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# Knowledge Democracy Across Regions and Generations: Launch of EpiNet at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS)

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*We invite you to the launch of the UNESCO UNITWIN Network on **Education, Epistemic Justice and the Knowledge Commons (EpiNet)** at the Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS).*

*The network will be launched by:*



**Dr Rajesh Tandon,**  
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EpiNet is the first UNESCO UNITWIN Network dedicated to **advancing epistemic justice and the knowledge commons**. Bringing together universities and knowledge institutions across **Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and Australia**, the network seeks to foster more inclusive, equitable, and democratic approaches to knowledge creation, sharing, and governance. Grounded in the understanding that knowledge is a public good, EpiNet recognises the value of Indigenous, local, experiential, community-based, and lived knowledge in addressing contemporary global challenges.

The EpiNet launch at SUSS will further strengthen conversations on knowledge democracy and epistemic justice in Southeast Asia, while **celebrating older adults as knowledge holders whose memories, lived experiences, wisdom and reminiscence enrich communities**, bolster intergenerational learning, and contribute to more inclusive, resilient, and healthy societies.

Dr Tandon will also deliver a session titled **Community-Based Participatory Research in Care and Sustainability**, reflecting on the wisdom of older persons and the relevance of their knowledge in addressing contemporary societal challenges, and highlighting the importance of recognising diverse forms of knowledge in building more just and inclusive futures.

As one of the six founding members of EpiNet, **PRIA** is proud to contribute its longstanding work on knowledge democracy, participatory research, and community-based knowledge creation to this global network.