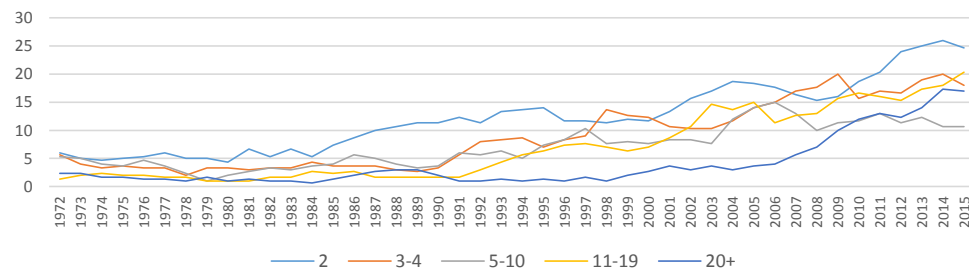


APPENDIX

Figure A1. N-size trends over time (number of published articles)



Source: Comparative Journals Database, 1970-2015, three-year moving average.

Table A1. The Journals (as described on their webpages)

American Journal of Sociology (AJS), established in 1895 as the first U.S. scholarly journal in its field, the AJS remains a leading voice for analysis and research in the social sciences. The journal presents path-breaking work from all areas of sociology, with an emphasis on theory building and innovative methods. AJS strives to speak to the general sociological reader and is open to sociologically informed contributions from anthropologists, statisticians, economists, educators, historians, and political scientists. For its entire history, the AJS has been based at the University of Chicago (USA) and published by the University of Chicago Press.

American Political Science Review (APSR), the APSR is political science's premier scholarly research journal, providing peer-reviewed articles and review essays from subfields throughout the discipline. Areas covered include political theory, American politics, public policy, public administration, comparative politics, and international relations. APSR has published continuously since 1906. Formerly known as Proceedings of the American Political Science Association until 1914, the current Editors are based at the University of Mannheim (Germany), the London School of Economics and Political Science (UK), and the University of Cologne (Germany).

American Sociological Review (ASR), the ASA's flagship journal, was founded in 1936 with the mission to publish original works of interest to the discipline of sociology in general, new theoretical developments, results of research that advance understanding of fundamental social processes, and important methodological innovations. Peer-reviewed and published bi-monthly, all areas of sociology are welcome, with emphasis on exceptional quality and general interest. Current Editors are based at the University of California (USA) and the University of Notre Dame (USA).

Comparative Political Studies (CPS) published fourteen times a year, offers scholarly work on comparative politics at both the cross-national and intra-national levels (established in 1968). Dedicated to relevant, in-depth analyses, CPS provides the timeliest methodology, theory, and research in the field of comparative politics. The current Editors are based at the University of Minnesota (USA) and the University of Oxford (UK).

European Sociological Review (ESR) publishes original research articles in all fields of Sociology [launched in 1985]. ESR is the flagship journal of the European Consortium for Sociological Research and shares in the Consortium's mission to foster sociological research that combines analytical theory and stringent empirical analysis to contribute to a cumulative and generalising body of knowledge on the social world.

Journal of European Social Policy (JESP) publishes articles on all aspects of social policy in Europe [launched in 1991]. Papers should make a contribution to understanding and knowledge in the field, and we particularly welcome scholarly papers which integrate innovative theoretical insights and rigorous empirical analysis, as well as those which use or develop new methodological approaches. The Journal is interdisciplinary in scope and both social policy and Europe are conceptualized broadly. Articles may address multi-level policy making in the European Union and elsewhere; provide cross-national comparative studies; and include comparisons with areas outside Europe. They may deal with a wide range of social policy issues, including: active and passive labour market policies, ageing, education and training, Europeanisation, family policies, gender, health and social care services, migration, pensions and social security, poverty and social exclusion, and privatisation. Single country studies which demonstrably address issues of wider theoretical significance are of interest.

Journal of Social Policy (JSP) is the flagship Journal of the UK Social Policy Association [launched in 1972], it carries high quality articles on all aspects of social policy in an international context. It places particular emphasis upon articles which seek to contribute to debates on the future direction of social policy, to present new empirical data, to advance theories, or to analyse issues in the making and implementation of social policies.

Social Policy & Administration (SPA) is the longest established journal in its field [launched in 1967]. Whilst remaining faithful to its tradition in academic excellence, the journal also seeks to engender debate about topical and controversial issues. Typical numbers contain papers clustered around a theme. The journal is international in scope. Quality contributions are received from scholars world-wide and cover social policy issues not only in Europe but in the USA, Canada, Australia and Asia Pacific.

Social Politics (SP) is a leading feminist journal that publishes original and cutting edge scholarship on gendered politics and policies in a global context (established in 1994). The journal's mission is to stimulate and reflect interdisciplinary conversations, intersectional analyses and international approaches.

World Politics (WP), founded in 1948, WP is an internationally renowned quarterly journal of political science published in both print and online versions. Open to contributions by scholars, World Politics invites submission of research articles that make theoretical and empirical contributions to the literature, and review articles bearing on problems in international relations and comparative politics.

Table A2. 'Greatest hits' in Political Science (most cited comparative articles)

Measured using [Google Scholar](#) 19th July 2020

Rank	Journal	Authors	Year	Citations	Unit of Analysis	N of Units	Methods	EA
1	WP	Pierson	1996	5097	Nations	4	Case Study, descriptive statistics	Yes
2	CPS	Laakso & Taagepera	1979	4126	Nations	15	Correlation techniques, descriptive statistics	
3	APSR	Cameron	1978	2851	Nations	18	Regression techniques	
4	APSR	Inglehart	1971	2365	Nations	6	Multivariate models	
5	WP	Hellman	1998	1974	Nations	19	Regression techniques, descriptive statistics	
6	WP	Krasner	1976	1720	Nations	10	Descriptive statistics	
7	CPS	Mishler & Rose	2001	1513	Nations	10	Regression techniques, factor analysis	
8	APSR	Laver et al.	2003	1405	Nations	3	Other techniques, word scoring technique	
9	APSR	Korpi & Palme	2003	1342	Nations	18	Regression techniques	Yes
10	APSR	Bingham Powell	1986	1236	Nations	9	Regression techniques	
11	APSR	Anderson & Guillory	1997	1112	Nations	11	Regression techniques	
12	APSR	Alford et al.	2005	1042	Nations	2	Polychoric correlation coefficients	
13	APSR	Iversen & Soskice	2001	1015	Nations	11	Regression techniques	Yes
14	APSR	Hicks & Swank	1992	967	Nations	18	Regression techniques, factor analysis	Yes
15	APSR	Boix	1999	937	Nations	23	Regression techniques	
16	WP	Iversen & Cusack	2000	919	Nations	16	Regression techniques, causal path analysis	Yes
17	WP	Nölke & Vliegenthart	2009	873	Nations	8	Case Study, descriptive statistics	
18	WP	Risse-Kappen	1991	871	Nations	4	Case Study, descriptive statistics	
19	WP	Bradley et al.	2003	761	Nations	14	Regression techniques	Yes
20	WP	Schraeder et al.	1998	755	Nations	4	Regression techniques	

Abbreviations: EA - Esping-Andersen 1990 is cited.

Journals abbreviations: APSR - American Political Science Review; CPS - Comparative Political Studies; WP - World Politics.

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Table A3. 'Greatest hits' in Sociology (most cited comparative articles)

Measured using Google Scholar 19th July 2020

Rank	Journal	Authors	Year	Citations	Unit of Analysis	N of Units	Methods	EA
1	ASR	Korpi & Palme	1998	2239	Nations	18	Regression techniques, descriptive statistics	Yes
2	AJS	Huber et al.	1993	1390	Nations	17	Regression techniques, PTS	Yes
3	AJS	Hamilton & Biggart	1988	1298	Nations	3	Case Study, descriptive statistics	
4	ESR	Allmendinger	1989	1214	Nations	3	Regression techniques	
5	ASR	Phillips	1974	1153	Nations	2	Regression techniques	
6	ASR	Massey & Denton	1987	984	Cities	60	Regression techniques, factor analysis	
7	AJS	Massey et al.	1994	972	Local areas	19	Descriptive statistics	
8	ESR	Svallfors	1997	962	Nations	8	Regression techniques	Yes
9	AJS	Snyder & Kick	1979	865	Nations	118	Regression techniques, Network Blockmodel	
10	AJS	Alderson & Nielsen	2002	864	Nations	16	Regression techniques	Yes
11	AJS	Cress & Snow	2000	844	Associations	15	Qualitative Comparative Analysis	
12	ASR	Wimmer et al.	2009	842	Nations	155	Regression techniques	
13	AJS	Fourcade-Gourinchas & Babb	2002	816	Nations	4	Case Study, descriptive statistics	
14	ESR	Scheepers et al.	2002	813	Nations	15	Regression techniques	
15	AJS	Burawoy	1976	797	Nations	2	Case Study	
16	AJS	Yamagishi, et al.	1998	790	Nations	2	Randomized experiment	
17	ASR	Mann	1970	738	Nations	2	Descriptive statistics, meta-analysis	
18	ASR	Black	1970	715	Cities	3	Descriptive statistics	
19	AJS	Massey & Eggers	1990	708	Cities	60	Regression techniques	
20	AJS	Portes & Sassen-Koob	1987	701	Nations	10	Descriptive statistics	

Abbreviations: EA - Esping-Andersen 1990 is cited.

Journals abbreviations: AJS - American Journal of Sociology; ASR - American Sociological Review; ESR - European Sociological Review.

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Table A4. Most cited comparative articles using sub-national units of analysis
 Measured using Google Scholar 19th July 2020

Rank	Journal	Authors	Year	Citations	Unit of Analysis	N of Units	Methods
1	JSP	Macintyre et al.	1993	1228	Local areas	2	Descriptive statistics
2	ASR	Massey & Denton	1987	984	Cities	60	Regression techniques, factor analysis
3	AJS	Massey et al.	1994	972	Local areas	19	Descriptive statistics
4	AJS	Cress & Snow	2000	844	Associations	15	Qualitative Comparative Analysis
5	ASR	Black	1970	715	Cities	3	Descriptive statistics
6	AJS	Massey & Eggers	1990	708	Cities	60	Regression techniques
7	ASR	Gastil	1971	693	Aggregation of States	2	Case Study, Regression techniques
8	ASR	Thoits	1986	668	Cities	2	Regression techniques
9	AJS	Alderson & Beckfield	2004	560	Cities	3692	Regression techniques, Blockmodeling techniques
10	AJS	Massey & Denton	1988	469	Cities	59	Regression techniques

Journals abbreviations: AJS - American Journal of Sociology; ASR - American Sociological Review; JSP - Journal of Social Policy.

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Table A5. Country-level macro-units employed in comparative research designs

Rank		Frequencies N	Rank		Frequencies N
1	UK	868	21	Japan	236
2	France	642	22	Hungary	232
3	Germany	623	23	Czech Republic	193
4	Netherlands	568	24	West Germany(FRG)	195
5	Sweden	561	25	New Zealand	173
6	USA	551	26	Luxembourg	165
7	Denmark	526	27	Slovenia	142
8	Italy	520	28	Slovakia	137
9	Belgium	459	29	Estonia	124
10	Finland	431	30	Bulgaria	121
11	Austria	403	31	Latvia	105
12	Norway	400	32	Lithuania	103
13	Ireland	387	33	Mexico	97
14	Spain	383	34	Romania	85
15	Portugal	279	35	Argentina	84
16	Australia	278	36	Brazil	77
17	Canada	278	37	Republic of Korea	74
18	Switzerland	267	38	Chile	73
19	Greece	251	39	Russian Federation	71
20	Poland	242	40	Israel	67

Note: The 18 capitalist nations included in Esping-Andersen's seminal 1990 work are shown here in bold.