# Methods for detecting research and technological fronts

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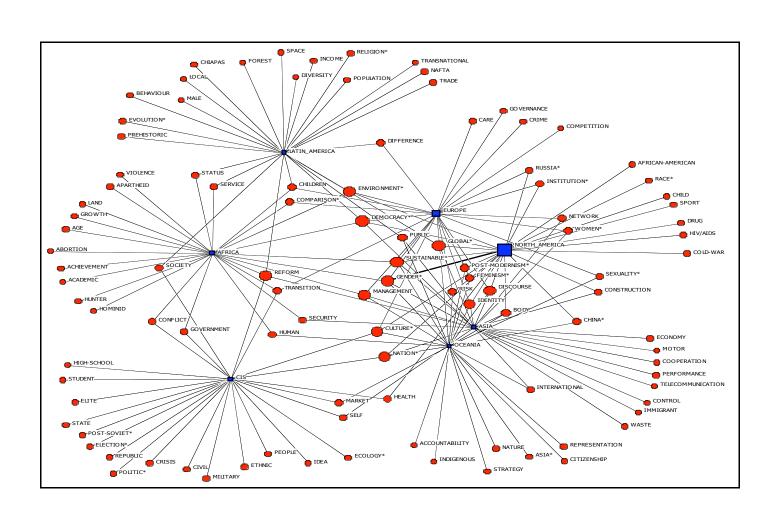
#### 2 basic approaches

- Usual Qualitative approaches:
  - Expert-based: Delphi, Foresight
- Quantitative approaches
  - Based on measuring changes in a given indicator

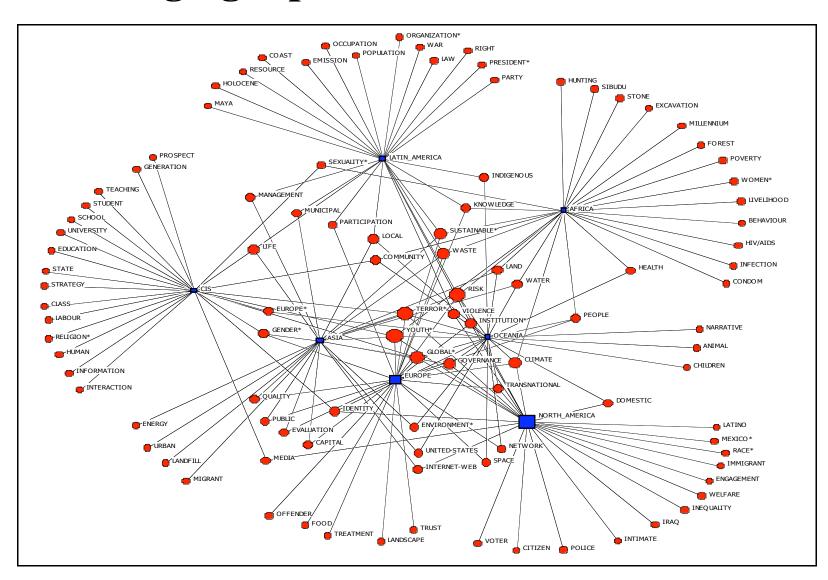
#### Sources of data

- Science:
  - Papers
  - Citations to papers
  - Co-citation analysis of papers
  - Key words analysis
- Technology:
  - Patents
  - Citations in patents
  - Inter-patent citations
  - Key words analysis

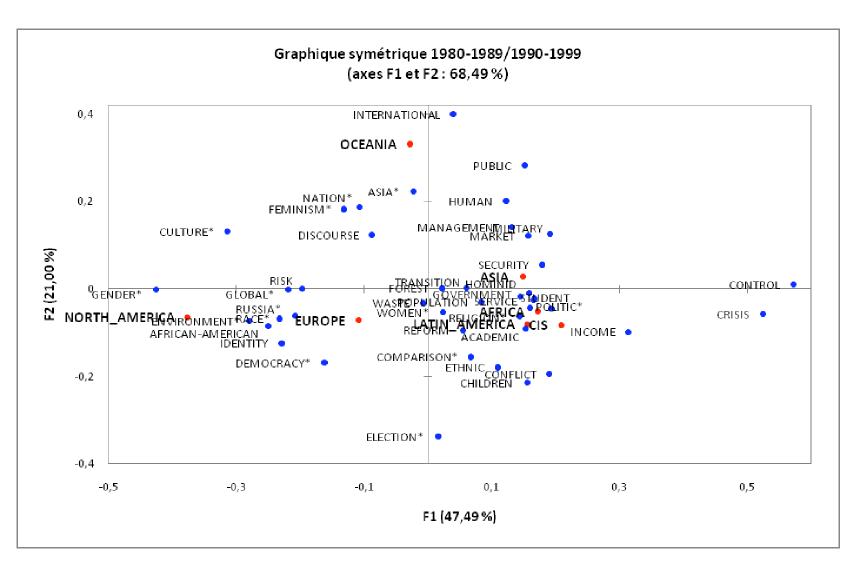
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## Factor Analysis of Topics and Countries (1980-89 / 1990-99)



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