

Review of: "How Do Academicians Publish More Research Papers for Their Promotion and Positions? A Scrutiny of CV"

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There are a great many very interesting issues raised in this piece around how the commodification of knowledge and the resultant 'publish or perish' culture has had unintended consequences. Unfortunately, the piece doesn't engage with the literature out there on where and why this happens. Instead, the piece relies on fairly 'everyday' understandings of the problem which do not take us forward. It also has the style of an opinion piece, which is in itself not a problem, but it is replete with the kinds of hyperbole that undermine the core argument. These include the following:

"Even if they start publishing work from their date of birth, it is still considered impossible."

"At the beginning of their research tenure, researchers dedicate their own money, time, health, and happiness to be actively involved in academic pursuits under the guidance of supervisors."

There are also some comments that demand more careful deliberation (and again there is a wealth of deliberation on such matters in the literature). For example, the statement that "It seems that the work is typically not done solely by the efforts of academicians themselves" reads as somewhat naive. Knowledge is almost always made in collaborative teams. Co-authorships are the norm in the Natural Sciences, and even in the Humanities and Social Sciences, co-authorships are common and a necessary reflection of the shared nature of the endeavour. Perhaps the real problem is not co-authorship but the lack of clarity as to where and how it is accorded. There is much discussion on this in the literature too, with consideration of how disciplinary differences come into play in the norms of co-authorship.

Despite my negative comments above, I believe that more articles reflecting on issues of integrity in academic publishing are very much needed within the sector. I therefore commend the author for tackling the issue but urge them to engage with the rigorous deliberations on this matter that are readily available in order to make a more cogent contribution.