Scholarly Influence and its Measurement
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Rudy on his talk:
In this talk I will focus on various metrics academics have been and are using to assess 'scholarly impact'. I will explore some of the more common approaches used to measure scholarly influence such as citation counts, number of publications in top journals, etc. and then offer the latest thinking on scholarly influence associated with the Hirsch set of indices. I will then discuss the metrics used to assess journal impact - at least in the US - and open up discussion as to how such impact is assessed in Germany.