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RESEARCH

Interests: Child and Family Welfare · Social Protection · Social Welfare

Areas: Sociology and Political Science · Safety Research · Clinical Psychology · General Health Professions · Demography · Public Administration

RESEARCH SUMMARY

76	659	15	27	2.20	27%
Publications	Citations	h-index	i10-index	Field-weighted impact	World top 10%

Counted from the 76 publications listed below, 2008–2026. Field-weighted impact is the mean over the 37 works scored for it; 1.00 is the world average for works of the same field, type and year. 10 of the 37 papers scored for it are among the world's most cited tenth for their field, type and year.

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