

# **Socially Responsible Higher Education: Re-Engaging with Society**

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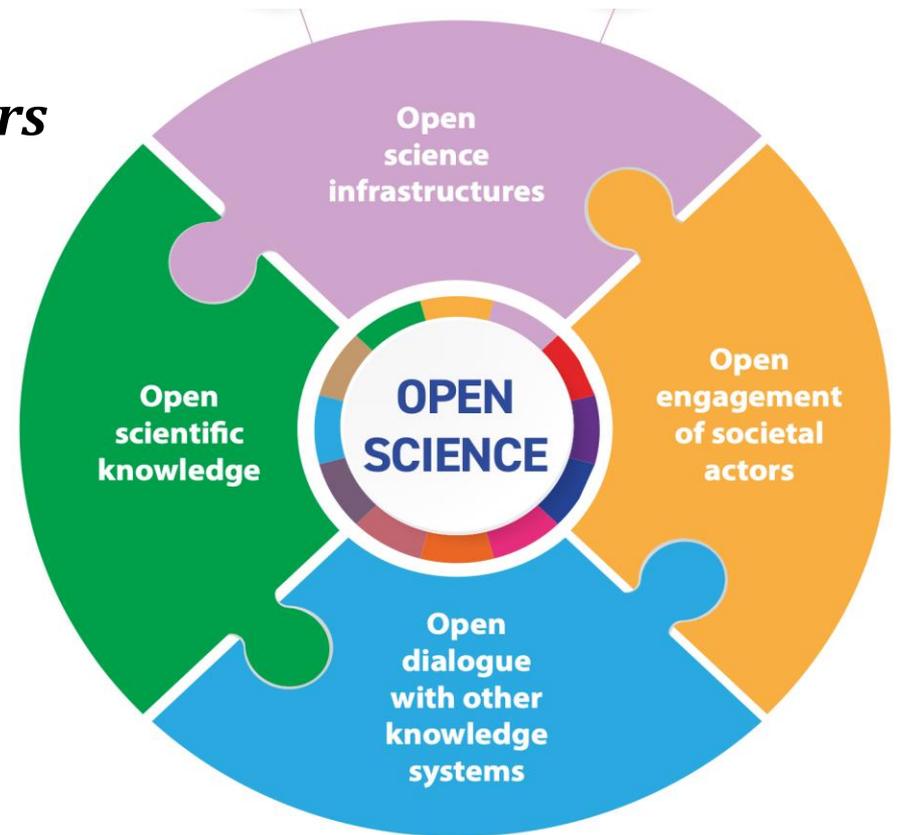
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# UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science 2021

- *Open engagement of societal actors*
- *Open dialogue with other knowledge systems*



## UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science

Adopted on November 23, 2021

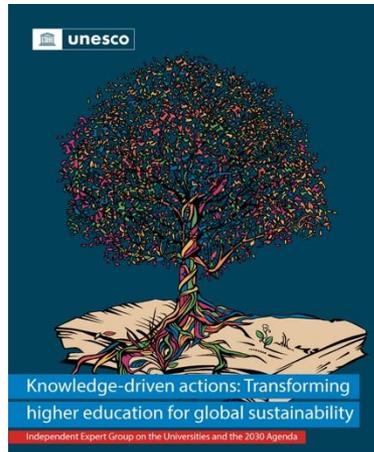
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# Recommendations from WHEC 2022

**WHEC**  
**2022**

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**Conference**

May 18 – 20, 2022 (Barcelona, Spain)



Education  
2030

*[Knowledge-driven Actions: Transforming Higher Education for Global Sustainability](#)*, prepared by  
Independent Expert Group on the Universities and the 2030 Agenda, UNESCO, 2022

# Transdisciplinary modes of knowledge

- *Diversity of disciplines*
- *Inclusion of societal actors*

## *Looking at the Future of Transdisciplinarity*

Matthias Kaiser & Peter Gluckman

Discussion Paper, Centre for Sciences Future, International Science Council, April 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/yev8axrd>

## *Transdisciplinarity is Knowledge Democracy*

Blog by Dr. Rajesh Tandon

Published online by International Science Council, June 2023

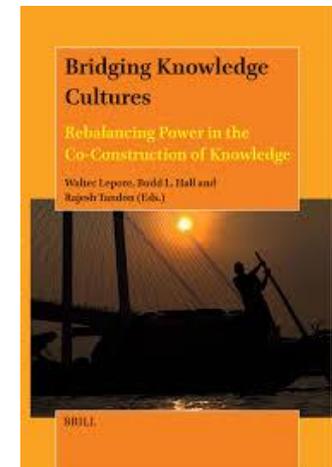
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# Fostering dialogues with diverse ways of knowing



- *Learning from Community Knowledge*
- *Bridging Knowledge Cultures*

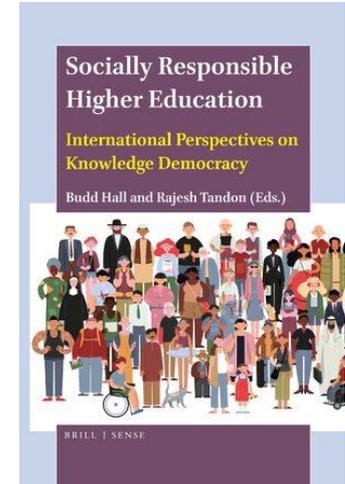


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# Engaged learning in situ

- *Designing curriculum relevant to context*
- *Planning on the streets, not in classroom*



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