



Rethinking
Research
Collaborative



From Equitable Collaboration to Equitable Research

A systems approach to understanding and improving research to address global challenges

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What is 'good' collaboration? Effectiveness to Equity...



Normative

E.g. 'knowledge democracy'
or 'cognitive justice'

Instrumental

E.g. a means to
effectiveness or expansion
of disciplinary knowledge

Statutory

E.g. ODA-compliance





The Rethinking Research Collaborative (RRC)

https://rethinkingresearchcollaborative.com

Evidence and the politics of participation (ESRC)

- Engaging research for practice: research in INGOs (Leverhulme)
- Fair and equitable research partnerships: a partners perspective (GCRF/UKRI)
- Evidence and Collaboration for inclusive development (DFID/UK AID Connect)

The Rethinking Research Collaborative (RRC) is an informal international network of academics, civil society organisations, international NGOs and research support providers who are committed to working together to explore the politics of participation in knowledge for international development encourage more inclusive, responsive collaborations to produce useful and effective development research.

ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS BLOG RESOURCES AND LINKS

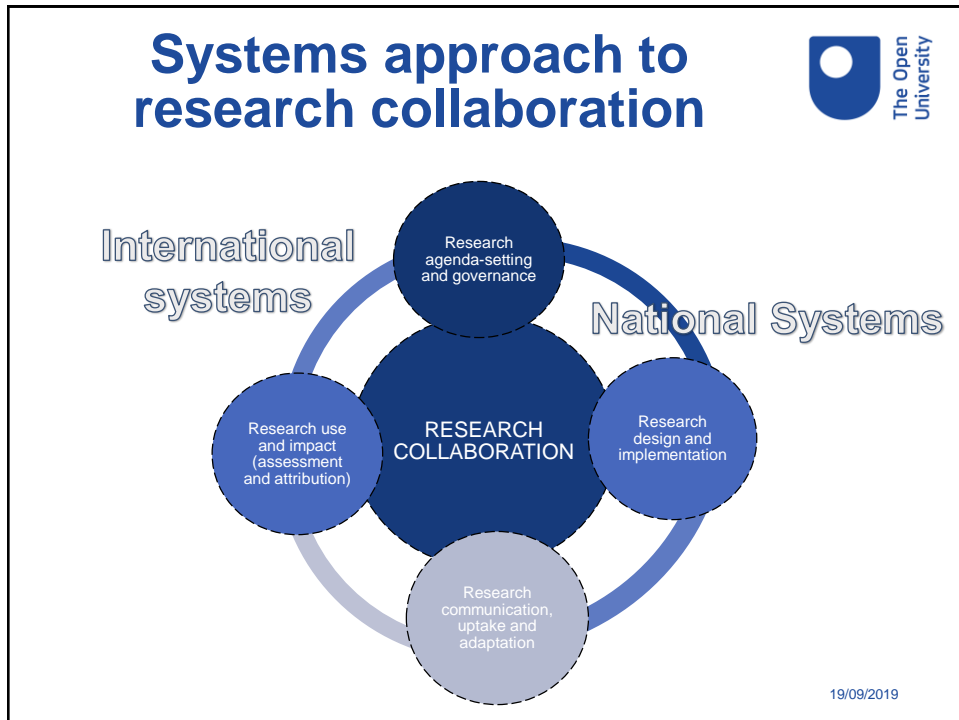
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Systemic principles for equitable collaboration AND research



1. **Put poverty first** – define starting conditions/assumptions
2. **Critically engage with context(s)** – acknowledge path-dependency and particularities
3. **Respect diversity of knowledge and skills; 5. redress evidence hierarchies; 6. commit to transparency** – acknowledge difference and inter-dependencies
4. **Adapt/respond; 7. invest in relationships; 8. keep learning**– embrace emergence

Prigogine, I (1997) The End of Certainty
 Stacey, R. (2010) Complexity and Organisational Reality
 Boulton, J et al (2015) Embracing Complexity
 Burns and Wolseley (2015) Systemic Action Research

UK-based academics and funders should consider...



- Starting conditions and assumptions: framing pathways to research impact in relation to development impact
- Understanding the context and the place of 'partners' within that context – how do they engage with regional/national/global knowledge systems?
- Diversity and representation in agenda-setting and peer-review as well as research, communication and use
- Developing long-term, emergent collaborations with sufficient time for context analysis, relationship-building, adaptation and learning

Fransman and Newman (2019)

Newman et al (2019)

Fransman et al (under review)

Targeted capacity resources



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& Evidence

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International
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Resource materials to support fair
and equitable research partnerships

Research productivity
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Engaging
with research
for real impact

The state of research in the
INGO sector and ways forward
for better practice



Collaborative futures: equitable and ecological research

