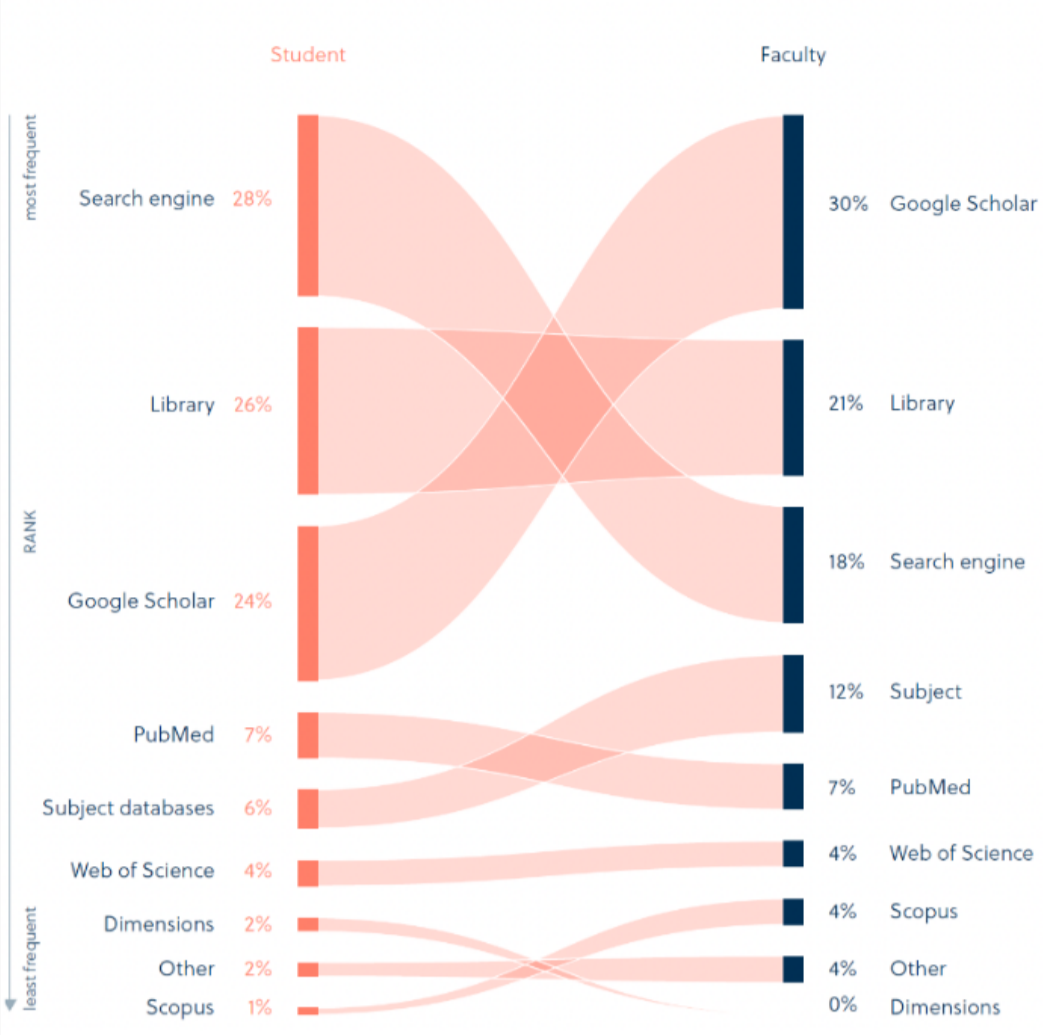


We've partnered with Google Scholar!

Google Scholar is an increasingly important discovery tool, especially for faculty (see chart). This presents a major problem for both *Google Scholar* and policy organizations, because inclusion is dependent on content's meeting scholarly publishing norms—such as the presence of abstracts and persistent identifiers—that are usually missing from policy organization websites. So, we reached out to *Google Scholar* to see if we could be a "bridge" between policy organization websites and *Google Scholar*, where *Policy Commons* does what's needed to bring policy organization content up to Google's standards. With Google's guidance, this work is now done, and we're pleased to announce that *Google Scholar* has already indexed 10% of our 3 million records. We expect indexing to be complete by July.

FIG 14. Where do patrons begin discovery?



Source: Hayes, M.A., Henry, F.A. & Shaw, R., 2021. Librarian Futures: Charting librarian patron behaviors and relationships in the networked digital age. Lean Library.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4135/wp.20211103>

Threads

You've probably noticed a growing number of threads on Twitter. Some are worth saving. For example, Kamil Galeev, a Galina Starovoitova Fellow at the Wilson Center, has been writing long threads about the Ukraine-Russia war, which read like illustrated working papers. We've [saved two of them](#) in *Policy Commons* (and anxiously await a promised third in a three-part series, "Russia's Future").

I also spotted a fantastic thread by Tessa Davis, a UK healthcare professional and online educator, about how Twitter's search engine is surprisingly powerful if you know the tricks:

<https://twitter.com/TessaRDavis/status/1512402324102291467>

I was even inspired to make a [thread](#) instead of a slide deck for my talk about what's missing from the scholarly record—and why—at the recent Fiesole Retreat in Athens, Greece. The "why" might surprise you.

How many more policy organizations are out there?

The late Donald Rumsfeld's famous 2002 [quip](#) about "known knowns" and "unknown unknowns" came to mind as we wrestled with his question.

By the end of 2021, we listed 21,000 "known" organizations. But how many "unknown unknowns" were missing from what is now the world's largest [directory](#)?

To help, we turned to eight publicly available listings of think tanks and policy organizations.

We unearthed an additional 2,700 known unknowns, and they're all now ready for you to discover in our Directory. For 725 of them, their content is also knowable in *Policy Commons*.

As we go to press with this newsletter, we have:

- 23,306 active organizations in our Directory
- 492 inactive organizations (with 34,517 preserved publications)
- 3.2 million publications
- 1.2 million tables.

Can you read Ukrainian or Russian?

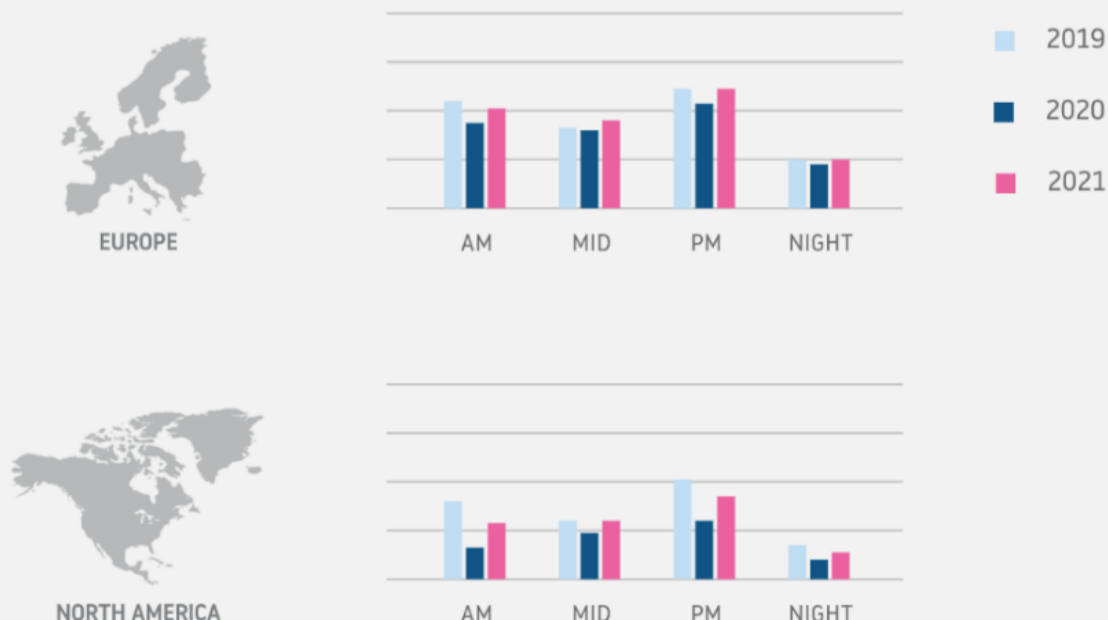
At the recent Fiesole Retreat, I had the privilege to hear firsthand from Stanford's Quinn Dombrowski, one of the coordinators of [Saving Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Online](#) (SUCHO), a initiative through which 1,300 volunteers have been racing to rescue digital content and data held by Ukrainian cultural heritage institutions. If you can read Russian or Ukrainian—or know of Ukrainian scholars who need to backup their data securely—and would like to help, please contact info@sucho.org.

Did you know? The pandemic has shifted rush hours.

COVID-19 has changed commuting patterns. But did you know that you can track these in 404 cities across the world in real time? TomTom, the navigation company, has built an [open data dashboard](#) of changing urban traffic and emission levels. It's a vital tool for anyone involved in urban planning or climate change—and now discoverable in *Policy Commons* as part of our growing coverage of data, maps, and other digital policy resources.

158_{/404} cities

experienced a shift in rush hour in comparison to 2019



Source: [TomTomTraffic Index](#)

New Lists this month

Check some of the new lists created in *Policy Commons* this month:

[Housing Evictions in the USA](#). New America's Future of Land and Housing program found that official data on evictions is either absent or hard to find. And without data it is, of course, impossible to understand a problem and find solutions. This list brings together this program's reports and data about evictions in the US.

[London's Poverty Profile by Trust for London](#) is a series of reports recording poverty levels in London. First commissioned by Trust for London in 2009 and published most years since, this series is

scattered across three websites. Now, for the first time, they are all brought together, along with a technical paper and the current dataset.

[On Vaccine Mandates](#). Earlier this year, protests against vaccines mandates made the news, especially in Canada. As some of the items in this list show, discussions about mandates are not new. In particular, I recommend [a paper on how Covid certificates boost vaccine take-up and the economy](#) from France's [Conseil D'Analyse Economique](#) (CAE).

Wishing you a happy and healthy May.

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