
The logo for Fiesole Retreat 24 features an orange silhouette of a classical building facade on the left. To its right, the text "Fiesole Retreat" is written in a black serif font, with "24" in a large, light grey sans-serif font to the right of "Retreat".

Fiesole Retreat 24

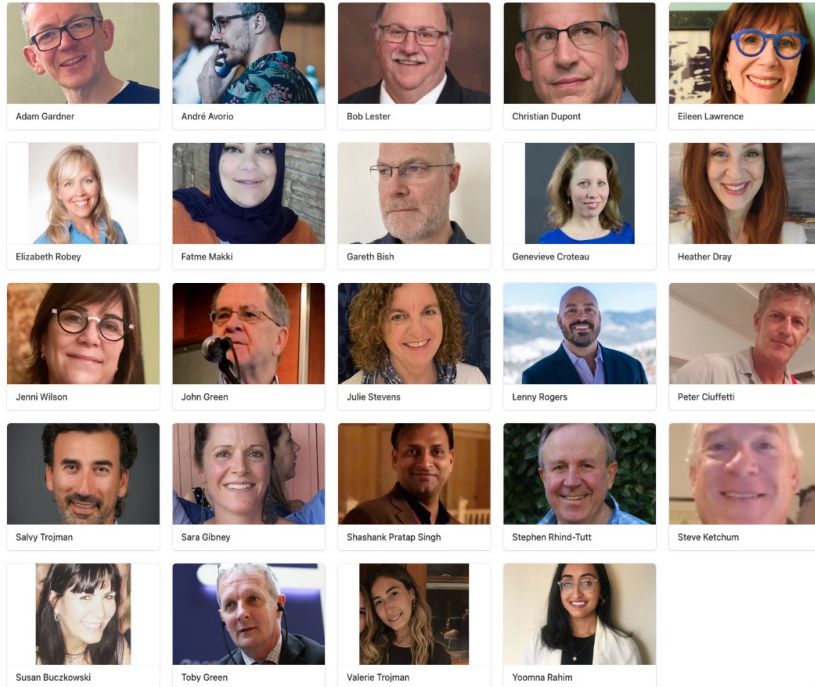


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Bridging Gaps in African
Research, Knowledge
Dissemination, and
Cultural Preservation.**

May 8th, 2024

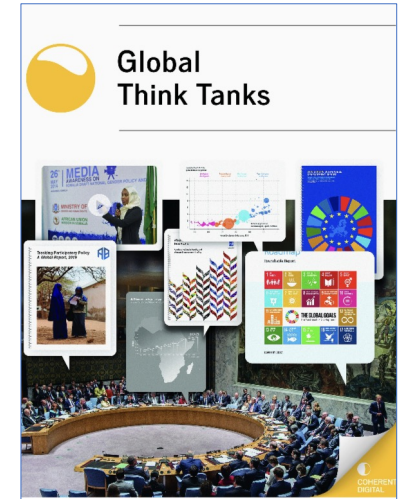
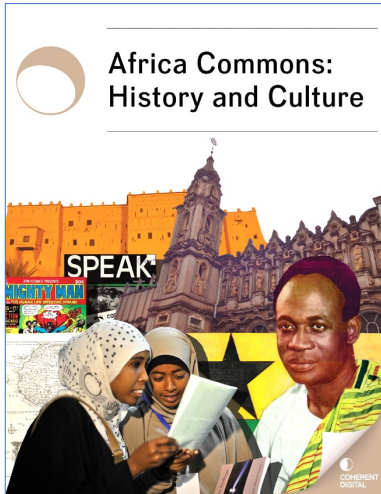


Who is Coherent Digital?



- New (founded in 2019)
- Small (25 people; 13 former Alexander Street)
- Truly global (6 continents) – staff in Delhi, Sao Paolo
- We care about “taming wild content and making it useful”

What do we do?



<https://africacommons.net>
<https://southasiacommons.net>
<https://policycommons.net>

Gaps and why we must fill them

Science

It'll take 150 years to map Africa's biodiversity at the current rate. We can't protect what we don't know.



Culture

How are Culture and Social Justice interrelated?

Social justice initiatives often involve preserving and promoting cultural identities as a way to empower marginalized groups and celebrate diversity in society.



We're one

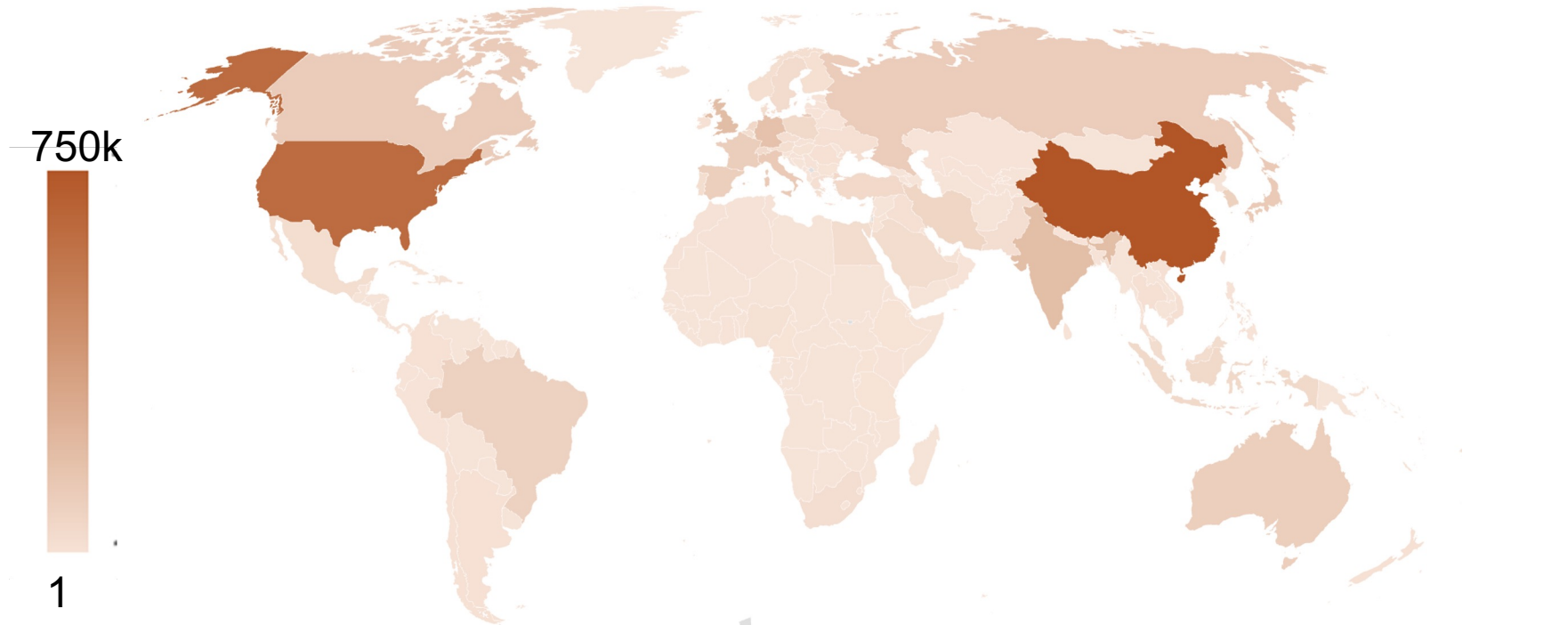
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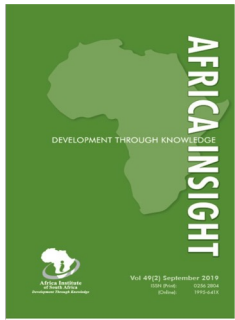
56% of the world's minds

Journal Article Sources



Source: Scopus 2022

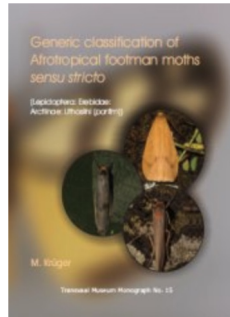
Gap: Journal Article Consumption



African Studies



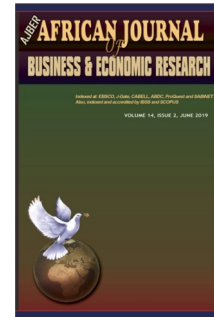
Agriculture



Anthropology



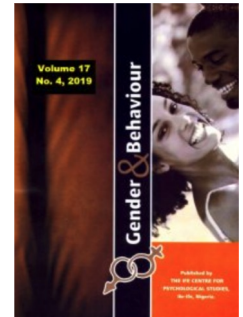
Criminology



Economics



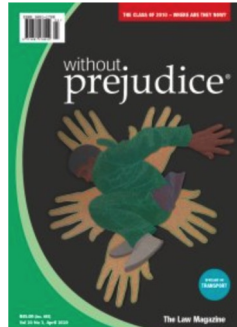
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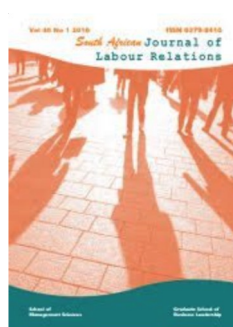
Gender Studies



Islam



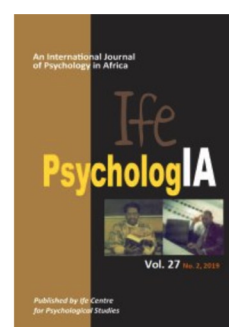
Law



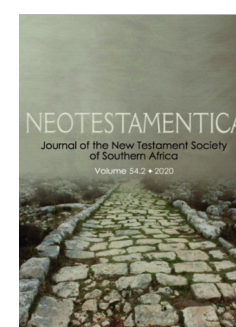
Labour



Medicine



Psychology



Religion

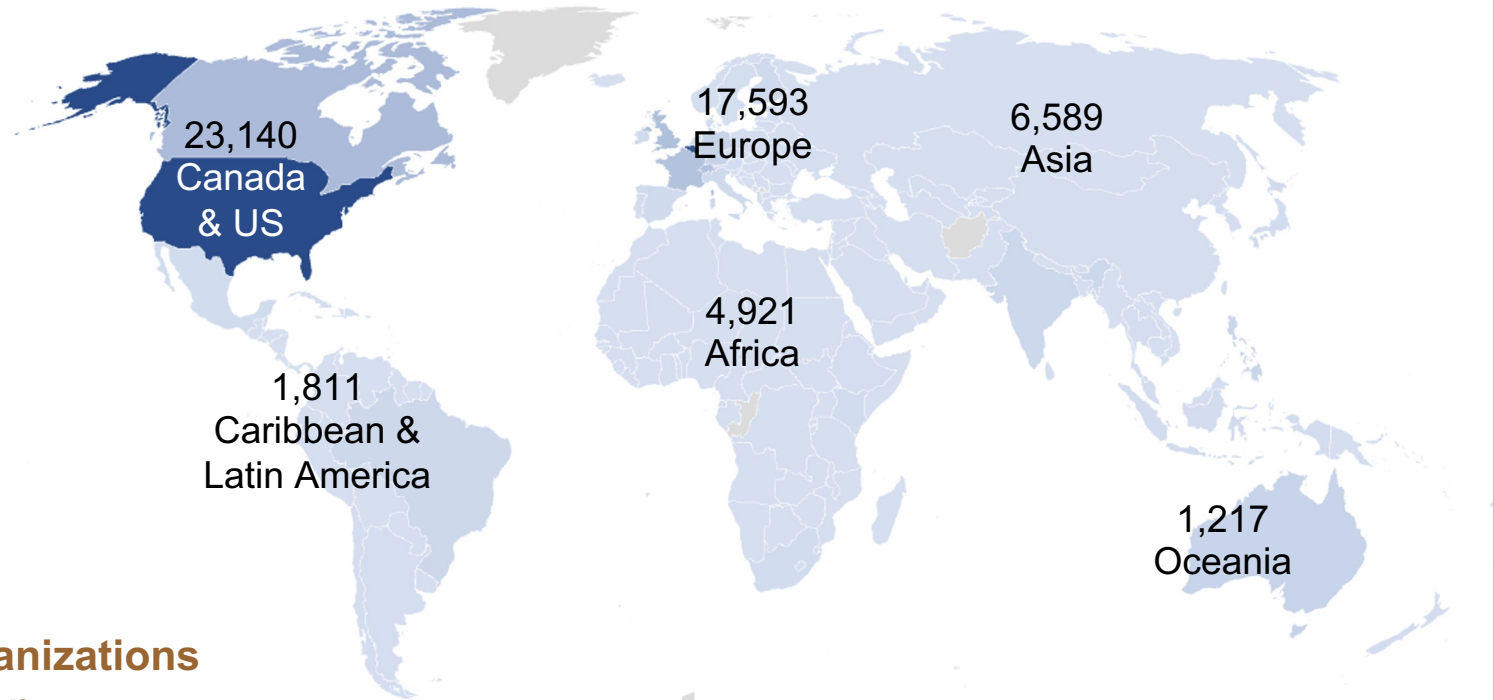


Statistics

Gap: Cultural Heritage



Gap: Research knowledge creators



**# of Organizations
by Region**

Source: WANGO and Policy Commons April 2024

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