

## BEYOND ACADEMIC IMPACT: WHAT IS THE SOCIETAL CONTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSITIES?

As society faces increasingly complex challenges in areas such as human and planetary health, national competitiveness, and others, there is a growing recognition of the important role that universities play in driving broader societal impact. Elsevier, as an information analytics business and academic publisher, is actively collaborating with the academic community to develop indicators that provide insight into the full range of a researcher's output, as well as the impact of the broader research culture on society. This seminar will provide examples of how Elsevier is working with SDGs, not only as a key data provider for university rankings such as Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) but also through other initiatives, such as the development of a societal impact playbook with the University of Tasmania in Australia.







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