

# Citation Analysis of Doctoral Theses in the Field of International Studies Submitted to Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2000-2011)

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## Abstract

The citation represents a relationship between the cited and citing documents. The paper discusses the citation analysis of Ph.D. theses in International Studies submitted to JNU, New Delhi. Study the principle form of literature used by the researchers, distribution of citations according to time period and identify the leading journals in citations. Also prepare a list of core journals in International studies and study the authorship pattern of cited references.

**Keywords:** Citation Analysis; Bibliometrics; International Studies; Authorship Pattern.

## Introduction

Analysis of citations is common in the sociology of science. Approaches to citations - citation patterns or citation behavior- allows to derive maps of the structure of scientific specialties or disciplines and helps to construct typologies of different varieties of references and citations by content analysis (Gilbert 1977). In the process of citation analysis citations explore the structure of science. The primary idea goes back to Derek de Solla Price, who documented the growth of scientific literature in his book *Little Science, Big Science* (1963). This book became a classic, suggesting that science is not a unified whole, but a mosaic of specialty areas. This new understanding fostered an effort to map the intellectual structure of science. The techniques for this analysis were taken from bibliometrics.

The citation represents a relationship between the cited and citing documents. The nature of this relationship is although difficult to characterize but Smith (1981) stated that Garfield (1965) identified some fifteen reasons of why authors cite. These are:

1. Paying homage to pioneers.
2. Giving credit for related work (homage to peers).
3. Identifying methodology, equipment etc.
4. Providing background reading.
5. Correcting one's own work.
6. Correcting the work of others.
7. Criticizing previous work.
8. Substantiating claims.
9. Altering forthcoming work.
10. Providing leads to poorly disseminate poorly indexed or uncited work.
11. Authenticating data and classes of fact-physical constants etc.
12. Identifying original publications in which an idea or concept was discussed
13. Identifying original publications or other work describing an eponymic concept or term...
14. Disclaiming work or ideas of others (negative claims).
15. Disputing priority claims others (negative homage).

According to Fulton (1945), and Pastell (1945), bibliographic citation serve two basic function i.e.

1. Identify the source of a given statement, and
2. Describe the nature and scope of the printed document in which the statement is found.

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Brittain and Line (1972) discussed importance of citation as for:

1. Identification of key documents and creation of core lists of journals.
2. Study of coverage of primary journals and other materials in secondary service.
3. Clustering of documents according to common references and citations.
4. Study of attributes of literature including growth rate, obsolescence, citation practices.
5. Study of structure of scientific literature according to language, country of origin, age subject, form, authorship or any combination of these attributes.

#### *International Studies*

Generally refers to the specific university degrees and courses which are concerned with the study of 'the major political, economic, social, and cultural issues that dominate the international agenda'. The term itself can be more specifically defined as 'the contemporary and historical understanding of global societies, cultures, languages and systems of government and of the complex relationships between them that shape the world we live in'. The terms and concepts of International Studies and international relations are strongly related; however, International relations focus more directly on the relationship between countries, whereas International Studies can encompass all phenomena which are globally oriented.

The history of the discipline of International Studies is strongly linked with the history of the study of international relations, as described in the International Relations entry. However, the study of International Studies as a separate entity to International Relations emerged throughout the 20th century, as an increasingly complex world began to be influenced by globalization, and a greater number of issues emerged (rather than only inter-country relations).

The discipline was greatly influenced by the establishment of the International Studies Association, which was established in 1959 by a 'group of academics and practitioners' with the aim of 'seeking to pursue mutual interests in world affairs through the organization of a professional association'. The establishment of the association reflected the increasing interest in global issues and reflected the need for international academic dialogue. Throughout the later stages of the 20th century and into the 21st century, many education institutions worldwide developed International

Studies degrees (both undergraduate and postgraduate). The emergence and increasing popularity of these degrees reflect the general patterns of increasing global interconnectedness and globalization, in that education providers are becoming more aware that the discipline is becoming increasingly relevant and necessary in the context of the 21st century. The discipline has become increasingly popular in Australia as well as in East Asian countries.

#### *About JNU*

Young at forty two years, as universities go, what has lent strength and energy to Jawaharlal Nehru University is the vision that ideas are a field for adventure, experimentation and unceasing quest and diversity of opinions its chief premise. In the early 1970s, when JNU opened its doors to teachers and students, frontier disciplines and new perspectives on old disciplines were brought to the Indian university system. The excellent teacher-student ratio at 1:10, a mode of instruction which encouraged students to explore their own creativity instead of reproducing received knowledge, and an exclusively internal evaluation were a new experiment on the Indian academic landscape; these have stood the test of time. The very Nehruvian objectives embedded in the founding of the University, national integration, social justice, secularism, the democratic way of life, international understanding and scientific approach to the problems of society had built into it constant and energetic endeavour to renew knowledge through self-questioning.

The JNU campus is a microcosm of the Indian nation, drawing students from every nook and corner of the country and from every group and stratum of society. To make sure that this is so, annual admission tests are simultaneously held at 37 centres spread across the length and breadth of the country, and special care is taken to draw students from the underprivileged castes and ethnic groups by reserving 22.5 per cent of seats for them. Overseas students form some 10 percent of the annual intake. Students' hostels and blocks of faculty residences are interspersed with one another, underlining the vision of a large Indian family.

#### *Objective of the Study*

The main purpose of the study is the citation analysis of Ph.D thesis in the discipline of international studies submitted to JNU Delhi during 2000-2011.

The Objectives of the Study are to:

- Study the principle form of literature used by the researchers
- Study the distribution of citations according to the time of period.
- Identify the leading journal in citations.
- Prepare a list of core journal in international Studies.
- Study the authorship pattern of cited references.

### Methodology

Data for the present study Consists of theses submitted to Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi during 2000-2011. All the reference listed in this theses were noted down from each theses by the researchers on a specified data capturing sheet designed for this purpose. The collected references

were thoroughly analyzed and segregated in to the different categories of documents such as books. Journals articles, conference paper, reports etc. Each reference made at one time has been counted as one citation. If the same reference was repeated it has been counted again. The information relating to each citation, i.e, number of authors, bibliographic form, name of the journal, Subject, Country of Origin, Language, name of the publisher, and the availability of references in the library concerned. A total of 2529 citations were found in all the Ph.D theses. The data was compiled and analyzed using MS-Excel software. Finally a list of core journals was compiled and prepared on the basis of highly cited articles of the journals in International Studies.

### Data Analysis and Interpretation

The problem for the present study is "Citation Analysis of Doctoral Thesis in the Field Of International Studies." The collected data are organized and tabulated by using statistical method tables, graphs

Table 1:

S. No.	Topic	Journals & Articles	Books	Conference	Bulletin & Annual Reports	Discussion & Working Paper	Newspaper Magazine	Internet	Total
1	Credit Risk Management in the Banking Sectors of Russia and India : A Comparative Study	235	75	67	29	27	-	-	433
2	International Non-Governmental Organisation in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding : A Select Study	64	101	28	-	-	1	-	194
3	State and the Diasphora : Comparing the Chines and The Indian Experiences	79	140	-	-	-	10	-	229
4	Food Security in South Asia : A Comparative Study of India and Sri Lanka	85	150	-	-	-	-	-	235
5	Russia-India Co-operation to Counter International Terrorism 1991-2006	146	148	23	-	-	28	-	345
6	Changing Contours of India-China Relationship, 1963-1991 : A Study in Bilateral, Regional and International Perspectives	31	166	11	-	-	16	-	224

7	Technology Transfer for Dry Land Farming A Study of India and Isreal	42	56	6	1	-	-	-	105
8	Foreign Investment in the Banking Sector : A Case Study of India, 1986-2007	66	8	36	-	-	-	-	110
9	The Role of Afghan Women in the Reconstruction Processes in Post-Taliban Afghanistan	515	96	-	-	-	-	-	611
10	The U.S. Interest in Ticket, 1989-1976	68	32	-	31	15	5	-	151
11	Foreign Policy of South Africa in the Post-Aportheid Period, 1994-2005	36	43	-	-	-	-	-	79
12	Srilanka Muslim Congress : Origin and Growth of a Minority Ethic Party, 1981-2001	45	78	-	-	-	34	-	157
13	Parliamentary Commetties in Britain and India : A Comparative Study	115	189	-	-	-	10	-	314
14	Negotiating the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, 1994-1996	207	146	-	-	-	5	-	358
15	Role of Women in the socio-Economic Development of Uzbekistan, 1991-2006	33	47	-	-	-	-	13	113
16	Legislature and Foreign Policy - Making : A Compartive Study of India and the United States of America in the 1990's	601	506	-	11	-	9	-	1127
17	Education as an Instrument of Social Policy in Isreal	157	123	-	-	-	-	-	280
18	A Study of Language in Russian Federation	136	150	-	-	-	30	7	323
19	Nuclear Weapon and the World Court : The Politics of Norm Creation	49	80	-	-	-	-	-	129
20	Globalisation, Gender and Migration: The Political Economy of Domestic Work	98	129	32	-	-	-	-	259
21	Ecotourism and Sustainable Development of Island Economics : A Case Study of Maldivas and FIJI	83	66	-	-	-	-	2	151
		2891 (48.78%)	2529 (42.67%)	160 (2.69%)	115 (1.94%)	42 (0.70%)	150 (2.53%)	40 (0.67%)	5927

Fig. 1:

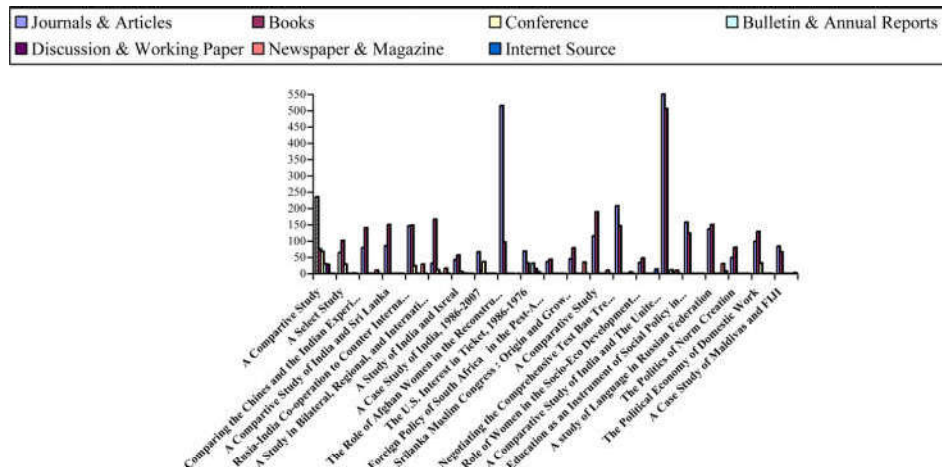


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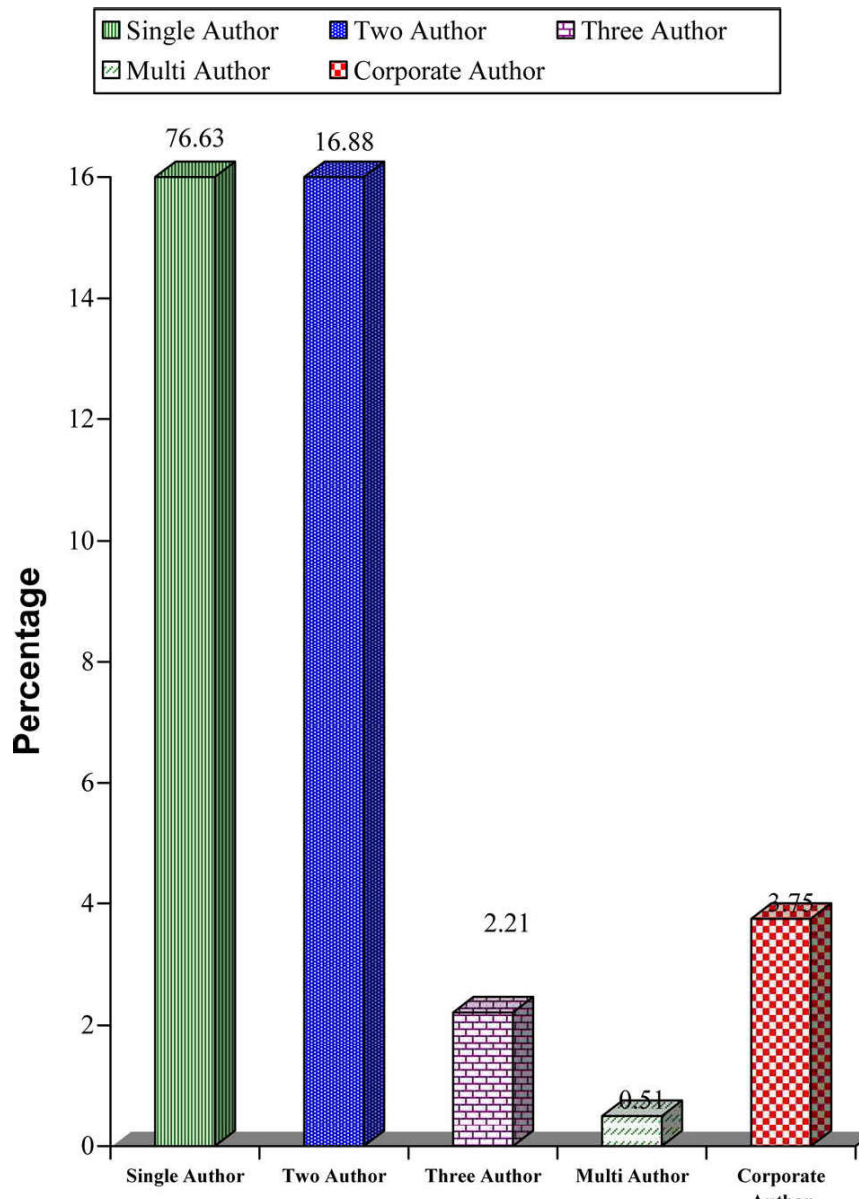


Table 2:

S. No.	Author	No. of Citation	Percentage
1	Single Author	1938	76.63%
2	Two Author	427	16.88%
3	Three Author	56	2.21%
4	Multi Author	13	0.51%
5	Corporate Author	95	3.75%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>100%</b>

Journal Books

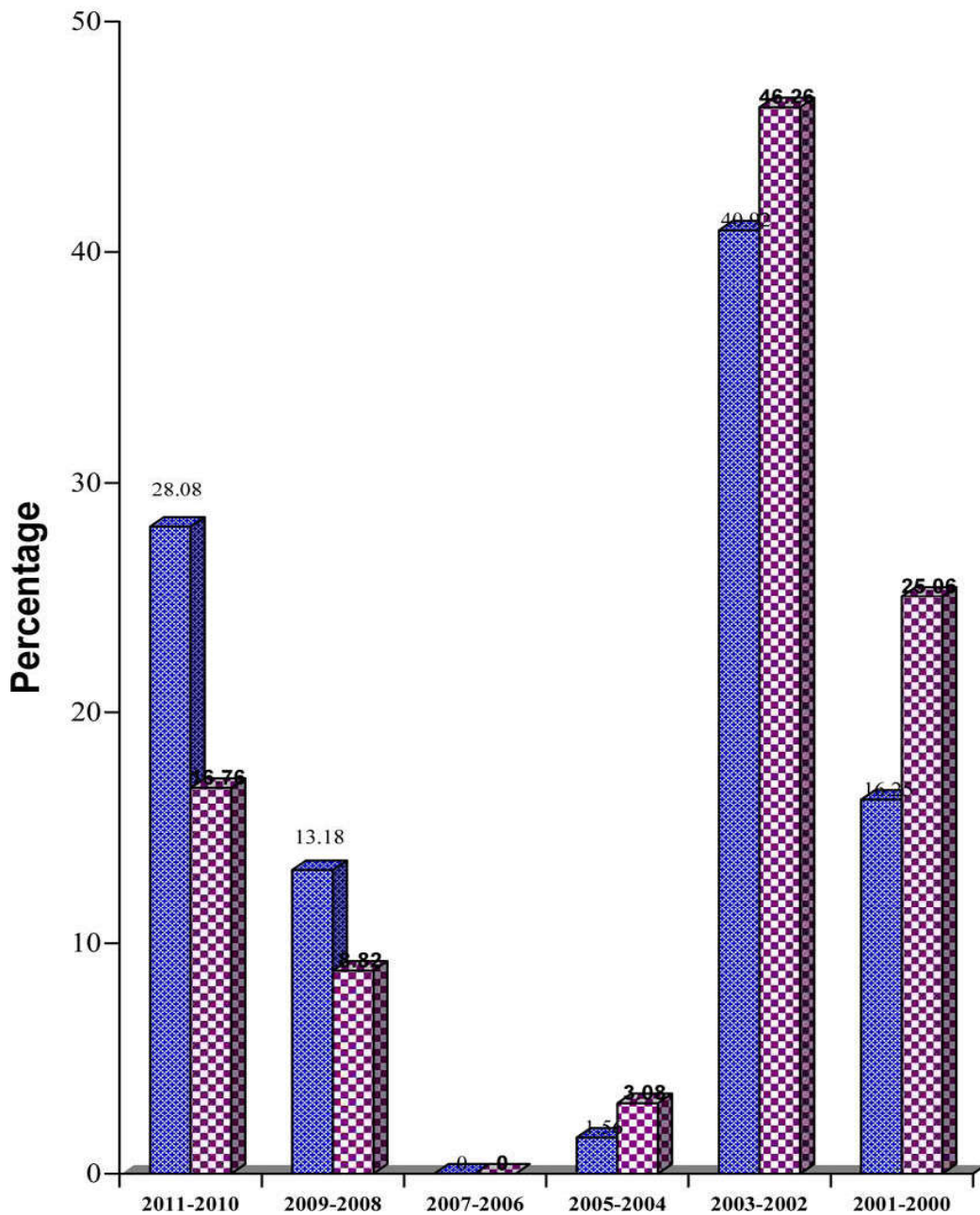


Fig. 3:

Table 4:

S. No.	Journal Name	Citations
1	Foreign Affairs	219
2	Strategies Analysis	74
3	Economic and Political Weekly	72
4	Asian Survey	71
5	The Yale Law Journal	54
6	The Washington Quarterly	53
7	Arms Control Today	37
8	Orbit	37
9	The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists	37
10	Current History	36
11	International Organization	34
12	Disarmament and Arms Control	32
13	International Security	32
14	Policy Studies Journal	32
15	International Studies	30
16	World Policy Journal	30
17	Central Asian Review	29
18	Tibetan Review	29
19	India Quarterly	28
20	Journal of Financial Economics	26
21	China Report	24
22	Journal of Banking and Finance	24
23	Journal of International Business Studies	24
24	International Affairs	23
25	Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics	22
26	Journal of Parliamentary Information	22
27	Journal of Financial Stability	22
28	Journal of Institute of Public Enterprise	22
29	Journal of International Banking Regulation	21
30	World Focus	21
31	CQ Weekly	20
32	Journal of Hydrology	20
33	Journal of International Economic Law	20
34	Journal of Financial Services Research	20
35	Policy Review	20
36	Journal of Linguistics	19
37	Foreign Policy	18
38	Journal of Latin American Studies	18
39	Journal of IDSA, V	18
40	International Studies Quarterly	17
41	Journal of Emerging Market Finance	17
42	Journal of Finance and Quantitative Analysis	17
43	Journals of International Affairs	17
44	Journal of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies	16
45	Journal of Conflict Resolution	16
46	Journal of Educational Thought	16
47	Journal of International Relations and Development	16
48	International Migration Review	15
49	Journal of Financial Intermediation	15
50	Journal of Drug Issues	15
51	McGill Law Journal	15
52	Pacific affairs	15
53	Research Journal	15
54	RUSI Journal	15
55	Sri Lanka Economic Journal	15
56	Journal of Democracy	14
57	Journal of Indian Ocean Studies	14
58	Third World Quarterly	14
59	World Development	14
60	International Journal	13
61	Journal of Economic Perspective	13
62	Journal of Educational Studies	13
63	Journal of Financial Management and Analysis	13

64	Journal of Form Economics	13
65	Journal of Intellectual Property Rights	13
66	Journal of International Development	13
67	New England Journal of Medicine	13
68	World Affairs	13
69	Agni	12
70	Asian Affairs	12
71	Indian Journal of International Law	12
72	Journal of Developing Societies	12
73	Journal of Economic Theory	12
74	Journal of Educational Psychology	12
75	Journal of Finance and Development	12
76	Journal of Risk	12
77	Journal of Development and Social Transformation	12
78	Journal of Economic Literature	12
79	Journal of International Money and Finance	12
80	Review of International Studies	12
81	Small War Journal	12
82	Swiss Journal of Economics and Statistics	12
83	The ICFAI University Journal of Bank Management	12
84	American Political Science Review	11
85	Foreign Service Journal	11
86	International Journal of Drug Policy	11
87	Journal of Social Issue	11
88	Journal of Economic Survey	11
89	Journal of Finance	11
90	China Quarterly	10
91	Eurasian studies Indian Journal of Applied Linguistics	10
92	Human Rights Quarterly	10
93	Indian Journal of Public Administration	10
94	International Studies Review, Special Issue	10
95	Journal of Pragmatics	10
96	Journal of Financial Markets	10
97	Journal of Political Research	10
98	Journal of Sothern Africa	10
99	Journal of Geography	10
100	Journal of Institutional of and Theoretical Economics	10
101	Journalism Quarterly	10
102	Michigan Journal of International Law	10
103	Midwest Journal of Political Science	10
104	Nomura Research Institute Quarterly	10
105	Political Science and Politics	10
106	Social Science Quarterly	10
107	South Asia, Special Issue	10
108	The China Quarterly	10
109	The Ceylon Journal of Historical and Social Studies	10
110	The Indian Journal of Public Administration	10
111	The Iranian Journal of International Affairs	10
112	Economic Journal	9
113	Fro Cast Economic Review	9
114	International Review of the Red Cross	9
115	North Caucasus Weekly	9
116	The Journal of Central Asian Studies	9
117	The Journal of Parliamentary Information	9
118	U.S.I. Journal	9
119	Vocational Guidance Quarterly	9
120	World Politics	9
121	American Economic Review	8
122	Amnesty International Report	8
123	Jewish Journal of Sociology	8
124	Muslim World Journal of Human Right	8
125	Pakistan Quarterly	8
126	The Journal of Asian Studies	8
127	The Journal of Contemporary China	8
128	The Quarterly Journal of Economics	8
129	Wall Street Journal	8
130	American Journal of International Low	7



131	Jane's Intelligence Review	7
132	Journal of Political Economy	7
133	Legislative Studies Quarterly	7
134	Political Science Quarterly	7
135	The Alberta Journal of Educational Research	7
136	The British Journal of Politics and International Relation	7
137	The Journal of Commercial Lending	7
138	The Journal of Political Economy	7
139	The Journal of Political Philosophy	7
140	The Political Quarterly	7
141	The RUSI Journal	7
142	Turkish Journal of International Relations	7
143	U K Common Journal	7
144	Annals of Tourism Research	6
145	BISS Journal	6
146	European Journal of International Studies	6
147	The Journal of Developing Area	6
148	The Journal of Institute of Pubic Enterprises	6
149	The Journal of Strategies Studies	6
150	The Middle East Journal	6
151	Africa Quarterly	5
152	An American Review	5
153	European Journal of International Relations	5
154	IDSJ Journal	5
155	International Journal of Middle East Studies	5
156	Journal of Money, Credit and Banking	5
157	Political Quarterly	5
158	South African Journal of International Affairs	5
159	Soviet Sociology : A Journal of Translation	5
160	The American Economic Review	5
161	The Journal of Pure Christi Australia	5
162	Youth and Society	5
163	Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	4
164	Anthropology and Education Quarterly	4
165	Australian Journal of International Affairs	4
166	Ceylon Journal of History and Social Studies	4
167	Denver Journal of International Law & Policy	4
168	Elsevier Journal	4
169	European Journal of Education	4
170	International Studies	4
171	Journal of Peace Studies	4
172	Journal of Asian and African Affairs	4
173	The Journal of Finance	4
174	The Journal of Tourism Studies	4
175	A Survey of the Afghanistan Electrostatic	3
176	Afghanistan and the Taliban	3
177	American Foreign Policy Interest	3
178	American Sociologist Review	3
179	Asian Defense Journal	3
180	Asian Migrant	3
181	Australian Journal of Public Administration	3
182	Cornell International Law Journal	3
183	European Journal of Women's Studies	3
184	Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics	3
185	Indian Quarterly	3
186	International Feminist Journal of Politics	3
187	International Journal of Business and Globalization	3
188	International Journal of Intercultural Relations	3
189	International Journal of Voluntary and Non Profit Organization	3
190	Jane's Defense Weekly	3
191	Journal of Refuge Studies	3
192	Journal of Modern African Studies	3
193	Journal of Monetary Economic	3
194	Journal of Social Psychology	3
195	Journal of Social Studies	3
196	Journal of Soviet Nationalizes	3
197	Journal of Tourism Studies	3

198	Journal of Women's History	3
199	Journal of Agrarian Change	3
200	Journal of Commonwealth and Comparative Politics	3
201	The Administration Avertedly	3
202	The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society	3
203	A Focus an Afghanistan and Iraq	2
204	Afghanistan Journal	2
205	Africa Today	2
206	African Affairs	2
207	African Journal on Conflict Resolution	2
208	Agricultural Situations in India	2
209	American Educational Research Journal	2
210	American Journal of Education	2
211	American Journal of Political Science	2
212	An Oxford Journal	2
213	Arab Law Quarterly	2
214	British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies	2
215	Canadian Army Journal	2
216	European Journal of International Law	2
217	Indian Journal of Politics	2
218	International and Comparative Law Quarterly	2
219	International Journal of Political Education	2
220	International Journal of Social Psychiatry	2
221	International Journal of Transitional Justice	2
222	International Social Science Journal	2
223	Journal of Peace Research	2
224	Journal of South Asian and Middle East Studies	2
225	Journal of Military and Strategies Studies	2
226	Journal of Social Science Research Network	2
227	Journal of Agricultural Economics	2
228	Journal of Comparative Economics	2
229	Journal of Contemporary History	2
230	Journal of Crime Law and Social Change	2
231	Journal of Development Economic	2
232	Journal of Development Studies	2
233	Quarterly Journal of Economics	2
234	Stanford Journal of International Law	2
235	The Jewish Journal of Sociology	2
236	The Korean Journal of International Studies	2
237	The welfare State and Its Aftermath	2
238	A Contemporary Chorine	1
239	A Decaying Nations	1
240	A Dictionary of Religious Education	1
241	A Frame work for Policy Formulation	1
242	A History of the Soviet and Post Soviet Europe	1
243	A Journal of Translations	1
244	A Political Argument, China Report	1
245	A Review of Minority and Ethnic Studies	1
246	A Russian Journal of World Politics	1
247	A Triangular Interaction Journal	1
248	Aakoroash	1
249	Africa Research Bulletin	1
250	American Journal of Alternative Agriculture	1
251	American Journal of Finance and Accounting	1
252	American Journal of Sociology	1
253	American Psychologist	1
254	British Educational Research Journal	1
255	British Journal of Educational Psychology	1
256	British Journal of Political Science	1
257	Canadian Journal of Economics	1
258	Cato Journal Spring	1
259	Combat Journal	1
260	Economic Bulletin	1
261	European Journal of Operational Research	1
262	European Security Frank Cass Journal	1
263	Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics	1
264	Indian Journal of Agricultural Marketing	1

265	Indian Journal of American Studies	1
266	Indian Journal of Economics	1
267	Indian Journal of Gender Studies	1
268	Indian Journal of Political Science	1
269	Indian Journal of Social Science	1
270	International Journal of Central Banking	1
271	International Journal of Economics and Finance	1
272	International Journal of Health Planning and Management	1
273	International Journal of Industrial Organization	1
274	International Journal of Peace Studies	1
275	International Journal of Refuge	1
276	International Journal of Refugee Law	1
277	International Journal of the Sociology of Language	1
278	Japan Quarterly	1
279	Journal of Multilingual and Multilingual Development	1
280	Journal of Moral Education	1
281	Journal of Political Studies	1
282	Journal of Post Keynesian Economic	1
283	Journal of Slavic Militancy Studies	1
284	Journal of Soil and Water Conservation	1
285	Journal of the Muslim Majlis	1
286	Journal of the Royal Statistical Society	1
287	Journal of the Society of Clerks at the Table in Commonwealth Parliament	1
288	Journal of the United Service Institution of India	1
289	Journal of Travel Research	1
290	Journal of World Politics Diplomacy and International Relations	1
291	Journal of American Studies	1
292	Journal of Arms Control	1
293	Journal of Communist Economy and Economic Transformation	1
294	Journal of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies	1
295	Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control	1
296	Journal of International Business Studies	1
297	Journal of Research in Mathematical Education	1
298	McKinsey's Quarterly	1
299	Parliamentary Affairs	1
300	Some Theoretical Implication, China Report	1

and observation method.

It is noticed that the research scholars at JNU cited the Journal articles maximum i.e. 2891 (48.78%), followed by books which are recorded as 2529 (42.67%). It is also revealed that internet sources were least used by the RS which is only 40 (0.67%). Apart from these documents the researchers also cited some other documents as well which include conference proceedings 160 (2.69%), Bulletin and Annual Reports 115 (1.94%) and Newspapers and Magazines 150 (2.53%) etc. Date on the Pattern of authorship of the cited documents is given in Table 2. It indicates that the researchers at J.N.U. cited single authored documents 1938 which are (76.63%) more as compared to two authors 427 (16.88%) or multi authored 13 (0.51%) and corporate authored 95 (13.75%) cited paper is more than two third of the total cited paper.

The Period of 2000-2011 for which the citations were made has been divided into 3 columns. The data shows that research scholars have used maximum journals citations during 2002-2003 which is 1183 (40.92%) however the number of Ph.D is also

maximum during this period which is 7. The least number of Journals cited during 2004-2005 which is only 45 (1.56%). Similarly during 2002-2003 the maximum number of books are cited by the research scholars i.e. 1170 (46.26%). Whereas research scholars have cited minimum number of books during 2004-2005 which is only 78(3.08%).

Table 4 rank Journal that have been cited by the researchers. These journals have been arranged in descending order of the number of citations. There are 300 Journals which are cited by the researchers. These journals are published from India and abroad. The study shows that journal of Foreign affairs is cited by the maximum number of researchers i.e. 219 (7.57%) Economic and Political weekly comes to next in citation by the researchers which are 72 (2.49%) followed by Asian survey, the Yale Law Journal and the Washington quarterly at third, fourth and fifth position. The Least number of the Journal which are cited only once by the researcher include Journal of Moral education, Parliamentary affairs, Journal of Political studies, Journal of post Keynesion economic, Journal of Slavic Militancy studies, Journal of soil and

water conservation, Journal of Muslim Majlis, Journal of travel research, Journal of International Business studies, Journal of economic dynamics and control etc.

### Findings and Conclusion

In the present study 2891 citation were analyzed from 21 Ph.D theses in the field of international studies. On the basis of the above study the following conclusion are drawn:

- Highest numbers of citations (7.57%) were recorded from journals, articles followed by books, book chapters, encyclopedias, reports, etc.
- The analysis of citations indicated that most cited authors in the thesis are foreign authors.
- In the ranked list of journals, foreign affair occupies the first rank accounting of total journal.

During the study it was found that citations are not in standard format. Researchers have not used any uniform pattern/sequence while citing the research materials. It is observed that somewhere year is missing, Somewhere Publisher's name and place. This kind of study will definitely help the libraries in selection of useful sources as there is explosion of information and documents in the form of books and journals. The ranking of journals can be used by librarians and researchers to select the journals of greater importance in a particular subject area.

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