

EQUITABLE GLOBAL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS & GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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Knowledge. Voice. Democracy.
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WHAT IS GLOBAL?

- Europe
- North America
- India-South Africa-
Brasil...global?



OPERATIONAL INEQUITY: COMMON PRACTICE



Data Collection in South



'Editors' of Publications in North



Theoretical Framework
made in North

Synthesis in North



CONCEPTUAL & METHODOLOGICAL ASYMMETRY

- Fully developed proposals from North brought for consultation with southern partners: *'what do you think'*?
- Literature review *oblivious of* southern knowledge products not available in dominant European languages
- Detailed *instruments of data-collection* already prepared when discussion on participatory research begins
- Let us include a few case studies, provide *'local'* flavour



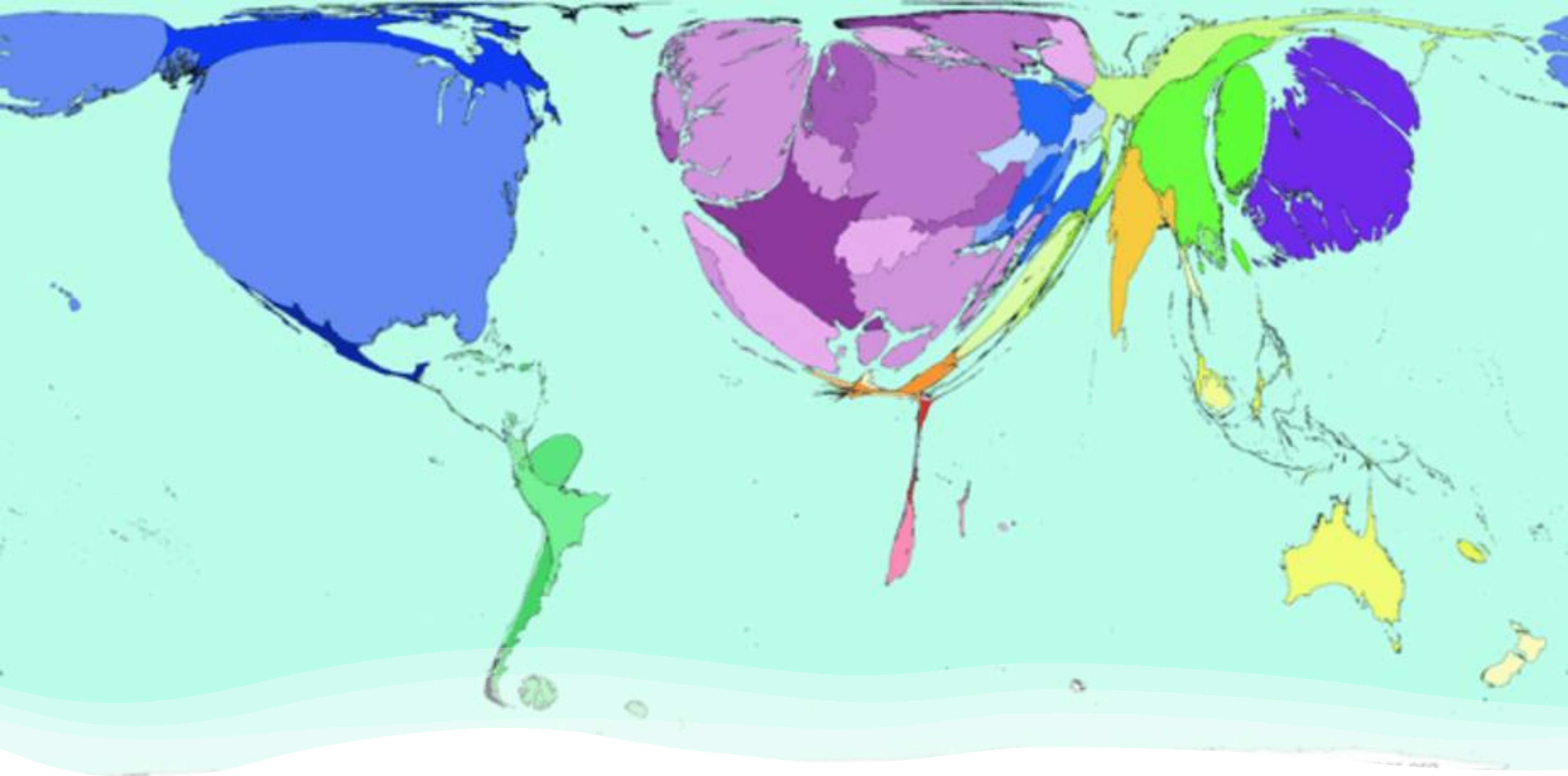
EPISTEMIC EXCLUSION

What is knowledge? How is it produced, stored & used? There are global practices 'outside' the western academic tradition

Recognition of such knowledges in the industry of northern journals/books missing

OECD/IDRC guidelines on such partnerships **acknowledge present inequities**, despite discussions on the same for 3 decades

UNESCO Recommendations on Open Science 'open' to all forms of knowledge





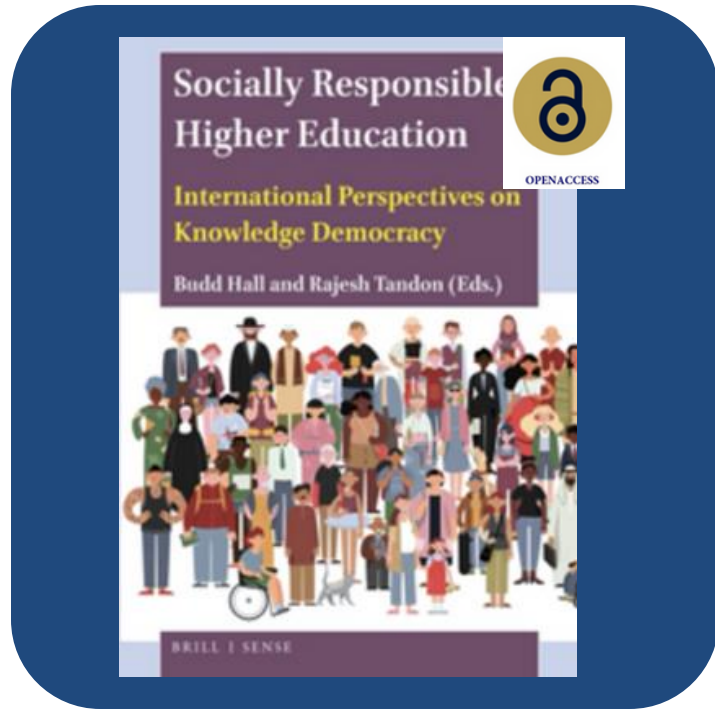
SO WHY?

Political economy of
knowledge
production...money
matters

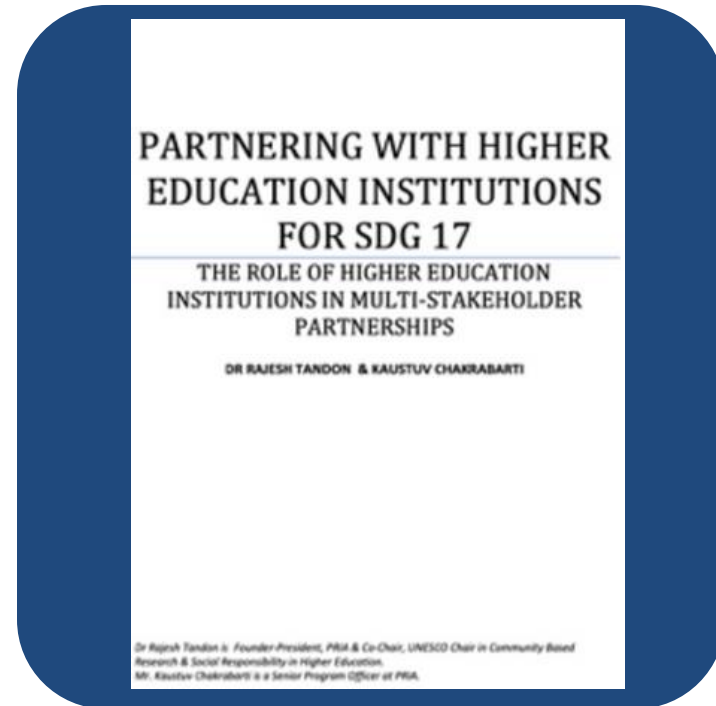
Control over 'new'
knowledge, its tools of
production & knowledge
workers key to generate
wealth in knowledge
economy

Should we move
towards knowledge
democracy?

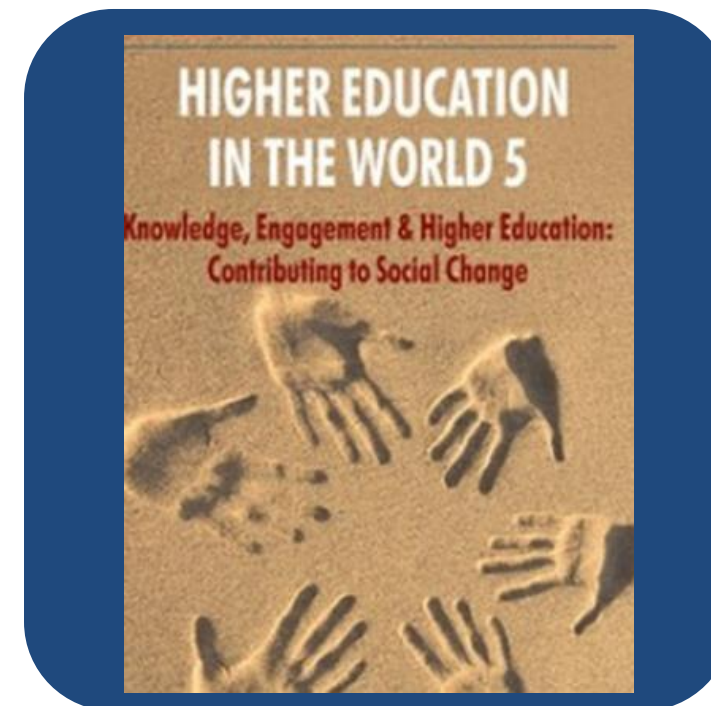
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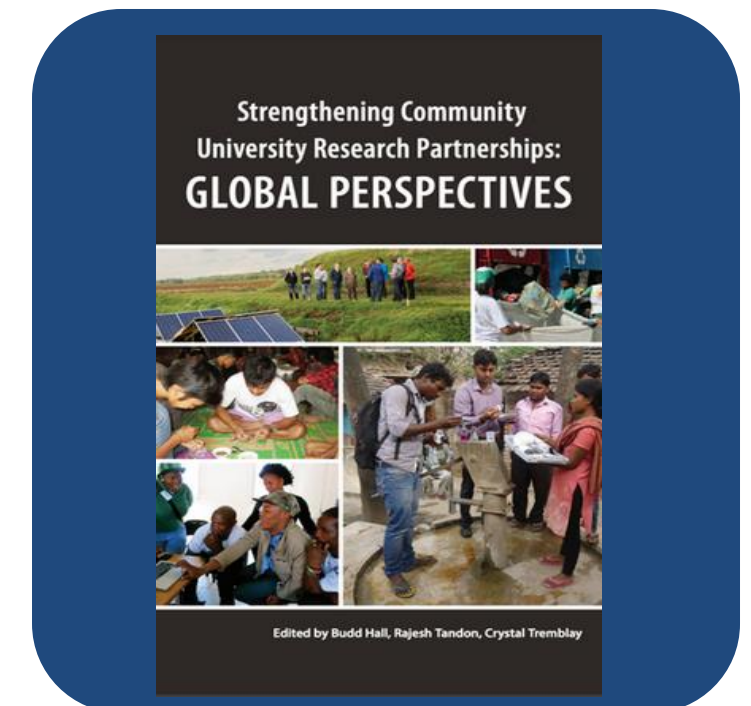
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