The Bibliometric Analysis of Service-Dominant Logic in Education Sector

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Abstract

Bibliometric Approach is an effective method for exploring and describing the existing literature on Service Dominant Logic. This study presents a bibliometric analysis of SDL in the education sector, spanning 16 years from 2008 to 2024. Utilizing tools like RStudio's Biblioshiny and VOSviewer, the study maps key trends, collaborations, and influential research in the field. The analysis reveals that SDL research has grown at an annual rate of 12.41%, with an increasing emphasis on value co-creation, service innovation, and digital transformation, especially post-2014 (Chowdhury et al., 2022). While higher education has been a primary focus of SDL applications, gaps remain in its exploration in primary and secondary education. The study underscores the need for more empirical research and broader application of SDL principles, particularly in AI-driven education models and sustainable learning environments.

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1| Introduction

Service-Dominant Logic (SDL), introduced by Vargo and Lusch (2004), marks a paradigm shift in marketing and has been increasingly applied in various sectors, including education. SDL emphasizes the co-creation of value through interactions between actors, making it particularly relevant in education, where the traditional teacher-centered model is being replaced by more collaborative, student-centered approaches. The growing body of research on SDL in education reflects its potential to reshape educational practices, promoting service-based exchanges and personalized learning experiences (Chowdhury et al., 2022). The adoption of SDL in education is part of a broader shift towards service-based models, where institutions, educators, and students work together to co-create value. This approach is particularly relevant in the digital age, where online platforms and hybrid learning environments have become integral to education (Lusch & Vargo, 2014). As SDL research continues to evolve, understanding its application in education is critical for informing future pedagogical innovations and improving educational outcomes. Because of the increasing importance of this topic, the current study aims to explore the existing literature in Service Dominant Logic using R Studio and VOSviewer and the specific objectives are as follows:

To determine how this area of research is organized and progressed in terms of publications, authors and journals and also identify bibliometric trends (co-citation, bibliographic coupling

etc.) of Service Dominant Logic.

To identify, based on results obtained, the underexplored areas and reflect on possible future research opportunities for gaining better insight of this topic.

This paper conducts a bibliometric analysis of SDL in the education sector, spanning the period from 2008 to 2024. Bibliometric analysis provides a quantitative overview of research trends, collaborations, and key themes, allowing for a deeper understanding of how SDL is influencing educational theory and practice. Using tools such as RStudio Biblioshiny and VOS viewer, this study maps the intellectual landscape of SDL in education, identifying key contributors, emerging trends, and gaps in the literature.

This bibliometric analysis demonstrates that Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) is reshaping educational practices through value co-creation, service innovation, and digital transformation. The use of RStudio Biblioshiny and VOS viewer has provided valuable insights into research trends, collaborative networks, and key contributors in this evolving field. As education continues to embrace hybrid and digital learning environments, SDL offers a robust framework for enhancing student outcomes and fostering meaningful collaboration.

The study highlights the importance of ongoing innovation and global collaboration in advancing SDL research in education. Future work should address existing challenges by conducting empirical studies and exploring SDL's potential in diverse educational contexts. The insights gained from this research will help guide institutions, educators, and policymakers in creating more dynamic, engaging, and sustainable learning environment.

This paper is structured as follows: Section 2 starts with literature review. Section 3 presents the research methodology. Research findings are discussed in section 4. Conclusion and future recommendations are there in section five.

2| LITERATURE REVIEW

The application of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) within the education sector reflects a paradigm shift towards collaborative, value-based learning models. SDL, introduced by Vargo and Lusch (2004), emphasizes that value is co-created through interactions between participants, a concept that aligns with recent efforts to reimagine educational systems. This research explores the intellectual landscape of SDL in education through a bibliometric analysis, employing tools such as R Studio Biblioshiny and VOS viewer. The findings highlight key trends, influential collaborations, and emerging areas that are shaping the future of education.

Understanding Service-Dominant Logic in Education

The shift from goods-dominant logic to service-dominant logic marks a transformation in various sectors, including education. Traditionally, education was teacher-centered, where instructors imparted knowledge to passive students. However, the adoption of SDL introduces student-centered learning, where students, educators, and institutions collaborate to co-create value. This new approach fosters deeper engagement and more personalized learning experiences, aligning with the principles of value-in-use and service exchange central to SDL.

The Role of SDL in Value Co-Creation and Service Innovation in Education

The concept of value co-creation is foundational to SDL's application in education. Research by (Díaz-Méndez and Gummesson) emphasizes that students are no longer passive consumers of knowledge but active participants in their learning journey. Higher education, in particular, benefits from co-creation, where engaged students contribute to curriculum design and the overall learning experience.

Additionally, service innovation a core theme in SDL drives the adoption of new pedagogical practices and technologies. From blended learning to technology-enhanced environments, educational institutions are increasingly embracing innovations aligned with SDL principles to enhance the quality of education.

Value Co-Creation in Education: Co-creation of value is a central tenet of SDL, which posits that value is not produced in isolation by the provider but emerges through interactions with the consumer (Akaka & Vargo, 2015). In educational settings, students become active co-creators of their educational journeys. Díaz -Méndez and Gummesson (2017) argue that this participatory model leads to deeper engagement and better educational outcomes, as students are involved in shaping the curriculum and contributing to classroom discussions. This approach also supports collaborative learning, which has been shown to increase retention and comprehension among students (Chowdhury, Palihawadana, & Riley, 2022).

SDL and Digital Transformation in Education: With the rise of digital learning environments, SDL provides a useful framework for understanding how technology enables value co-creation. The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of online and hybrid learning models, with institutions leveraging SDL to enhance digital engagement (Lusch & Vargo, 2014). Information systems and educational platforms have become vital in facilitating collaboration among students and educators, fostering a dynamic and interactive learning ecosystem (Donthu et al., 2021). Recent studies have shown that SDL can drive innovation in pedagogical practices by integrating digital tools, thus improving educational outcomes in remote settings (Chowdhury et al., 2022).

Digital Transformation and SDL in the COVID-19 Era

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated digital transformation in education, forcing institutions to adopt online and hybrid learning models. SDL provides a useful framework for understanding how digital tools and platforms can enable co-creation and enhance student engagement. Research highlights the role of information systems in facilitating collaboration among students, educators, and institutions, contributing to more dynamic and interactive learning environments.

The bibliometric analysis reveals several key trends and growth patterns in Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) research within the education sector. Value Co-Creation emerges as a central theme, highlighting the increasing emphasis on collaborative learning and student engagement in educational practices. Additionally, Service Innovation is underscored, with studies advocating for continuous innovation in educational methods, particularly concerning digital platforms and personalized learning environments. The role of Information Systems has also gained traction, especially in online education settings, as they facilitate co-creation processes. Notably, there has been a steady increase in SDL-related publications from 2014 to 2023, indicating a rising interest in this area. Leading institutions such as the University of Salerno and National Yunlin University have made significant contributions to this research, with a robust international presence evident in the co-authorship networks.

While SDL offers significant promise for transforming education, several challenges remain. A key issue is the theoretical gap, as much of the existing research is conceptual, highlighting the need for more empirical studies to demonstrate SDL's tangible impact on educational outcomes. Additionally, resistance to change poses a challenge, as traditional educational institutions may struggle to adopt collaborative, student-centered models. Moreover, although higher education has actively embraced SDL, its application in primary and secondary education remains underexplored, leaving a gap in understanding how SDL can benefit younger learners. Future research should investigate how AI-driven value co-creation and personalized learning models can align with SDL principles to enhance student engagement. The growing emphasis on sustainability in education also presents an opportunity to explore how SDL can foster long-term, value-based practices, contributing to more resilient and impactful educational ecosystems.

Challenges in Adopting SDL in Education: While the adoption of SDL holds significant potential, several challenges remain. A major barrier is the resistance to change within traditional educational institutions, which often

adhere to teacher-centered models (Gummes son, 2010). Additionally, although higher education has embraced SDL, its application in primary and secondary education remains limited (Díaz-Méndez & Gummesson, 2017). This gap highlights the need for more empirical research to explore how SDL can be adapted to benefit younger learners.

3| *Research Methodology*

This study adopts a bibliometric approach to analyze the application of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) in the education sector. Bibliometrics is used to quantitatively assess academic literature, identify key research trends, authors, journals, and collaboration networks (Aria & Cuccurullo, 2017). The data for this study was sourced from the Scopus database, a leading repository of high-quality academic research (Elsevier,2024). A total of 100 research papers focusing on Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) within the education sector were selected for analysis. The chosen articles span the period from 2008 to 2024, providing a broad overview of the evolution of SDL applications in education over time. Only papers published in English were considered to ensure consistency and comparability. The selected papers were exported from Scopus in CSV format, which enabled further analysis using bibliometric tools. For the bibliometric analysis, two specialized software tools were employed. The first was RStudio using the Biblioshiny interface, which is part of the bibliometrix package. Biblioshiny allows for an easy-to-use, web-based environment that simplifies the process of bibliometric analysis and visualizing the results. Through this interface, a variety of metrics and visualizations, such as publication trends and keyword analysis, were generated with minimal coding knowledge required. The second tool used was VOSviewer, which is specifically designed for creating and visualizing bibliometric networks. VOS viewer excels at illustrating co-authorship, keyword co-occurrence, and citation networks, providing a detailed map of research collaborations and intellectual connections within the dataset (Van Eck and Waltman, 2019). The analysis of the collected data involved two main tools: Biblioshiny in RStudio

and VOS viewer. First, the CSV file we imported into Biblioshiny, where key bibliometric information was extracted. This included trends in publications over time, identification of the most prolific authors, as well as an analysis of the top journals publishing on SDL in education.

Next, the data was imported into VOSviewer for more detailed network analysis. Keyword co-occurrence analysis mapped the relationships between keywords in abstracts and titles,

Timespan	2008:2024
Sources (Journals, Books, etc)	78
Documents	100
Annual Growth Rate %	12.41
Document Average Age	5.43
Average citations per doc	11.7
References	5329
DOCUMENT CONTENTS	
Keywords Plus (ID)	308`
Author's Keywords (DE)	316
AUTHORS	
Authors	221
Authors of single-authored docs	16
AUTHORS COLLABORATION	
Single-authored docs	17
Co-Authors per Doc	2.6
International co-authorships %	21
DOCUMENT TYPES	
Article	60
book chapter	11
conference paper	23
conference review	4
Retracted	1
Review	1

helping to identify clusters of commonly researched topics within SDL in education. Finally Bibliometric coupling in VOSviewer helps identify the similarity between research papers, authors, or institutions based on shared

references. Specifically, it examines how frequently two publications cite the same sources.

4| Theoretical Analysis and Findings

Table 1 Main Information

1| Main Information about Data

This research spans 16 years (2008-2024), highlighting the growing importance of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) in education. Early studies built on foundational theories (Vargo & Lusch, 2004), while recent publications focus on applying SDL to educational practices. The use of 78 sources from journals, books, and conferences shows that SDL crosses multiple disciplines. The 100-document dataset indicates increased academic interest, particularly in how SDL can improve education through collaboration and value co-creation, aligning with student-centered learning trends (Chowdhury et al., 2022).

A 12.41% annual growth rate reflects steady expansion in SDL research, tackling practical issues like curriculum innovation. With an average document age of 5.43 years, SDL in education is still developing, offering opportunities for future research. The 11.7 citations per document show the growing influence of SDL, while 5329 references underline its interdisciplinary nature, connecting fields like marketing, pedagogy, and management. With 308 Keywords Plus and 316 Author's Keywords, themes like "value co-creation" and "student engagement" reflect SDL's core principles. Contributions from 221 authors demonstrate widespread interest, with collaborative research being key. The global relevance of SDL is evident in the 21% international collaborations. Journal articles (60) dominate, followed by book chapters (11), conference papers (23), and reviews (4), underscoring the evolving nature of SDL research. However, the presence of only one review article suggests a need for more comprehensive literature analyses.

Table 2 Annual Scientific Production

Table 2 shows the annual scientific production of articles. The research on SDL in education demonstrates fluctuating yet persistent growth, with significant spikes in 2017 (13 articles) and 2022–2023 (11 articles each year). This rise suggests a growing recognition of SDL's relevance to transforming education, especially in recent years. A drop in 2011 to zero publications may indicate a temporary decline or refocusing of research priorities. In the first six years, research output was low (2–5 articles per year), reflecting the initial efforts to adapt SDL concepts, originally rooted in marketing, to the educational context (Vargo & Lusch, 2004). From the year 2014 to 2019 shows gradual growth, with steady contributions ranging from 3 to 13 articles per year.

Year	Articles
2008	2
2009	2
2010	2
2011	0
2012	5
2013	2
2014	3
2015	7
2016	7
2017	13
2018	6
2019	5
2020	4
2021	7
2022	11
2023	11

Year	N	Mean TC per Art	Mean TC per Year	Citable Years
2008	2	26.50	1.66	16
2009	2	46.00	3.07	15
2010	2	57.50	4.11	14
2011	0	0.00	0.00	0
2012	5	32.40	2.70	12
2013	2	4.50	0.41	11
2014	3	20.67	2.07	10
2015	7	35.29	3.92	9
2016	7	3.29	0.41	8
2017	13	10.69	1.53	7

The increase reflects growing interest in applying value co-creation and service-based interactions to educational ecosystems, addressing challenges like curriculum innovation and student engagement (Chowdhury et al., 2022).

The steady output from 2020 onward (with a peak of 11 articles in 2022 and 2023) aligns with increased global attention to education reforms, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, SDL frameworks have been explored for improving online education delivery and institutional resilience (Lusch & Vargo, 2014).
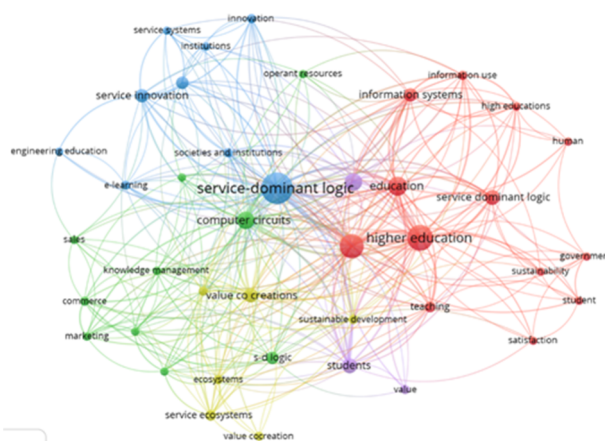
Table 3 Average Citations Per Document

Sources	Articles
Journal of Marketing for Higher Education	6
Improving the Evaluation of Scholarly Work: The Application of Service Theory	5
Studies in Higher Education	4
Developments in Marketing Science: Proceedings of the Academy of Marketing Science	3
Proceedings of the Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences	3
Sustainability (Switzerland)	3
Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing	2
Journal of Services Marketing	2
Lecture Notes in Business Information Processing	2
TQM Journal	2

With 11.7 citations per document, the research is gaining momentum and recognition within academic circles. Citations are crucial in evaluating a publication's impact, indicating that key papers have significantly influenced subsequent research (Donthu et al., 2021). The average document age of 5.43 years reflects that SDL applications in education are rela-

tively recent. This opens avenues for future exploration, such as investigating digital transformations in education through an SDL lens.

Table 4 Most Relevant Sources

The Journal of Marketing for Higher Education tops the list, contributing six articles, indicating a strong focus on the intersection of marketing and higher education. This suggests that the application of service-dominant logic is particularly relevant in discussions about the marketing strategies and service perspectives in higher education. Improving the Evaluation of Scholarly Work: The Application of Service Theory follows with five articles, underscoring its role in applying service theory for assessing academic outputs. Studies in Higher Education and Developments in Marketing Science: Proceedings of the Academy of Marketing Science both emphasize educational and marketing theory application with four and three articles, respectively. This demonstrates SDL's broad application in enhancing the service quality and marketing strategies in education. The inclusion of the Proceedings of the Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences and Developments in Marketing Science: Proceedings of the Academy of Marketing Science reflects SDL's relevance in academic discussions at

major conferences.

Sustainability (Switzerland), contributing three articles, hints at the integration of service-dominant logic with sustainability in education. This might point to growing interest in

sustainable services and practices within educational institutions. Journals like the Journal of Services Marketing and Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing each contribute two articles, showing SDL's presence in both specialized marketing literature and broader discussions in business and computing.

Figure 1 Co-occurrence Analysis

1. Red Cluster: Focus on Higher Education and Information Systems:

This cluster focuses on higher education, with related terms like education, information systems, and teaching, indicating a strong link between these concepts. The central positioning of "higher education" highlights its prominence in discussions around Service-Dominant Logic (SDL), suggesting that much of the research is centered on how SDL principles are applied within universities and colleges. The connection with "information systems" points to the significant role of technology in facilitating SDL, particularly through digital platforms and tools that support collaborative and student-centered learning approaches.

2. Green Cluster: Value Co-Creation and Marketing:

This group centers on the themes of value co-creation, knowledge management, commerce, and sales, all of which are closely tied to the concept of co-creation, a core aspect of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL). In this context, educators, students, and institutions work collaboratively to generate value within the educational experience. The presence of terms like "commerce" and "marketing" suggests a connection between SDL in education and business-related contexts, potentially reflecting its application in management education or within business schools, where commercial and educational interests intersect.

3. Blue Cluster: Service Innovation and Systems:

The service innovation node is the dominant feature of this cluster, connected to key terms like service systems, innovation, and engineering education. This cluster underscores the importance of innovation and system-based
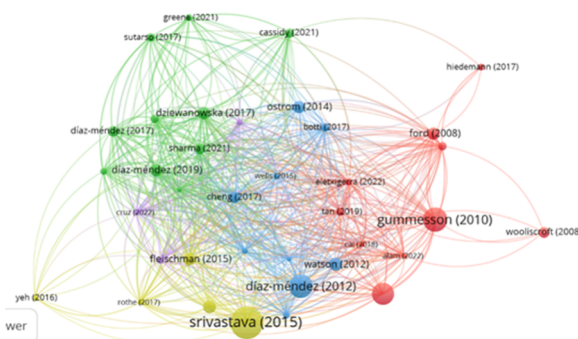
approaches in the application of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) within educational contexts. It is particularly relevant in fields like engineering or technical education, where systems thinking plays a critical role in shaping how SDL principles are integrated to enhance learning experiences and drive collaborative, innovative educational practices.

4. Yellow Cluster: Service Ecosystems and Value:

This cluster centers on service ecosystems and value co-creation, reflecting a key focus of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) on the dynamic interactions between various actors in educational environments. The concept of ecosystems suggests a holistic perspective, where SDL in education is seen as a network of interconnected systems. These systems involve multiple stakeholders-such as students, educators, and institutions-working together to create value through collaborative processes and mutual engagement, highlighting the importance of relationship-driven learning experiences.

5. Purple Cluster: Students and Sustainability:

experiences. The inclusion of sustainability suggests a growing interest in long-term, sustainable educational practices, where SDL principles are applied to ensure that educational systems are not only effective but also environmentally and socially responsible for future generations.

The central themes of the analysis highlight Service-Dominant Logic as the most prominent concept, strongly connected to key ideas

like higher education, value co-creation, service innovation, and students. Higher Educa-

tion emerges as a crucial area of focus, particularly in discussions about how educational institutions can innovate and collaborate with students to co-create value. The emphasis on Service Innovation and Information Systems introduces a technological dimension, showing how SDL principles are applied through digital tools and systems to enhance learning. Value Co-Creation underscores the student-centered, collaborative nature of SDL, where students, educators, and institutions work together to create valuable, enriching educational experiences.

Figure 2 Bibliographic Coupling

The image is a bibliometric coupling generated using VOS viewer, representing the co-citation or bibliographic coupling in the field of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) within the education sector. The analysis clusters authors based on the frequency of their co-citation in academic works, using color to differentiate groups. Here's an interpretation of each cluster, based on the different colors visible in the network:

1. Red Cluster (Gummesson, 2010; Ford, 2008, Wooliscroft, 2008) The Red Cluster, centered around the works of Gummesson (2010), Ford (2008), and Wooliscroft (2008), represents foundational contributions to the application of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) beyond traditional sectors, emphasizing customer relationships and the co-creation of value. These authors have significantly shaped the theoretical framework of SDL, offering insights that are essential for researchers applying it to fields like education. Their focus on value co-creation, network theory, and service innovation aligns with the shift toward student-centered and collaborative learning models in education, promoting active engagement and shared responsibility in the learning process. This cluster also highlights the importance of higher education and the role of information systems, underscoring how technology facilitates the implementation of SDL principles. The strong connection between higher education and information systems reflects the growing reliance on digital tools to foster collaborative learning environ-

ments, making technology a key enabler of SDL-based educational practices.

2. Green Cluster (Díaz-Méndez, 2017, 2019; Dziewanowska, 2017)

The Green Cluster is characterized by its interconnected nature, with Díaz-Méndez's work standing out as particularly influential in the application of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) to education. The studies within this cluster focus on shifting education from a product-oriented model, where knowledge is passively delivered, to a service-based model, where knowledge is actively co-created between educators and learners. Central themes include pedagogical innovations, the development of co-creative learning environments, and the positioning of students as active participants in their own educational experiences. Additionally, the cluster encompasses concepts such as value co-creation, knowledge management, and their connection to commerce and marketing, suggesting a link between SDL in education and business or commercial contexts, especially within management education and business schools. This alignment highlights the role of SDL in fostering more engaged and dynamic learning experiences that are relevant across both educational and commercial spheres.

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3. Blue Cluster (Ostrom, 2014; Botti, 2017; Díaz-Méndez, 2012)

This cluster, anchored by the works of Ostrom (2014) and Díaz-Méndez (2012), emphasizes the managerial and institutional perspectives of applying Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) in education. It explores how institutions, particularly universities, can adopt SDL principles to enhance student satisfaction, curriculum design, and overall institutional success. Key contributions focus on service management and strategic initiatives in educational settings, highlighting the role of administrators in fostering co-creative relationships between educators and students. Organizational practices influenced by SDL are also discussed, emphasizing their potential to improve teaching and learning effectiveness. A strong focus on service innovation dominates this cluster, with

links to service systems, innovation, and engineering education, indicating that systems-based approaches are particularly relevant in technical disciplines. This suggests that SDL not only promotes collaborative learning but also encourages innovative strategies crucial for engineering and technical education, where systems thinking plays a vital role.

4. Yellow Cluster (Srivastava, 2015; Yeh, 2016)

This cluster focuses on the practical application of SDL principles in education, with works like Srivastava (2015) likely exploring case studies or empirical data that highlight the real-world impact of SDL practices on educational institutions. Key contributions in this cluster demonstrate how SDL fosters improved educational outcomes, such as enhanced student engagement, more meaningful learning experiences, and increased institutional efficiency. The emphasis on service ecosystems and value co-creation aligns with SDL's focus on the dynamic interactions between various actors within educational environments, including students, educators, and administrators. Viewing education through a holistic, ecosystem-based lens highlights the importance of interconnected systems and collaborative stakeholder interactions, reinforcing the idea that learning is co-created through shared experiences and mutual contributions across the educational ecosystem.

5. Purple Cluster (Cruz, 2022)

The purple cluster reflects newer contributions to the SDL literature, with works like Cruz (2022) likely addressing emerging trends in response to evolving educational practices, such as online and hybrid learning models. These studies may focus on how SDL integrates with technology-enhanced learning environments and explore the impact of digital transformation on education. Central themes include the use of virtual learning environments and interactive platforms to foster co-creation, where students and educators collaborate to enhance the learning experience. This cluster also emphasizes students as co-creators of value, highlighting their active role in shaping educational outcomes. Additionally, the

inclusion of sustainability indicates a growing interest in long-term, sustainable educational practices that align with SDL principles, promoting not only immediate learning outcomes but also enduring value in educational ecosystems.

6. Orange Cluster (Hiedemann, 2017; Alam, 2022)

This cluster, while smaller in size, remains well connected to the broader literature, indicating that the authors are likely focusing on more niche applications or critiques of Self-Directed Learning (SDL) within the educational domain. Their work may address specific challenges in implementing SDL across different educational settings, such as variations between primary and higher education or the cultural barriers that can hinder SDL adoption. Key contributions from this cluster likely involve specialized areas, including cross-cultural SDL practices, the limitations of SDL in certain educational systems, and discussions on how SDL principles can be scaled across diverse educational contexts.

7| Conclusion and Future Recommendations

The bibliometric analysis of Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) in the education sector has revealed its increasing significance over the 16-year period (2008-2024). The findings indicate that SDL has gained attention due to its emphasis on value co-creation, service innovation, and its applicability across various educational contexts. SDL has contributed to transforming traditional educational systems into more collaborative and student-centered environments, aligning with global trends toward digital transformation, personalized learning, and stakeholder engagement. Despite its growing influence, SDL's theoretical foundation in education is still evolving, with room for more empirical studies that explore its practical impacts on educational outcomes.

The analysis also underscores the interdisciplinary nature of SDL research, drawing from fields such as marketing, pedagogy, and management. The significant number of international collaborations and contributions from prominent institutions demonstrates the global

relevance of SDL. However, the presence of only one review article highlights the need for more comprehensive literature reviews that can help identify gaps and future directions in the field. Journals, book chapters, and conference papers have all contributed to shaping the intellectual landscape of SDL in education, with journal articles dominating the literature.

Future Recommendations

- Empirical Research Focus: Future studies should prioritize empirical research to demonstrate the tangible impacts of SDL on educational outcomes, particularly in areas such as curriculum innovation, student engagement, and institutional transformation. This would help bridge the theoretical gap and provide practical insights for educational institutions.

- Broaden Application to Primary and Secondary Education: While SDL has been extensively studied in higher education, its application in primary and secondary education remains underexplored. Future research should examine how SDL can be adapted to benefit younger learners, contributing to more comprehensive educational reforms.

- Exploring AI and Digital Tools: With the rapid advancement of technology, research should investigate how AI-driven value co-creation and personalized learning models can align with SDL principles. This will be crucial for enhancing student engagement and improving learning outcomes in digital and hybrid educational environments.

- Sustainability in Education: There is an opportunity to explore how SDL can contribute to sustainable education practices. Research should examine how SDL can foster long-term, value-based collaborations that promote resilience and adaptability in educational ecosystems.

- Comprehensive Literature Reviews: The field would benefit from more extensive literature reviews that can synthesize existing research and identify gaps. These reviews can guide future studies and help consolidate SDL's position as a critical framework in the education sector.

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