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Grant Reporting in Action

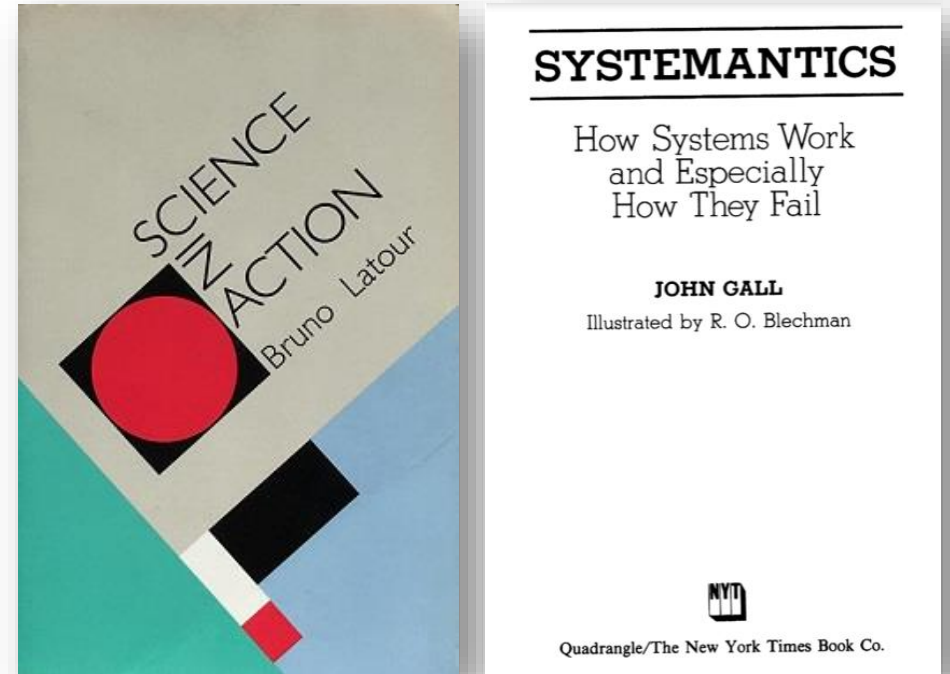
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Topics

„Things Are What They Are Reported To Be.“ (Gall: 39)

„A System Is No Better Than Its Sensory Organs.“ (Gall: 40)

- Grant reporting from the perspective of a university
- The journey to the final metric
- Comments on responsible design of reports and use of metrics



Latour, B. (1987). Science in Action: How to Follow Scientists and Engineers Through Society.

Gall, J. (1978). Systemantics: How Systems Work and Especially how They Fail.

Grant reporting from the perspective of a university

- In Austria there are no requirements for universities to report on societal impact of research (yet). Amongst other indicators, universities have to report on third party funding revenue per year.
- Information on applications, grants (contracts), and revenue is very valuable for management and evaluation purposes.
- UoV has not performed impact analysis on grants (yet).

Grant reporting from the perspective of a university

- Grant reporting requirements:
 - Annual reports to Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research
 - Evaluations on internal organizations and members of staff
 - Reporting Dashboards for management
 - Ad hoc reporting and internal research projects
- Trustworthy data sources and high data quality are essential for reporting
- Internal Research Information System (publications, activities, applications, grants etc.)
- RIS is populated with data manually and automatized by internal and external data sources

The journey to the final metric

- Consultation of the stakeholders
- Report design
- Data collection
- Data cleaning and preparation
- Compiling report
- Provide report
- (Adjustments)

Comments on responsible design of reports and use of metrics

- What is the actual question???
- How should the answer to this question look like?
- A simple indicator is better
- Bar charts are (usually) all you need
- Comments, comments, and more comments
- Every report and every chart will be shared
- Don't create indicators just to have indicators
- Don't only rely on performance indicators

Thank you

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