



## Mapping the landscape of techno-pedagogical research

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### ABSTRACT

The rapid development of global technology has significantly changed various aspects of education, transforming traditional pedagogical practices to accommodate new methodologies. Despite the crucial role of technopedagogy in improving education systems, including curriculum development, teacher knowledge, and learning outcomes, significant gaps remain in understanding its evolving impact on educational transformation. This study examines research trends in technopedagogy over the past decade to identify emerging topics in this field. Using a bibliometric research design, data were collected from the Scopus database, utilizing keywords such as "technopedagogy," "technology pedagogy," "teaching," and "learning." The collection process followed the SALSA (Search, Assessment, Synthesis, and Analysis) framework, resulting in a comprehensive dataset of 1,744 documents. Bibliometric analysis conducted in R revealed a consistent increase in publication volume and citation rates each year, with a significant spike in 2018. The results further indicate that the United Kingdom and the United States are leading countries in technopedagogy research. Key thematic trends identified include hybrid learning, educational challenges, the impact of COVID-19, and online teaching practices. This research emphasizes the importance of continued exploration of these trends to understand the implications of technopedagogy in educational contexts fully.

### ABSTRAK

*Pesatnya perkembangan teknologi global telah mengubah berbagai aspek pendidikan secara signifikan, mentransformasi praktik pedagogi tradisional untuk mengakomodasi metodologi baru. Meskipun teknopedagogi berperan krusial dalam meningkatkan sistem pendidikan, termasuk pengembangan kurikulum, pengetahuan guru, dan hasil belajar, masih terdapat kesenjangan yang signifikan dalam memahami dampaknya yang terus berkembang terhadap transformasi pendidikan. Studi ini mengeksplorasi tren penelitian di bidang teknopedagogi selama dekade terakhir, dengan tujuan mengidentifikasi topik-topik yang muncul dalam bidang ini. Menggunakan desain penelitian bibliometrik, data dikumpulkan dari basis data Scopus, menggunakan kata kunci seperti "teknopedagogi", "pedagogi teknologi", "pengajaran", dan "pembelajaran". Proses pengumpulan data mengikuti kerangka kerja SALSA (Pencarian, Penilaian, Sintesis, dan Analisis), menghasilkan kumpulan data komprehensif yang terdiri dari 1.744 dokumen. Analisis bibliometrik yang dilakukan menggunakan Perangkat Lunak R menunjukkan peningkatan yang konsisten dalam volume publikasi dan tingkat sitasi setiap tahun, dengan lonjakan signifikan terjadi pada tahun 2018. Hasil ini lebih lanjut menunjukkan bahwa Inggris dan Amerika Serikat merupakan negara-negara terdepan dalam penelitian teknopedagogi. Tren tematik utama yang diidentifikasi meliputi pembelajaran hibrida, tantangan pendidikan, dampak COVID-19, dan praktik pengajaran daring. Penelitian ini menekankan pentingnya eksplorasi berkelanjutan terhadap tren-tren ini untuk memahami sepenuhnya implikasi teknopedagogi dalam konteks pendidikan.*

**Kata Kunci:** bibliometrik; pedagogi; teknologi; teknopedagogi; tren penelitian

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## INTRODUCTION

The rapid technological development has transformed various aspects of people's lives, including education. The acceleration of technological development affects the education sector (Huang, 2025). Technology helps change the education system for the better (Setia et al., 2023; Susanti et al., 2025). Technology's role in reshaping education extends across the learning process, curriculum, and education system (Li & Xing, 2025; Samuelsson, 2025). Technology in the learning process is based on techno-pedagogy. Techno-pedagogy is a hybrid learning method that uses ICT resources in classroom instruction (Dutta & Singh, 2025; Karanfiloglu & Bulut, 2025; Sijali & Poudel, 2025). The use of ICT in learning demonstrates that technology is a tool in the learning process. Using this technology can facilitate discussion, the exchange of work, and the use of learning media (Apriani & Kunci, 2023; Fadhilah et al., 2021; Lubis et al., 2023). Many use technology as a learning tool (Kim & Kim, 2022; Tuma, 2021). This indicates that techno-pedagogy is a pedagogical approach that uses technology as a learning resource and medium.

Technology enhances the enjoyment of learning for students and teachers (Ghory & Ghafory, 2021; Raja & Nagasubramani, 2018; Shu & Gu, 2023). Teachers are satisfied with the use of technology in the learning process because it provides convenience. The convenience afforded to teachers by technology lies in the ease of preparing learning materials, providing learning media, and using them in the assessment process (Sofi-Karim et al., 2022; Prabawati et al., 2021). In addition to teachers, students are satisfied with the use of technology in the learning process. Students value technology because it enables independent, active learning (Alkhabra et al., 2023; Labonté & Smith, 2022). The role of technology in the learning process is not limited to that. However, emerging technologies enable the development of new approaches to teaching (Monib et al., 2024; Yaseen et al., 2025). This role affirms that technology is not limited to a single source or learning medium but can also serve as a basis for creating new learning materials. There are several potential advantages to utilizing technology in learning to enrich the educational experience (Akintayo et al., 2024; Kalyani, 2024).

However, these benefits come with challenges that educators must address. Sustainability and transferability are two of the main challenges of technology-supported pedagogical innovation (Ahmed & Opoku, 2021; Zhang & Yu, 2022; Zhang et al., 2023). Moreover, teacher literacy is a challenge in implementing technology-based learning (Teane, 2024). Addressing these issues is crucial for the successful implementation of techno-pedagogy. Technology supports learning and the development of critical thinking, analysis, and evaluation skills (Gürsan et al., 2023; Hursen, 2020). The results indicate that technology contributes to improved learning outcomes. In addition, the use of technology in learning can provide continuity of knowledge, as students develop the competencies they will need in their future professional work (Zheng, 2024). The competencies help students to see their prospects. The explanation above shows that techno-pedagogy has a significant role in education. These roles affect the education system, curriculum, teachers' knowledge, learning effectiveness, and outcomes (Biswas & Sankar, 2024; Gurukkal, 2021; Lyonga et al., 2021; Shahibi et al., 2017; Tosuntaş et al., 2021). It is undeniable that techno-pedagogy plays a vital role, yet we lack a clear understanding of its trajectory in recent years.

In addition, there is a need to deepen research on hot topics in techno-pedagogy. Before discussing this trend, it is important to note the paucity of research focused on the application and development of techno-pedagogy. A preliminary review reveals a gap in research on the application and challenges of techno-pedagogy (Alabi et al., 2025; Hassan et al., 2021; Silva-Díaz et al., 2023). Based on these studies, many aspects and challenges of implementing technology in education remain under-researched. This demonstrates the significant scope for further research in this area. This research aims to explore the evolving landscape of techno-pedagogy by first examining research trends over the past decade (2014-2024). This involves analyzing the types of studies conducted, the methodologies employed, and the key

findings regarding the integration of technology into educational practices. The second question seeks to identify emerging and trending topics likely to shape techno-pedagogy research, taking into account current educational challenges and technological advancements. Based on these questions, the research aims to identify gaps in the existing literature and propose avenues for further exploration to enhance the effectiveness of educational technology. By systematically analyzing the existing literature on techno-pedagogy, this study aims to provide insights into current research trends and their implications for future educational practices. Overall, examining these trends will illuminate the trajectories of techno-pedagogy research, underscoring the need for ongoing investigation in this dynamic field. Understanding the techno-pedagogical landscape will not only aid educators in integrating technology into their teaching but also in developing effective pedagogical strategies. However, it will also inform policymakers and researchers about the future directions of educational technology.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

### Techno-pedagogy Concept

Techno-pedagogy combines two important domains in education: technology and pedagogy. Terminologically, the term "techno-pedagogy" refers to the use of technology to support and enhance teaching practices and learning processes (Rosenberg & Koehler, 2015). This approach harmonizes technological tools and teaching strategies to create more meaningful, relevant, and effective learning experiences for students in higher education settings (Alam & Mohanty, 2023; Kuznetsova et al., 2024). With the rapid development of digital technology, the application of techno-pedagogy is crucial to ensure students master not only academic material but also the skills necessary to adapt to the challenges of a constantly changing workplace (Gurukkal, 2021). The key characteristics of techno-pedagogy include three central elements: technology, pedagogy, and content (Sijali & Poudel, 2025). The integration of these three elements enables the implementation of teaching strategies tailored to students' characteristics and needs, as well as to the content being studied. In practice, this approach may include various digital learning tools and platforms, such as Learning Management Systems (LMS), educational applications, and interactive online resources (Koh & Kan, 2021; Munna et al., 2024). Thus, techno-pedagogy supports active and collaborative learning, in which students play a more active role in the learning process rather than simply receiving information (Gosain & Rajendran, 2022).

### Trends in Techno-Pedagogical Research

Over the past five years, techno-pedagogical research has experienced significant transformations, with a noticeable shift towards the integration of digital technologies in educational settings. Recent studies highlight the importance of adopting blended learning approaches, in which traditional teaching methods are complemented by online resources, thereby fostering greater student engagement and accessibility (Al-Hattami, 2025; Bazina et al., 2024). The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated this trend, prompting educators to explore innovative pedagogical strategies that leverage technology to meet the needs of diverse learners (Muhammad, 2023; Rahimi & Oh, 2024). Furthermore, research indicates a growing emphasis on developing educators' digital competencies, as teacher training programs increasingly incorporate techno-pedagogical frameworks to enhance instructional practices (Hussain et al., 2025; Safyari & Rezaei, 2024). Moreover, studies are beginning to address equity issues related to technology access, advocating for inclusive practices that ensure all students benefit from technological advancements in education (Siddiqi, 2024). This evolving landscape underscores the critical need for ongoing research and adaptation in techno-pedagogy to harness technology's potential to enhance learning outcomes effectively.

## METHODS

### Research Design

Bibliometric research explores and provides information on publications related to specific topics (Donthu et al., 2021). For example, this study aims to identify publications on "techno-pedagogy" from the last decade. In this regard, the researcher considers the bibliometric research design appropriate for this study, as it can support the investigation of the research questions.

### Data Collection

Data are collected through documentation. The data source comes from the Scopus database. The data search was conducted using the keywords "techno-pedagogy, technology pedagogy, pedagogy, teaching, learning" in the "Article title, Abstract, Keyword" fields for 2014-2024. Subject areas excluded are "medicine, Neuroscience, Nursing, Health professions, Dentistry, Immunology & Microbiology, Pharmacology, Toxicology & Pharmaceutics, Veterinary and undefined". Filter again related to "Source type = Journal and Conference Proceeding". Document type "article and conference paper" and language "English". The Enter query string in the Scopus database "title-abs-key(techno-pedagogy or technology pedagogy and pedagogy or teaching) and (limit-to (oa, "all")) and (exclude (subjarea, "medi") or exclude (subjarea, "heal") or exclude (subjarea, "nurs") or exclude (subjarea, "phar") or exclude (subjarea, "dent") or exclude (subjarea, "neur") or exclude (subjarea, "immu") or exclude (subjarea, "vete")) and (limit-to (pubyear, 2024) or limit-to (pubyear, 2023) or limit-to (pubyear, 2022) or limit-to (pubyear, 2021) or limit-to (pubyear, 2020) or limit-to (pubyear, 2019) or limit-to (pubyear, 2018) or limit-to (pubyear, 2017) or limit-to (pubyear, 2016) or limit-to (pubyear, 2015) or limit-to (pubyear, 2014) ) and (limit-to (srctype, "j") or limit-to (srctype, "p")) and (limit-to (doctype, "ar") or limit-to (doctype, "cp")) and (limit-to (language, "english"))".

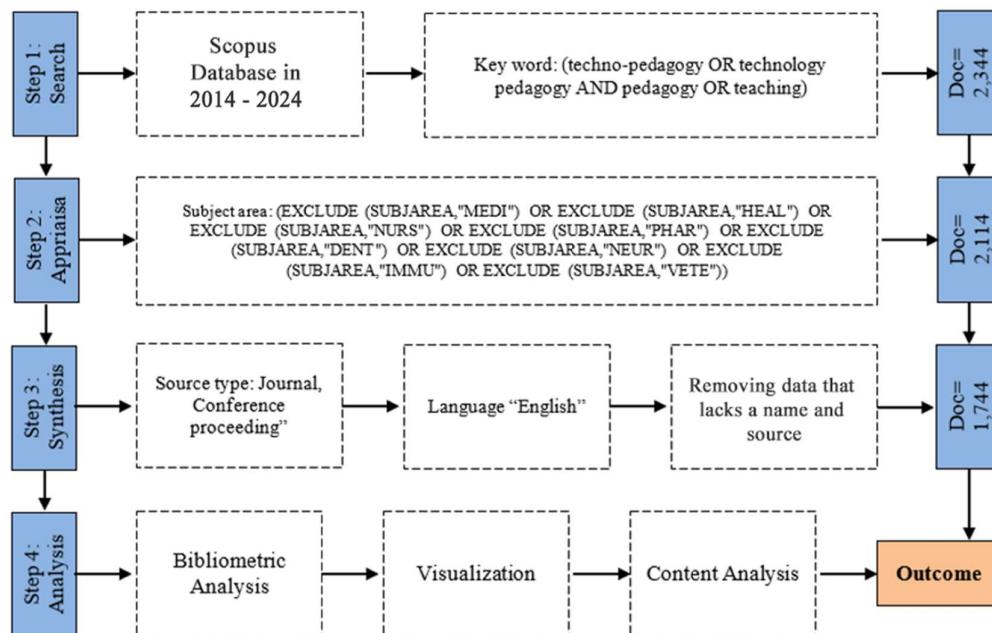


Figure 1. SALSA Framework  
Source: Research 2025

The SALSA framework guided this data collection to achieve the research objectives and reduce bias in data analysis (Gaio et al., 2025; Tekin & Aktog, 2025). This framework aims to improve data selection. The steps using the SALSA framework are shown in Figure 1.

## Data Analysis

Data analysis in this study used bibliometric analysis. Bibliometric analysis is a method for exploring and analyzing large volumes of scientific data on publications (Donthu et al., 2021). Research analysis with the R package Bibliometrix (Derviş, 2019). The R analytics process in this research employed bibliometric analysis using the R package Bibliometrix to explore a comprehensive dataset of 1,744 documents and identify publication trends, key thematic topics, and collaborative patterns in techno-pedagogy research over the past decade. Analysis results in R can provide information on article production, resources, authors, topic trends, and collaboration.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Publication Trend

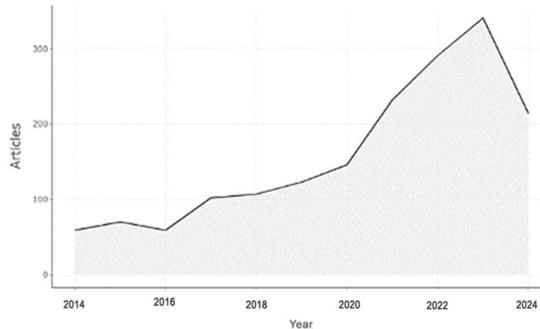
Based on the data collected, this study identified 1,744 documents in the Scopus database related to techno-pedagogy. The data come from 684 sources (Journals and Conference Proceedings). Therefore, the growth in research related to techno-pedagogy is approximately 13.75%. Some information related to the data description is presented in **Table 1**.

**Table 1.** Main Information

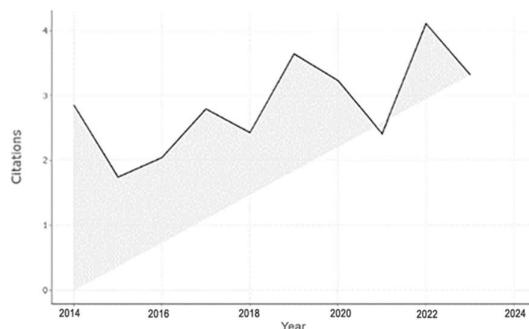
Description	Results
<b>Main information about the data</b>	
Timespan	2014:2024
Sources (Journals and Conference Proceedings)	684
Documents	1744
Annual Growth Rate %	13.75
Document Average Age	3.36
Average citations per doc	9.651
References	74753
<b>Document contents</b>	
Keywords Plus (ID)	2969
Author's Keywords (DE)	4734
<b>Authors</b>	
Authors	4631
Authors of single-authored docs	382
<b>Authors collaboration</b>	
Single-authored docs	398
Co-Authors per Doc	2.9
International co-authorships %	17.2
<b>Document types</b>	
article	1533
conference paper	211

*Sources: Research 2025*

The growth of techno-pedagogy publications is sufficient. It can also be observed that the number of techno-pedagogy publications increases annually.



**Figure 2.** Annual Scientific Production  
*Sources: Research 2025*

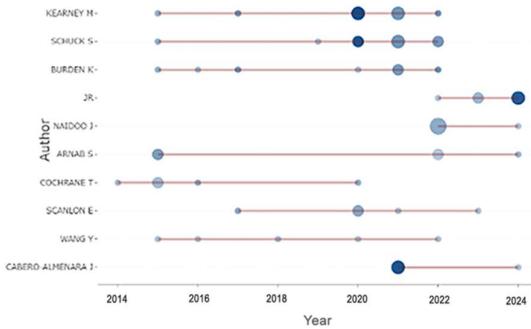


**Figure 3.** Average Citation Per Year  
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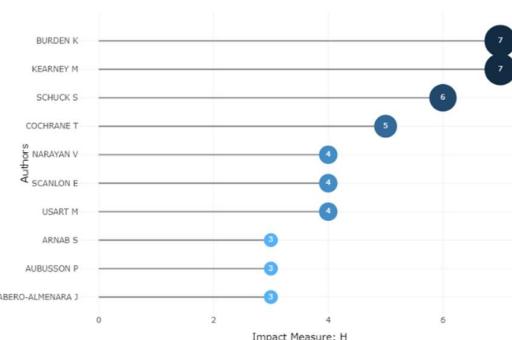
From 2014 to 2024, publications on techno-pedagogy increased significantly (**Figure 2**). In 2018, growth was pronounced, but in 2024 it declined relative to 2023. This growth is also consistent with the number of annual citations (**Figure 3**). Growth in 2021 declined relative to several previous years. However, the number of citations increased again. This publication trend indicates that issues related to techno-pedagogy remain a focus of ongoing review. Furthermore, the number of publications and citations on this issue continues to increase annually.

### Author's Contributions

The trend analysis of techno-pedagogy publications indicates that the discussion remains compelling and continues to grow, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic. Many authors have contributed to the development of this science. The following presents data on authors who have contributed to the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy over the years.



**Figure 4.** Authors' Production over Time  
*Sources: Research 2025*



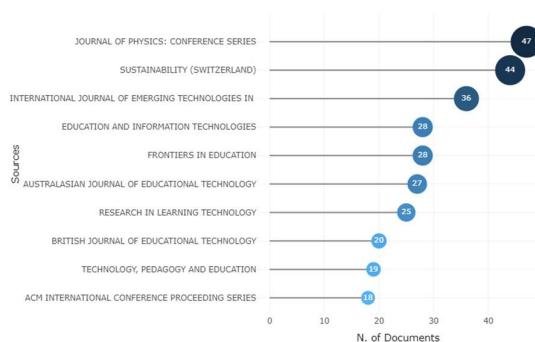
**Figure 5.** Author's Impact  
*Sources: Research 2025*

**Figures 4** and **Figure 5** show authors who have developed and discussed techno-pedagogy. **Figure 4** illustrates the number of writing results from year to year for each author. The figure shows that the three most consistent writers wrote from 2015 to 2022. Interestingly, the fourth and fifth authors began developing and discussing their work from 2022 to 2024, whereas Arnab began writing in 2015 and is ranked sixth. This is highly relevant to the current COVID-19 pandemic, which relies more on technology in the learning process. In contrast, the first-, second-, and third-most authors stopped in 2022. **Figure 5**

shows the writing impact of each author as indicated by the number of citations. The first-most author does not get more citations than the third-most author. This shows that Burden K's writing offers greater benefits for developing and discussing techno-pedagogy. They are followed by Kearney M, who showed no significant difference.

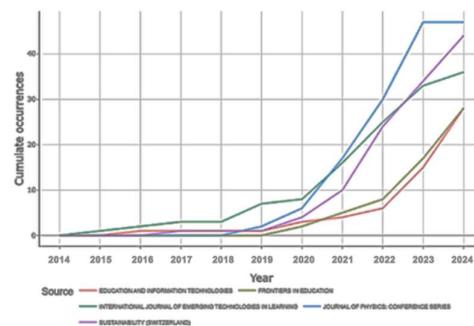
## Resources

The results of techno-pedagogical writing are published in several relevant sources. Here are the most published results in the relevant sources.



**Figure 6.** Most Relevant Sources

Sources: Research 2025

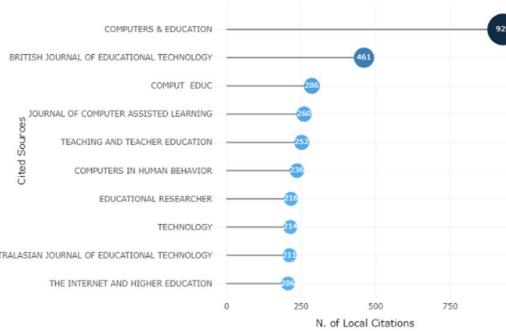


**Figure 7.** Source Dynamics

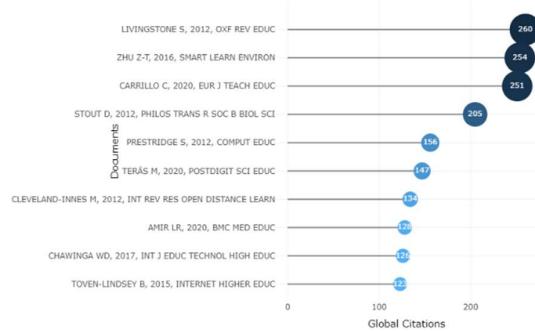
Sources: Research 2025

The results of this study indicate several sources that influence research on techno-pedagogy. **Figure 6** presents the number of studies on Techno-pedagogy by source. Eight sources have more than 20 publications on techno-pedagogy. The top 3 sources by number of publications are the Journal of Physics: Conference Series, Sustainability (Switzerland), and the International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning. The Journal of Physics: Conference Series contains 47 research articles related to techno-pedagogy.

**Figure 7** shows the year-to-year trend in techno-pedagogical publications by source. It can be seen from 2014 to 2024. There has been an increase in publications on techno-pedagogy. The International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning has accumulated the most citations and continues to increase annually. However, in 2020, the Journal of Physics Conference Series experienced a relatively significant increase that surpassed the cumulative impact of the International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning through 2024. Likewise, Sustainability (Switzerland), which increased significantly from 2020, surpassing the International Journal of Emerging Technologies in Learning, ranks second. The number of publications in a source is not necessarily proportional to the number of citations. The list of the most cited sources is presented in **Figure 9**.



**Figure 8.** Source Local Impact  
*Sources: Research 2025*



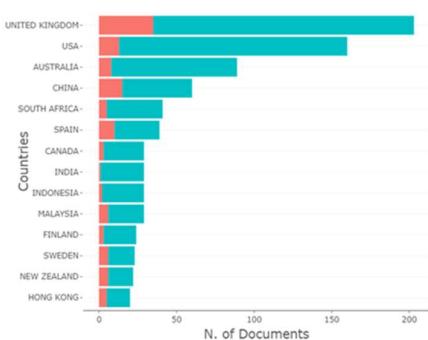
**Figure 9.** Most Global Cited Documents  
*Sources: Research 2025*

**Figure 8** shows that Computer and Education is the most-cited journal in techno pedagogy. The number of citations is 928, nearly double that of the second-largest source, the British Journal of Education Technology, which has 461 citations. Likewise, Comput Educ has 286 citations, substantially lower than those of the British Journal of Education Technology. The fourth position is the Journal of Computer Assisted Education, with 260 citations, whose number of citations is not significantly different from those of the sources below.

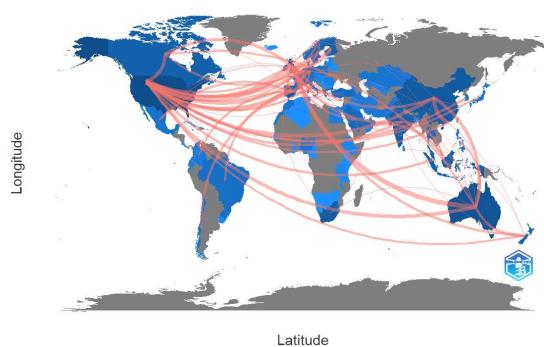
**Figure 9** presents the authors with the highest number of citations related to techno-pedagogy. The first to third positions have many relatively close citations. The first position is an article by Livingstone in 2015 entitled “Critical Reflections on The Benefits of ICT in Education”, which was published in the Oxford Review of Education with a total of 260 citations. The second position is an article by Zhu ZT in 2019 with the title “A Research Framework of Smart Education published in Smart Learning Environments” with a total of 254 citations. The third position is an article by Carrillo C in 2020 with the title “COVID-19 and Teacher Education: A Literature Review of Online Teaching and Learning Practices” which has 251 citations.

## Global Contributions and Collaborations

After reviewing authors and publications, development trends, and discussions related to techno-pedagogy, it is also possible to examine this matter in countries that contribute to and collaborate on it. Countries contributing to and collaborating on techno-pedagogy are depicted in **Figure 10** and **Figure 11**.



**Figure 10.** Corresponding Author's Country  
*Sources: Research 2025*



**Figure 11.** Collaboration World Map  
*Sources: Research 2025*

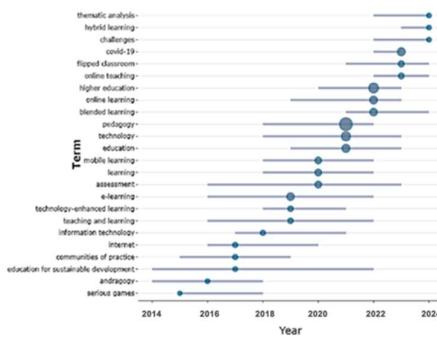
**Figure 10** shows the countries that have made the most contributions to the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy. The first position is the United Kingdom, with 200 articles, of which about 25 concern collaborations between countries; the remainder concern collaborations with the United Kingdom. The USA follows it in second position, and Australia in third. This result is particularly noteworthy because Indonesia participates in the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy. Indonesia ranks ninth among 14 countries in the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy. Collaboration between countries is more clearly depicted in **Figure 11**. The red line indicates the linkages among countries to collaborate in the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy.

## Research Topic Analysis

Techno-pedagogy has an extensive discussion. This is evident in the analysis results, which present the specific keywords and topics most widely discussed in the article. This is presented in **Figure 12** and **Figure 13**.



**Figure 12.** Keywords Related to Techno-pedagogy  
Sources: *Research 2025*



**Figure 13.** Trend Topics  
Sources: *Research 2025*

**Figure 12** shows the most frequently published keywords related to techno-pedagogy, namely pedagogy, higher education, technology, and related terms. The most discussed topic in Figure 13 is Thematic Analysis, from 2019 to 2024. Next, the E-learning topic covers 2019 to 2024, and the Challenges topic also covers 2019 to 2024. This is relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in 2019.

## Discussion

In the digital era, the role of techno-pedagogy is expanding, affecting all aspects of people's lives, including education. The entire academic community must be able to adapt to this condition (Asad et al., 2021; Baltà-Salvador et al., 2021; Safyari & Rezaei, 2024). Further learning is required to enhance technological skills and cognitive abilities (Kurbakova et al., 2021; Yan et al., 2023). Therefore, the learning process was designed to be more varied to enhance engagement and improve learning outcomes (AINajdi, 2022; Darmayanti, 2022; Feiyue, 2022). This is consistent with research findings that techno-pedagogical development and discussion have increased over the past decade, particularly from 2014 to 2024. The study results indicate global collaboration to develop and discuss these topics, which the United Kingdom, the USA, and Australia currently dominate. Many topics have been discussed and researched over the past three years: thematic analysis, hybrid learning, challenges, COVID-19, flipped classrooms, and online teaching.

The most common keywords are pedagogy, higher education, and technology. These topics are closely related, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected the world. Given technological advances in information extraction and pandemic-related limitations, many researchers have chosen

thematic analysis as their method of study. Thematic analysis is a research method for analyzing data by identifying themes in collected data (Braun & Clarke, 2019; Castleberry & Nolen, 2018). Some research in education employs thematic analysis, which redefines dropout and retention strategies in open online education (Greenland & Moore, 2022). Other research also employs thematic analysis to examine leadership behavior and change management in higher education to enhance sustainability (Aldulaimi & Abdeldayem, 2020; Veres et al., 2025). Other thematic analysis methods are also used to examine the scope of inclusive practice among class teachers, as well as in many other studies (Finkelstein et al., 2021). In addition to thematic analysis, hybrid learning is the other most discussed topic. Higher education is already implementing hybrid learning to invest in technology-enhanced learning spaces.

In addition to higher education, primary and secondary education have also adopted hybrid learning models (Kuswati, 2021). Hybrid learning combines face-to-face and online instruction. This online learning is currently closely linked to the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire academic community uses this method to continue learning amidst a pandemic. This is evidenced by the numerous studies that address this issue. For example, research was conducted at universities during the pandemic; however, online learning presents challenges in its implementation (Mahmood, 2021). These challenges, namely the lack of direct interaction with students and sudden changes in settings, affect students' learning processes (Sepulveda-Escobar & Morrison, 2020). The most discussed topic in the development and discussion of techno-pedagogy is the flipped classroom. This technique is widely used, especially during the pandemic. Flipped classrooms were among those suggested by the Ministry of Education and Culture at that time. Many studies discuss and implement this technique in learning, such as research by Turan & Akdag-Cimen, who applied it to English language learning (Turan & Akdag-Cimen, 2020).

## CONCLUSION

This study shows that research trends in techno-pedagogy are advancing, as evidenced by continued annual growth in publications. Although research on the implementation and challenges of techno-pedagogy remains limited, the data indicate a significant number of researchers are exploring this topic. Furthermore, numerous international journals and conferences regularly publish research relevant to techno-pedagogy. Over the past three years, several emerging topics have been frequently discussed in this research, including thematic analysis, hybrid learning, educational challenges, the impact of COVID-19, and online teaching practices. These topics not only illustrate current developments but also provide direction for future techno-pedagogy research, underscoring the need for further research to understand and address the challenges of its implementation.

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