

Engaged Scholarship and Knowledge Democracy: Re-inventing Community-based Participatory Research

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Trends in Knowledge Production

- Multiple & competing sites of knowledge production
- Proliferation of expertise in knowledge economy
- Financing knowledge production & dissemination multi-polar
- Contestation in dominance of explanations & solutions to pressing human challenges



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First Global Study on Research Partnerships

Methods and Outputs:

- Global web based survey - 336 responses from 53 countries in 4 language
- Respondents from HEI, CSO, funding agencies, and policy makers.
- 12 Country case studies
- Products: an e-book and a set of practical guidelines
- Open Access policies



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Key Findings

- Research partnerships differ in practice of engagements
- Knowledge cultures of community, civil society vary greatly
- Common vocabulary of ‘co-construction’, contradictory practices
- Research financing instruments provide incentives, or otherwise



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Rigorous & Accountable Engagement

- Engaged scholarship demands rigour
- Co-construction requires co-governance
- Research partnership entails capacity in community-based participatory research
- Open access, responsible research & social responsibility features knowledge democracy



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