

# The influence of Dr. George Thibaut as assessed through Google Scholar

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## Abstract

**Purpose:** Dr. George Thibaut's research publications are the focus of this study, which intends to evaluate their influence. For the purpose of studying the change in citations In order to investigate the Co-Authorship Co-Occurrence Map, with a focus on titles and abstracts. Should keep an eye on the five most popular publications.

**Methods:** The initial 421 citations of Dr. George Thibaut's Sanskrit-related works and 64 papers from the Google Scholar citation database, spanning the years 1870–2023, were analysed.

**Results:** In the field of Hindu philosophy translation studies, the age-weighted citation rate (AWCR) is 13.55%. This rate is based on 154 years of data, an average of 2.73 citations per year, and 6.58 citations per article.

**Conclusion:** Thibaut has worked closely with other scholars and prioritized new and diverse subjects, which has increased the visibility and influence of his work. His enduring impact on the academic and policymaking worlds is evidenced by his unwavering commitment to practical solutions.

**Keywords:** Dr George Thibaut, Sanskrit and related, Hindu Philosophical Studies, Google Scholar, Citation, Ancient Mathematics.

## Introduction

Dr. George Frederick William Thibaut, C.I.E., Ph.D., D.Sc. (March 20, 1848 – 1914), a German Indologist and Sanskrit scholar, was a pioneer in the translation and interpretation of Hindu philosophy. His contributions to the

Vedanta Sutras and Sankhya philosophy (Badarayana et al., 1890) facilitated Western comprehension of Indian philosophy. Born in Germany on March 20, 1848, Thibaut studied Oriental languages, especially Sanskrit, in Germany, fostering his passion for Indian philosophical and religious texts. Professional

Endeavours and Contributions Thibaut dedicated a significant portion of his time in India to study and instruction (Ramanuja, 2005). He served as a professor at the Government Sanskrit College in Varanasi and the Muir Central College in Allahabad. Subsequently, he held the position of Registrar at Calcutta University. The primary focus of his studies and research was Vedic Philosophy (Bhikshu, 1856). Thibaut is also renowned for his translations of the Vedanta Sutras and the commentaries of Shankara and Ramanuja. Max Müller revised these translations for the Sacred Books of the East, 1879. His translations of Sankhya Hindu philosophical texts are also significant. Indian Mathematics Thibaut concentrated on ancient Indian mathematics (Dutta, 2002), enhancing the field. Prominent Works Commentary on the Vedanta Sutra by Shankaracharya (1890) Vedanta Sutras with Commentary by Ramanuja (1904) The Legacy of the 1887 Sâmkhya-Pravachana-Bhâshya: Thibaut acquainted Western scholars with Vedanta and Sankhya via his translations (Dasgupta, 1922). His contributions are crucial for the study of Hindu philosophy. His efforts in conserving and comprehending ancient Sanskrit literature garnered him prominence in both Europe and India. Dr. George Thibaut passed away in 1914. His contributions to Indian philosophy and ancient literature persist in shaping the perspectives of Indology scholars and students. We aim to investigate the effects of his influence on research and teaching within the field of

Indology. The next section outlines the study goals.

### Objectives

- To analyse the evolution of citations
- To explore the Co-Authorship Co-Occurrence Map, specifically in occurrence to abstracts and titles
- To monitor the top five publications.

### Scope and Limitation of the Study

This study centres on Dr. George Thibaut, who has made significant contributions to the field of Hindu philosophy translation for the previous 154 years. All works on the disciplines of Hindu philosophy, Vedic mathematics, and Sanskrit pertaining to the topic covering. Consequently, the article for the current analysis delineates 64 records.

### Research Methodology

In this study, Google Scholar, (2023), Harzing, A.W., (2007), VOSViewer, (2020), and Microsoft, (2020) were utilized. In addition to first 421 citation to Dr. George Thibaut's Sanskrit-related works and 64 papers from the online Google Scholar citation database covering the years 1870–2023, were examined. Table 1 shows the many articles and books written by Dr. George Thibaut that have advanced the study of Sanskrit.

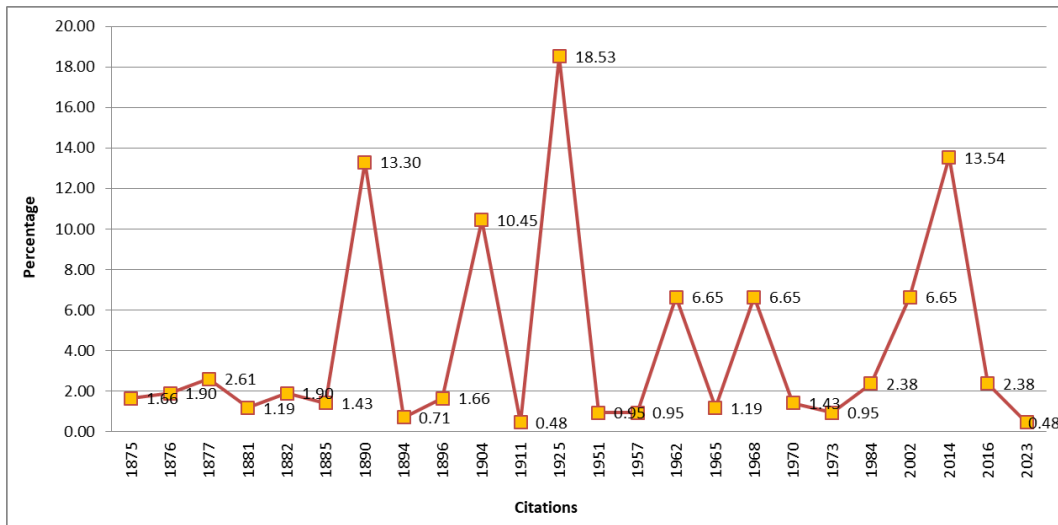
**Table 1** Google Scholar through Publish or Perish Report

Query	George Thibaut
Source	Google Scholar
Papers	64
Citations	421
Years	154
Cites_Year	2.73
Cites_Paper	6.58
Cites_Author	403.17
Papers_Author	56.17
Authors_Paper	1.27
h_index	10
g_index	18
hc_index	4
hI_index	9.09
hI_norm	10
AWCR	13.55
AW_index	3.68
AWCRpA	13.32
e_index	13.38
hm_index	9.5
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Cites_Author_Year	2.61
hI_annual	0.06
h_coverage	66.3
g_coverage	79.3

### Data Analysis and Discussion

The citation rise of George Thibaut, as depicted in Figure 1, demonstrates the increasing impact of his work, especially in fields pertinent to current research trends. A study indicates that the majority of citations, 18.53% (1925), tend to rise when research explores contemporary

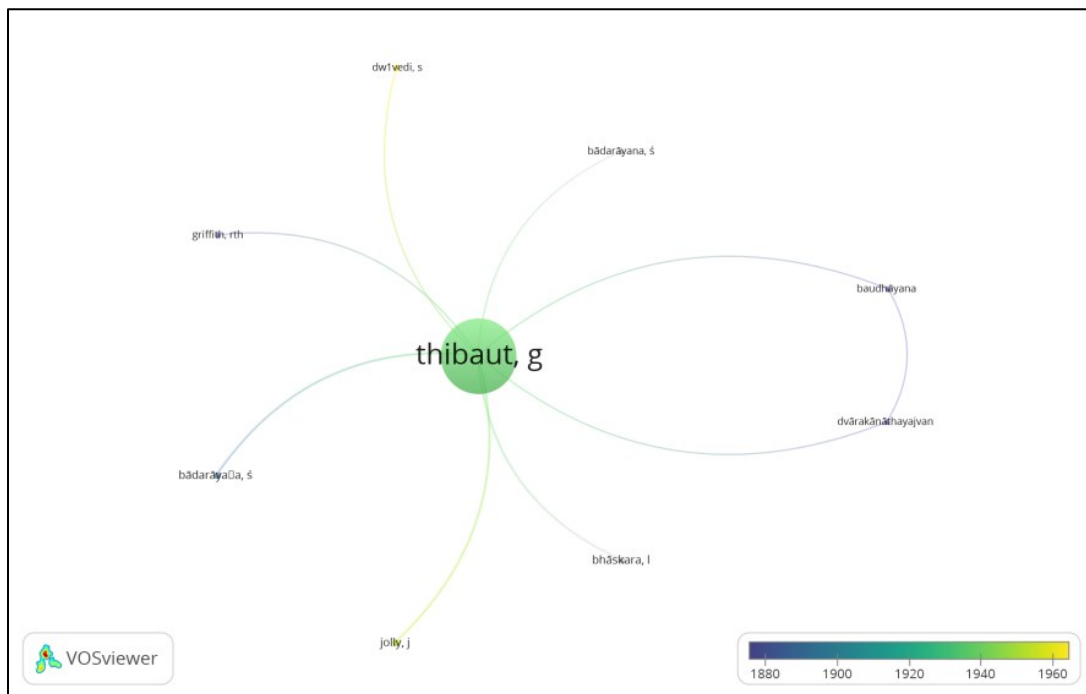
concerns or presents novel approaches (Sjögårde & Didegah, 2022). Partnerships with prominent researchers and the availability of his work have facilitated its extensive acknowledgment (Bornmann & Daniel, 2008). Consequently, his increasing citation count indicates his enduring influence in academia.



**Figure 1** Citation of Dr. George Thibaut Research

The co-authorship graph for George Thibaut indicates that in figure 2, he occupies a pivotal position within his research network, exhibiting robust connections to several clusters of collaborators. Kumar, (2015) indicates that his substantial node size implies a significant publishing output, while the varied connections reflect interdisciplinary collaborations that enhance his academic prominence. Robust

affiliations with specific co-authors signify enduring collaborations, augmenting the influence and prominence of his work. There are a total of six clusters. 9 links, 12 total link strength, cluster 1: Green colour Eight links, eleven altogether, with a link strength of fifty-five, document involving Griffitch, RTH, Jolly J, and Thibaut. Baudhyana, Dvarakanathayajan, Bhaskara, and Dwivedi.

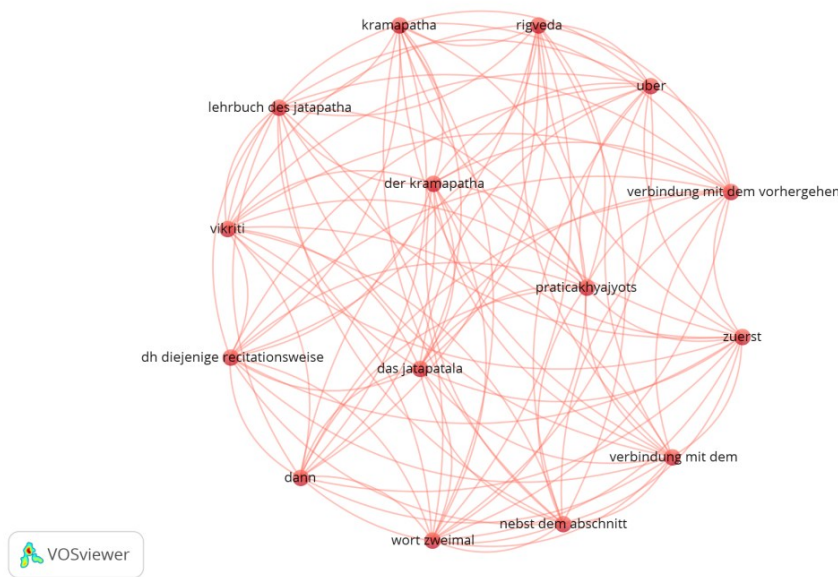


**Figure 2** Co-Authorship Map

The Co-Occurrence Map of George Thibaut publications (Figure 3) highlights his major research themes, with large single clusters red colour 14 links and one occurrence around terms like "Rigveda "Kramapatha," and "Vikriti." The frequent co-occurrence of these terms suggests that his work is centered on Sanskrit approaches to sustainable Hinduism. The strong connections between "Ancient India" and "Antiquity" reflect his engagement with both methodical clarifications and controlling contexts. Over time, the map shows an increasing emphasis on

transformation in these areas, indicating the evolving nature of his research focus.

Table 2 indicates that the five foremost publications underscore his substantial contributions to areas including Sanskrit translation studies, the Vedanta Sutras, Sulva Sutras, Panchasiddhantika, and ancient mathematics. The paper with the highest citation count is "The Vedanta-Sutras." The 122 citations from the year 1890 signify a prominent research impact and relevance, highlighting Thibaut's position as a major researcher in various fields.



**Figure 3** Co-Occurrence Map (Abstract and Titles)

**Table 2** Top Five Contribution of Dr. George Thibaut

Publication Year	Title	Citations	Rank
1890	The Vedānta-sūtras	122	1
1875	Sulvasutras	57	2
1904	The Sacred Books of the East	44	3
1889	The Panchasiddhantika: The Astronomical Work of Varaha Mihira	28	4
1984	Mathematics in the Making in Ancient India	28	5

## Conclusion

George Thibaut's research has significantly influenced multiple fields, including translation of Sanskrit language, Ancient India, Veda Sutras, Ancient Mathematics, and Astrology. His top-cited publications indicate a broad impact, reflecting his contributions to both theoretical and applied aspects of these areas. The growth in citations over time underscores the relevance and importance of his work in addressing contemporary challenges and advancing knowledge. Thibaut's extensive collaboration with other researchers and his focus on emerging and interdisciplinary topics has further enhanced his research's visibility and impact. His continued emphasis on innovative solutions and practical applications suggests a lasting influence on both academic and policy-making communities.

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