Organizational Partnering and Participation: Regional Futures in Australia and Germany

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Introduction

Partnering between organizations:

• Not a new phenomenon
• Unique partnering led to unique participation
• A story of Indigenous organisations partnering with the state in the 1990s
• Participation as situated and generative
Universities as partnering organizations

Economic drivers of the regional economies
NT Indigenous organisations... as partnering organisations

Doing research with Yolŋu

Yolŋu and Balanda working together in Research

Various Yolŋu talk about the ‘road to follow’ in relation to communication and consultation, feedback and verification, research outcomes and Yolŋu priorities and how to work together on research with Yolŋu.
NT Indigenous organisations... as partnering organisations

Signing an MOU between CDU, Yalu’ and Menzies, 2016
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Learning from partnering and participating in Galiwin’ku...

• It is common for partnerships to produce relationships and effects in multiple directions

• And to be accountable to enhancing networks of kinship and elder authority, as well as enhancing organisational capacity through collaboration

• Learning how to become competent participants in these multiple landscapes is a skill we hope students might cultivate

• Supporting the learning of these students enhances the research and institutional capacity of the university as a whole
Yalla, we vote for democracy!
... and want to be involved! We question politics about the participation and visibility of those marginalised and Rebel Comedy with Khalid Bounouar

Get involved and see more
The more we are, the better! Everyone is welcome to participate in the work of the New Germans, whether as an individual, as a project or as an organization. Contact us!

You can also follow us on our social media pages and engage in discussion with us.
Partnering with migrant special interest organisations

- Working with migrant special interest organisations
- Generate knowers about situations and needs of the migrant organisations and the migrants approached through their work.
- Enacting a support network for migrant organisations
Partnering with parliamentarians

- Addressing issues of migrant organisations to relevant political leaders
- Translating their situations and needs into policy briefings
- Asking for invitations for future meetings
Partnering with me as a researcher

Initiating:

• Writing articles
• Contributing to applying for grants
• Doing interviews with parliamentarians
• Evaluating the work of the organisation
• Building an infrastructure for migrant organisations
Learning from partnering and participating with German migrant organisations...

• Working with New German Organisations, I hope to learn about their different partnerings and their effects
• Hoping students become fluent in engaging effectively in multiple partnerings and participations
• If students learn how to do partnering with organizations they can support and enhance their practice e.g. through their participating in papers, grants, evaluations, etc.
A shared vision....

- Differences in partnering is a phenomenon which organisations encounter daily, and which is at issue in their practice

- CDU and RUB – both want to enhance their capacity in and through partnering
Towards a participation enhancing agreement between our Universities

• Evading a notion of student exchange as promoting cultural tourism...
• Students as ‘becoming multiply competent participants’
• Produces value within our respective Institutions
Thank you!