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WHO ARE WE?

A unique UNESCO Chair co-led by the University of Victoria, Canada and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), India, bringing together a higher education institution and a civil society organisation.

Established in 2012, the Chair advances UNESCO's vision of inclusive knowledge societies through community-engaged research and socially responsible higher education, with a focus on the Global South and historically excluded North.

The Chair's work focuses on:

- **Research:** Advancing inclusive knowledge co-creation through Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), democratising knowledge production and dissemination, and promoting ethical open science through open-access knowledge resources and repositories.
- **Training:** Building the capacity of researchers, educators, practitioners, and community leaders to design and implement high-quality Community-Based Participatory Research through innovative learning programmes and mentorship.
- **Advocacy & Network Building:** Convening and connecting higher education institutions, community organisations, civil society organisations, NGOs, research funders, policymakers, and communities to strengthen global partnerships and advance community-engaged research for sustainable development.

Together, these efforts build global partnerships that democratise knowledge and transform higher education into a force for social change.



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Our Current Projects

1) The DECODE Project Co-construction, Decolonisation & Transformation of Knowledge (Funded by IDRC, Canada)

Learn more at-

<https://www.decodeknowledge.org/>



2) The Knowledge For Change (K4C) Global Consortium

(Co-led by UNESCO Chair & PRIA)

Learn more at- <https://tinyurl.com/K4CUC>



3) Transforming Institutional Research Cultures; Lessons from University of Ibague, Colombia.

Learn more at-

[Hachette India Website](#)



4) Training teachers in CBPR for socially responsible community engagement in Indian higher education with University Grants Commission (UGC) .

Lern more at- https://www.ugc.gov.in/e-book/Fostering_Social_Responsibility/mobile/index.html



5) Operationalizing the 3rd and 4th Pillars of the UNESCO Open Science Recommendations



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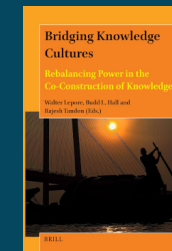
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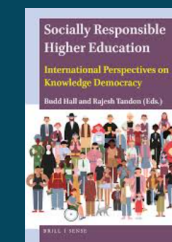
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