

Systematic Literature Review (SLR): an overview

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The Systematic Literature Review (SLR) is a theoretical framework used to map existing studies related to a specific topic, consisting of «[...] a clearly formulated question that uses systematic and explicit methods to identify, select, and critically appraise relevant research, and to collect and analyse data from the studies that are included in the review» (Glossary of Cochrane Community, 2019).

An overview of approaches, methodologies and tools from different disciplines will be introduced in order to understand how to better address exhaustive literature reviews, to know different impacts of a SLR, to discuss relevant points of the traditional and non-traditional structured methodology, and to deepen the usage of different citation databases.

CNR IRISS researchers will present an application of the SLR developed within research activities focused on territorial imbalances and inequalities. The SLR, in this case, has been used to explore, deepen and systematize the multitude of terms referred to areas suffering for lacking, declining and marginalisation processes, in order to decode different meanings and collecting issues and practices in an international scenario.