

Metropolitan governance: A bibliography

Ireland in the Metropolitan Century

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Is there an appropriate structure of regional governance and how does spatial planning engage and intersect with it? What is the relationship between the territorial rescaling of governance around metropolitan areas and wider regional prosperity? These questions are central concerns for scholars, policy makers, and planners and their answers have implications for territorial restructuring and governance. Recent decades have seen a new type of metropolitan focus in spatial planning policies. While understanding the emergence and promotion of metropolitan areas as generators of local, regional, and national development across an array of geographical settings and by a range of actors is a long-standing endeavour (Hall and Pain 2009), such concerns have gained increasing salience and traction over recent decades.

Ireland in the Metropolitan Century strove to address these issues in an Irish context. Given the exploratory nature of this research, a scoping review of relevant international literature was considered an appropriate starting point. Scoping reviews adopt a more systematic approach than a traditional literature review requiring 'rigorous and transparent methods in their conduct to ensure that the results are trustworthy'.¹ The scoping review began with a Web of Science (WOS) search using the term 'metropolitanisation' given our focus on it as an operating rationality undergirding the creation of policies and spatial plans, the direction of funding and resources, and the creation of new governance scales. Our initial search generated eighty-two items, indicating a limited use of the term metropolitanisation.

Given part of the purpose of the review is to inform and identify future research directions, it was important to focus on the most recent research. We filtered the eighty-two items by date range (2014-2019) The next step included a second WOS search using the term 'metropolitan governance', which generated a total of 1,340 potential sources. These were filtered by the same date range, document types and language (English), producing an additional 634 items. We then narrowed down all 660 items to the most relevant articles through a ranking system. Articles analysing metropolitanisation through case studies of service provision or discussing metropolitan growth rather than concepts of governance were ranked lowest (one star). Articles that treated metropolitan governance as the focal point were ranked as highly relevant (three stars).

Our final list includes more than forty articles that have a central focus on metropolitan governance in locations across the globe. These articles represent a variety of disciplines and geographical locations. While we have attempted to obtain global coverage, discussion

¹ Munn, Zachary, Micah D.J. Peters, Cindy Stern, Catalin Tufanaru, Alexa McArthur, and Edoardo Aromataris. 2018. "Systematic Review or Scoping Review? Guidance for Authors When Choosing between a Systematic or Scoping Review Approach." *BMC Medical Research Methodology*, 18(1), p. 6.

in the English language literature of metropolitanisation and metropolitan governance is heavily dominated by work on European and North American cases.

Our search was completed by including English-language, digital and publicly available, grey literature that either defines or demonstrates approaches to metropolitanisation, as well as texts that fall outside our time window. These were selected based on scanning the bibliographies of included references, identifying papers that were consistently referenced across the work of other scholars, and thus representing classic or foundational studies for our research topic.

This bibliography is structured in three sections:

1. The results of our scoping review as outlined above
2. An additional list comprising sources used by the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly (Ireland) to inform the development of their Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy and Metropolitan Area Spatial Plan for Dublin
3. A list of sources on metropolitan governance that we discovered outside our scoping review search terms and/or timeline

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