Marking the sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, an international dialogue was organized jointly by UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office, IDRC Asia and Association of Indian Universities from September 18-20, 2019. Titled as ‘Educating the Mind, Body & Heart: International Dialogue on Gandhi and Higher Education Today’, this dialogue brought together a diverse range of academicians and practitioners from all over the world to discuss the relevance of Gandhi’s teachings to Higher Education in India and all over the world. A major output of this dialogue was to compile some of these relevant learnings about Gandhi and Higher Education and present the same in an E-Book.
UNESCO CHAIR EVENTS

MENTOR TRAINING PROGRAM; FACE TO FACE TRAINING
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA;
OCTOBER 29- NOVEMBER 14

A face to face residency mentor training program was organized for the fourth cohort mentors of the Global Knowledge for Change (K4C) consortium. The objective of the training program was to build institutional capacity to provide learning opportunities for the next generation of young students and community workers to learn the theory and practice of community based participatory research. This Residency was hosted by the Mish Colombia K4C Hub which is situated in Bogota, Colombia and is run by University of Los Andes. This mentors in this training represented the following countries: Colombia, Ireland, Canada, South Africa and Cuba. A detailed report of the training will soon be available on the website.

SUMMIT ON CANADA’S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
OTTAWA, CANADA

On November 27-28, 2019, the first-ever Summit on Canada’s Global Leadership brought together policy leaders from all sub-sectors of Canada’s foreign policy. This Summit was an opportunity to understand where Canada stands at the nexus of international trade, security, diplomacy, development and humanitarian assistance and set the stage for building a comprehensive foreign policy for the future. Our Co-Chairs Drs. Rajesh Tandon and Budd Hall were invited to this prestigious gathering to talk about Decolonizing Knowledge and Knowledge Network.

K4C CONSORTIUM MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2019
NEW DELHI, INDIA

The first ever consortium meeting of all the Knowledge for Change Global Hubs happened on September 16-17, 2019. Consortium now comprises of 13 Hubs in 10 countries—Canada, Colombia, India (2), Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia (2), South Africa, Tanzania (2), Uganda. 51 Mentors from these Hubs have been certified as CBPR professionals after completing all the requirements of MTP. A detailed report of the meeting is available here.
WEBINAR ON PRINCIPLES OF PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH FOR SCIENCE SHOPS- InSPIRES
November 18, 2019

The InSPIRES EU project organized a webinar on “Principles of Participatory Research for Science Shops” on the 18th of November at 16h (CET time). In this webinar, Budd Hall, Co-Chair of the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education and member of the Advisory Board of the InSPIRES project gave a presentation and lead a discussion on the principles of participatory research and their application to the work of Science Shops.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON UNITED NATIONS ACADEMIC IMPACT
NOVEMBER 18-19, 2019; CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY

On the decennial year of United Nations Academic Impact, Chandigarh University organized an International conference to understand opportunities and strategies for collaborative Higher Education Impact in emerging economies. Dr. Rajesh Tandon was invited as a Distinguished speaker at this important gathering. Dr. Tandon spoke about students learning about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through both teaching & research in an integrated manner and why it is important for universities to adopt a mantle of 'Civic Universities'.

IN THE NEWS

The Mahatma Lives
Doordarshan India

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, and to celebrate how his ideas and teachings have shaped the lives of people in India and around the world, UNESCO New Delhi and Doordarshan Television jointly organized a one-hour programme called ‘The Mahatma Lives’ / ‘Bapu Zinda Hai’. It was telecasted on 1 and 2 October 2019 across India on Doordarshan News and DD India. Dr. Tandon was one of the speakers at this exclusive Television programme.
IN THE SPIRIT OF GANDHI JI: THOUGHTS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

After a thoughtful deliberation on Gandhi and Higher Education in India, Dr. Budd Hall wrote a comprehensive blog on his experiences with different stakeholders working on Higher Education in India and abroad. The blog is available here: http://unescochair-cbrsr.org/index.php/2019/09/29/in-the-spirit-of-gandhi-ji-thoughts-on-higher-education/

BOOK on PARTICIPATORY ACTION LEARNING AND ACTION RESEARCH
THEORY, PRACTICE AND PROCESS
by LESLEY WOOD

Lesley Wood, Director of Community-based Educational Research (COMBER) and also a trained mentor under the Global Knowledge for Change (K4C) consortium has recently published her book. Participatory Action Learning and Action Research offers a concise yet comprehensive explanation of the theory, practice and process of this emerging paradigm, methodology and theory of learning. PALAR is a transformative, collaborative and democratic process for resolving complex problems within the context of sustainable professional, organisational and community development.
UPCOMING EVENTS

CU2 EXPO
SAULT STE MARIE, ONTARIO, CANADA.
MAY 12-14, 2020
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

CU2Expo 2020 is scheduled to happen on May 12-14, 2020 in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada. This year’s expo is going to be all about Culture, Place and Resilience. CU2Expo 2020, Canada’s leading conference on community-campus partnerships, will mark the 8th time for community and campus researchers to gather together to share knowledge, talk and engage with one another as we explore our ideas, successes and struggles, building relationships with others who are working on similar concerns, tackling problems locally and globally. The three co-hosts, NORDIK Institute, Algoma University and Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig are excited to welcome you to Baawating, Sault Ste Marie, at the heart of the Great Lakes. Last Date to submit the presentation: December 15, 2019

9TH LIVING KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE
GRONINGENTHE NETHERLANDS
JUNE 24-26, 2020
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The 9th Living Knowledge Conference aims to bring together all those involved in doing or supporting research with and for communities. What can we learn from each other’s approaches? How can we collaborate? Which links have been forged and which could we still make? On our network’s 20th anniversary we will celebrate our achievements and look forward into the future!

Important dates:
Conference: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 24-25-26 June, 2020
Pre-conference Programme (workshops, summer schools, network meetings): Monday and Tuesday 22 and 23 June 2020
Call for Presentations: October 1, 2019
Deadline for Submissions: December 15, 2019
Notification of Acceptance: February 17, 2020
Registration Opens: February 17, 2020
Deadline Registration for Presenters: May 1, 2020

2ND GUNI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND HIGHER EDUCATION
BARCELONA, SPAIN
MARCH 5-6, 2020

GUNi adopted a strategic line of action around the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs with a focus on partnerships, knowledge and research. After a successful first edition of the International Conference on SDGs: Actors and Implementation, GUNi will hold a second edition of the GUNi International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals and Higher Education, to be celebrated in Barcelona on the 5th and 6th March 2020.

Registrations are Open.

The Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium is currently running 16 Hubs in 11 countries. Details are available at: http://unescochair-cbrsr.org/index.php/k4c-2/

The Knowledge for Change (K4C) Global Consortium is inviting applications for potential partnerships from the global South to consider applying to become a hub in the K4C Global Consortium. The Chair is inviting academic organisations and civil society practitioner organisations to apply to create a K4C Hub and join the movement to build the next generation of community based researchers. If you are interested in becoming a K4C hub, send in your application, in writing to Suriani Dzulkifli (suriani@uvic.ca).

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