

## CIAO RESEARCH FORUM

**Title:** *Measuring Research Performance: It is not only about numbers!*

**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1.30 pm

**Location:** Room T121, T Building Mt Helen; other campuses via online options by contacting Evan Dekker, [e.dekker@federation.edu.au](mailto:e.dekker@federation.edu.au)

**Abstract:** Nowadays, we can find rankings for almost every form of human activity. Academic research at universities is no exception. How many publications? How many citations? How much funding? What is the impact factor of a particular journal?

There are no shortage of quantitative metrics!!!



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The question is rather: what happens when the numbers take over?

“Number of citations” as an indicator of academic performance has received a widespread attention in our last CIAO research forum.

“Research Engagement and Impact” is a new tool, introduced recently in addition to the *Excellence in Research Australia (ERA)*, to measure non-academic impact of academic research in Australian universities!

In this forum, we discuss – from different discipline perspectives – measures of research performance (with emphasis on “Research Engagement and Impact” and “Research Citations”) and what effect these measures can have on researchers.

**Facilitator:** Dr Savin Chand (CIAO)

### Panel Members:



**A/Prof Alex Kruger (CIAO):** Alex received his PhD in mathematics from the Belarusian State University in 1981. Prior to joining University of Ballarat in 2003, he had worked at several universities and research institutions in Minsk, Belarus and spent 4 months doing research as a Fulbright Scholar at Indiana University South Bend, USA. He has published more than 90 papers in the fields of generalized differentiation, optimisation theory and variational analysis. Currently, Alex’s research is supported by the Australian Research Council’s Discovery grant.



**Dr Lauren Fortington (Senior Research Fellow, CIAO):** Lauren’s work is focused on injury epidemiology and injury prevention. Her research looks at how to collect, analyse and report injury data in different sports settings to best understand the impact and prevention of injuries. She is currently conducting investigations into injury in elite and community Australian sport including cricket, rugby union, rugby sevens and Australian football. She is also leading studies of safety in community sports organisations, aimed towards prevention and best management of serious and fatal events in sport, including a study on the implementation of the State Government’s defibrillator for sports clubs and facilities.



**Katie Donnelly (Project Coordinator, Research Strategy):** Katie coordinates and manages the ERA and Engagement & Impact submissions at the University. In her role as Project Coordinator, Research Strategy she works closely with the DVC (R&I) on strategic projects, and manages the Research Governance team. Katie has over 8 years’ experience in research admin, and has worked both centrally and on the ground as a member of a research team.

**Light lunch provided. Please RSVP Helen Wade ([h.wade@federation.edu.au](mailto:h.wade@federation.edu.au)) for catering!**