THE STATE OF THE SCIENCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY THEORY RELATED TO LEADERSHIP STUDIES: PERSPECTIVE ON THE INVISIBLE NETWORK OF KNOWLEDGE

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Abstract - To explore the intellectual structure of accountability related to leadership research in the last decade, the most crucial publications, most influential scholars, as well as the correlations among the publications of these scholars were identified. In this study, bibliometric techniques (citation analysis and cocitation analysis) were used to analyze citation relationships, showing trends and patterns of leadership literature. By analyzing 42,760 citations of 515 articles regarding leadership published from 2004 to 2013 obtained from the Science Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index databases, a knowledge network of leadership studies was mapped. The mapping results can be used to help identify the direction of leadership research and provide a valuable tool for researchers to access the literature in this field.

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