











Finally, let us analyse the most common keywords in JPE. Usually, with the software it is possible to analyse the author keywords of the papers [13]. However, JPE is a journal that does not use keywords in the title page. Therefore, in order to study the most common keywords of JPE, the work uses the Keyword Plus section of Web of Science Core Collection database. This section classifies all the papers in general keywords that are selected by some experts that handle the Web of Science database. By using this approach, the software develops a graphical map by analysing the co-occurrence of the Keyword Plus. That is, the most common keywords and those that appears more frequently in the same documents. Figure 3 shows the results considering a minimum threshold of five occurrences and the one hundred most frequent co-occurrence connections.

The most common keyword is “markets” followed by “equilibrium” and “information” that appear together in the map. Some other common keywords are “consumption”, “United States”, “growth” and “demand”. The results of the figure indicate that JPE is a diverse journal publishing documents from a wide range of fields in economics. This is consistent with the aims and scope of the journal where JPE is qualified as a general economics journal.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

This study provides a bibliometric overview of the publication and citation structure of JPE. The work is motivated due to the 125th anniversary of the journal in 2017. The analysis collects the information from the Web of Science Core Collection database and develops several rankings for different criteria including papers, authors, universities and countries. The aim is to identify the leading trends that are occurring in the journal over the last decades with a particular emphasis between 1967 and 2016. The work also uses the VOS viewer software in order to map graphically the bibliographical material by using co-citation, bibliographic coupling and co-occurrence of keywords.

The results show a strong dominance by the USA that currently publishes most of the papers of the journal. Therefore, it has the most productive and influential authors and institutions, and has published the majority of highly cited papers of JPE. This trend seems to continue in the future although the differences with other countries are reducing a bit. Nevertheless, note that the USA is a country that imports researchers and economists from all over the world. Therefore, there are many foreign economists working at US institutions and these authors are counted as the USA because they are working in the country.

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