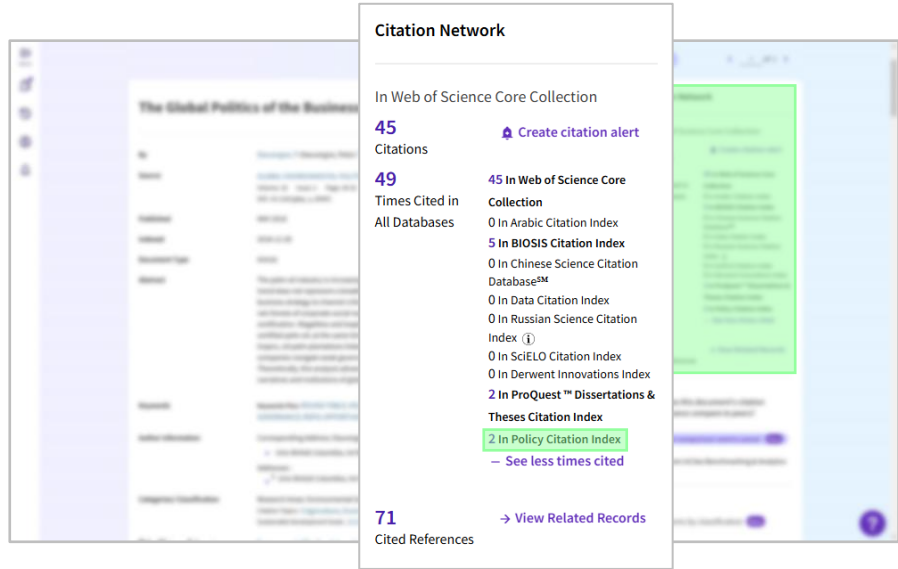
1. Log in to your Web of Science account.
2. Navigate to the Policy Citation Index from the main menu.



3. Use the search bar to enter keywords related to your research topic. Focus your research on topics that are directly relevant to societal issues and contribute to policymaking.



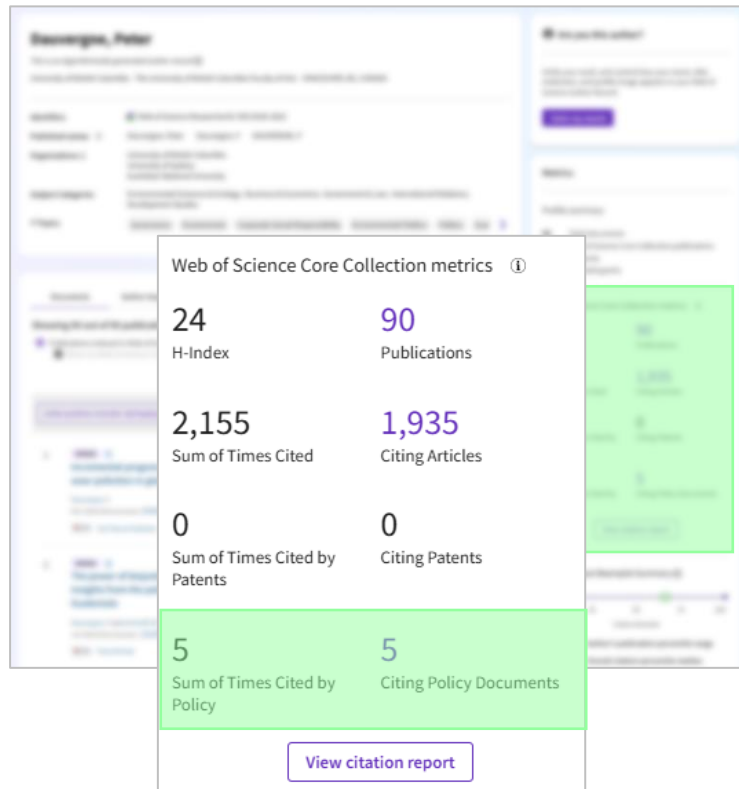
- Apply filters such as publication year, policy sources, and country/region to narrow down your search results.
- Use the citation network to explore how policies are interconnected and identify influential documents.



- Look at the citation context to understand how a policy has been referenced in subsequent research.



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