

Rank and File: Managing individual research performance in the UK

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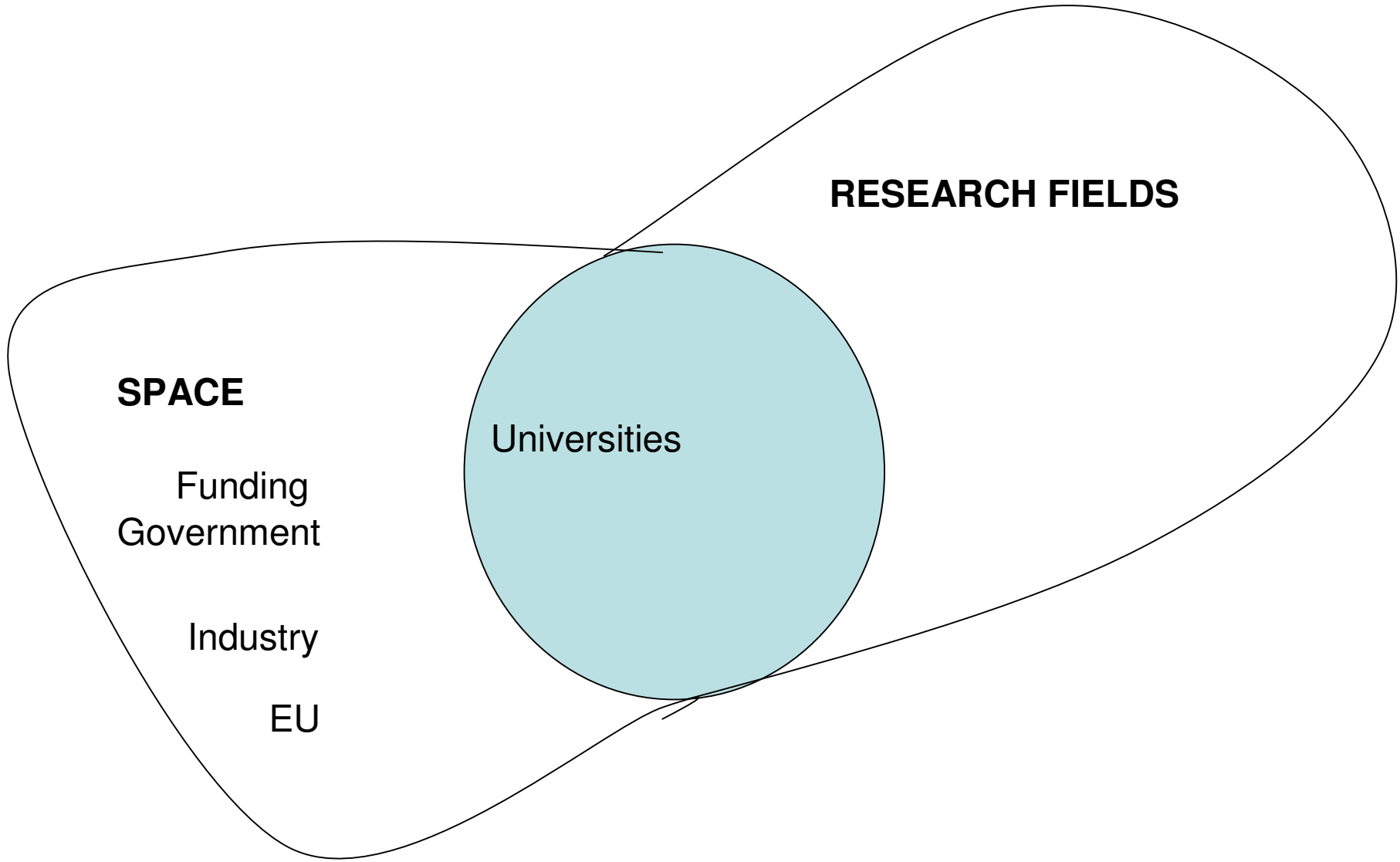
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ISSN	Field	Journal Title	Ratings		RAE 2008 Data			JCR data Standardised by Field					
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Neoliberal HE

- What is neoliberal?
- Funding issues
- Individualisation



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Funding
Government

Industry

EU

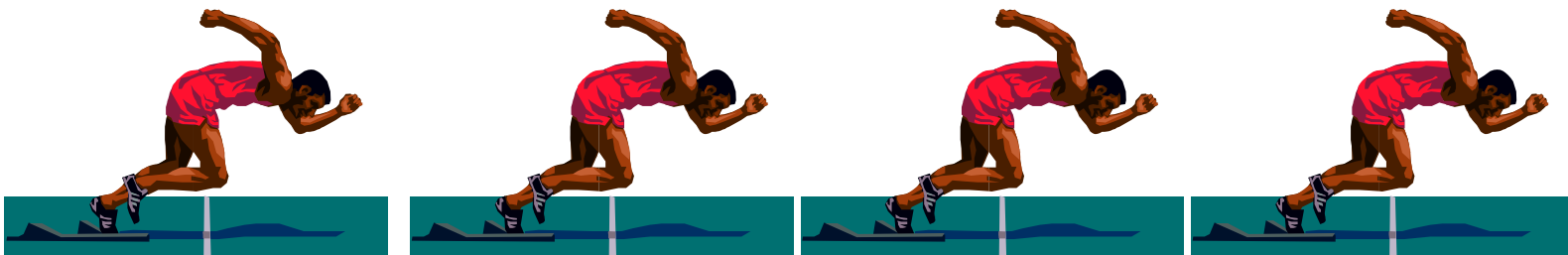
RESEARCH FIELDS

Universities

The combination of exchange-based (rather than gift) funding and individualisation in the neoliberal academy leads to a desire to manage and measure individual performance.

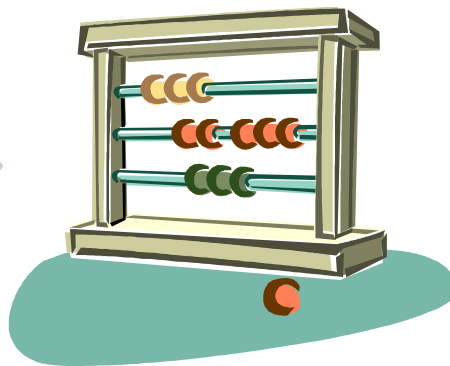
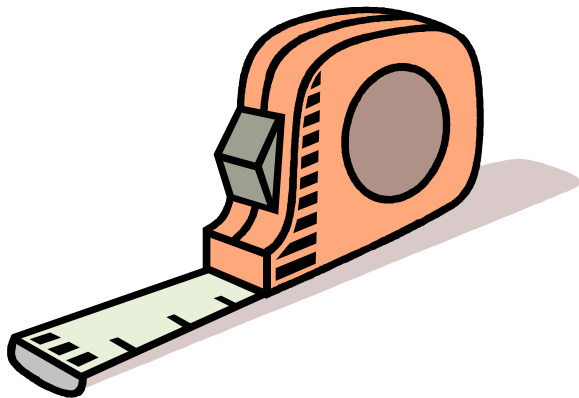
Traditionally, individual performance is judged by peer-review

But peer-review is not in neoliberal vogue...



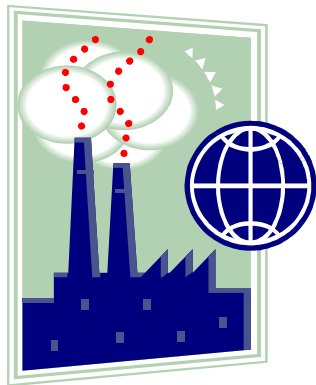
Scientific measurement?

- Universally applicable, faster and more responsive, reliable, less reliant on subject expertise
- Counting and quality
- The appeal of rankings



Professional facilitation or industrial production?

- Individuals must perform, not organisations
- Meeting the evaluation criteria of funders and quality assessment mechanisms



The ABS list

- **Editors**
- **Purpose**
 - Provide an indication of where best to publish.
 - Inform staffing decisions.
 - Inform library purchasing decisions.
 - Application in reviews and audits.

In this article we have argued that defining excellence with reference to journal quality is already widespread within the UK and that to pretend otherwise, or to wish that it were not so, is more damaging than to reveal and systematically compare differences in the standing of journals. An informed use of journal rankings such as the ABS Guide might help the business and management community to better prepare itself for a world in which research metrics are becoming ever more commonplace and routinely used by governments, agencies, universities, charitable bodies and the business community to make decisions about what research should be funded and what should not.

(Morris, Harvey and Kelly 2009)

Problems

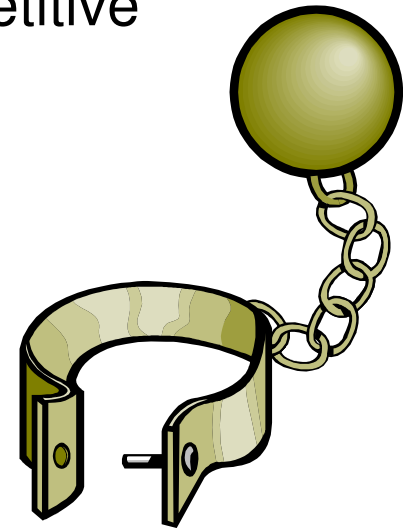
- Highly subjective
- Amenable to lobbying/cronyism
- Excludes new/minority areas
- ‘Good’ journals publish bad stuff and (vice-versa)
- Do people read journals or papers now?



The middle management deathly embrace

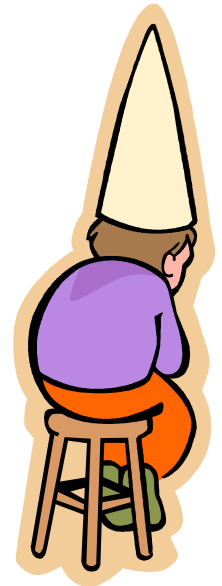
- The structural route
- Used to demonstrate performance
- A useful stick

- High degree of institutional isomorphism
- Product of centrally controlled and highly competitive environment
- Low risk as 'best-practice'
- Fear of being sidelined



The disciplining self

- Enfolding ourselves within systems
- Sense of self-worth and identity constituted by rankings
- Professional capital dependent upon rankings



Implications...

- *The creation of a bias towards highly codifiable knowledge
 - *Bias towards cognitive complementarity.
 - *Bias against inter/transdisciplinarity
 - *Minority areas get sidelined.
 - *Field/space dissonance for individuals
 - *Reduction in epistemic variety
 - *What constitutes knowledge is circumscribed and determined through these managerialist technologies.
 - *Consequential effect on peer epistemic communities and their important vehicles such as

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AMERICA FIRST - AMERICA ONLY

ALIEN INVASION!

Alliance members have unearthed information on the existence of extraterrestrial oppressors in Europe. Part serpent, part assassin, this new breed of menace has set its sights on our women and children, ready to eradicate America as we know it. If we don't wise up to this harrowing situation, then the space mutants will surely enslave us all... or worse.

**THIS IS THE END
OF LIFE AS
WE KNOW IT!**

Scores of Alliance members have been working tirelessly on their SBPA.net terminals to keep us informed as to the presence of these creatures in Europe. That makes it official: they're coming here next and the War Department is preparing to fight these talking vermin on our shores.

