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Strengthening South-South sharing of experiences

“Open social sciences in a developing region: policies, initiatives and needed changes - the case of Latin America, CLACSO and FOLEC”

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Social science
regional networks
CLACSO (Latin
America) - ACSS
(Arab countries)
promote South-
South cooperation

- Participation of [CLACSO](#) and [ACSS](#) in general conferences of ACSS and CLACSO
- [South-South cooperation program](#) (since 2014 ACSS incorporated)
- ACSS at opening of [webinar “Towards a Transformation of SSH Research Assessment in Latin America and the Caribbean”](#) organized by CLACSO
- Inter-regional Working Group ACSS-CLACSO [“Security Policies and Production of Insecurity”](#)
- [“Turn to the right, foreign intervention and production of insecurity”](#) (conference May 2020 postponed)
- [“10 questions about open access”](#). CLACSO presentation at ACSS Conference 2015, section “Publishing and Dissemination Practices”







ACSS and CLACSO also share concerns about privatization of knowledge, we need:

knowledge for the public good

access to knowledge as a public good

- access to read
- access to publish

comparing the profit margins of major companies with publishers

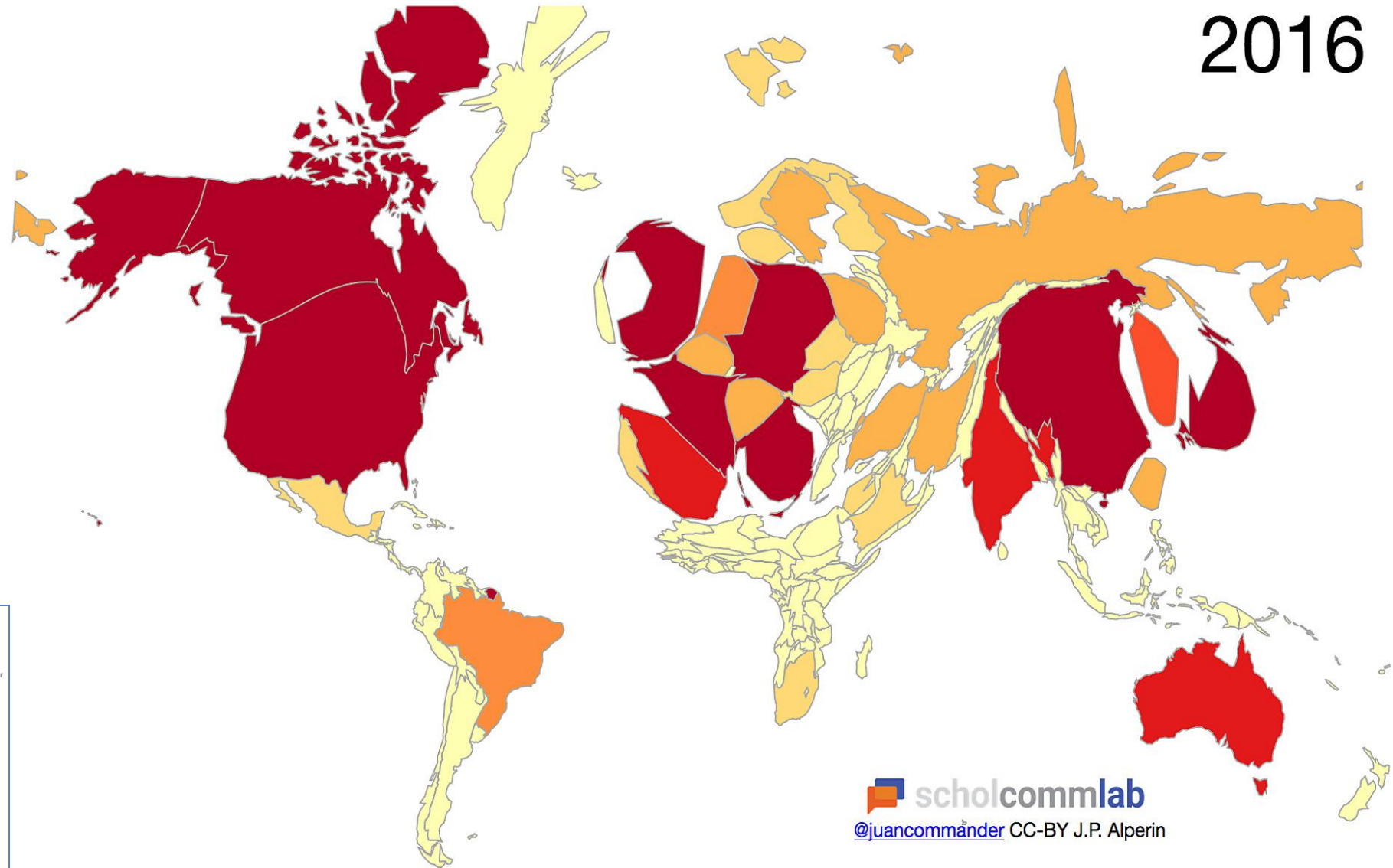
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2% <small>of \$173.8 billion</small>		Retail
9% <small>of \$98.7 billion</small>		Automobile
11% <small>of \$110.9 billion</small>		Search
21% <small>of \$229 billion</small>		Computing
37% <small>of \$2.8 billion</small>		Scholarly Publishing
39% <small>of \$688 million</small>	 Taylor & Francis Taylor & Francis Group	Scholarly Publishing

large commercial publishing houses have increased their control of the science system

- Publishing
 - Subscriptions
 - Pay to publish in open access (APC+BPC)
- Indicators for evaluation
 - WoS + Scopus
- Open Science

World scaled by number of documents with authors from each country in Web of Science

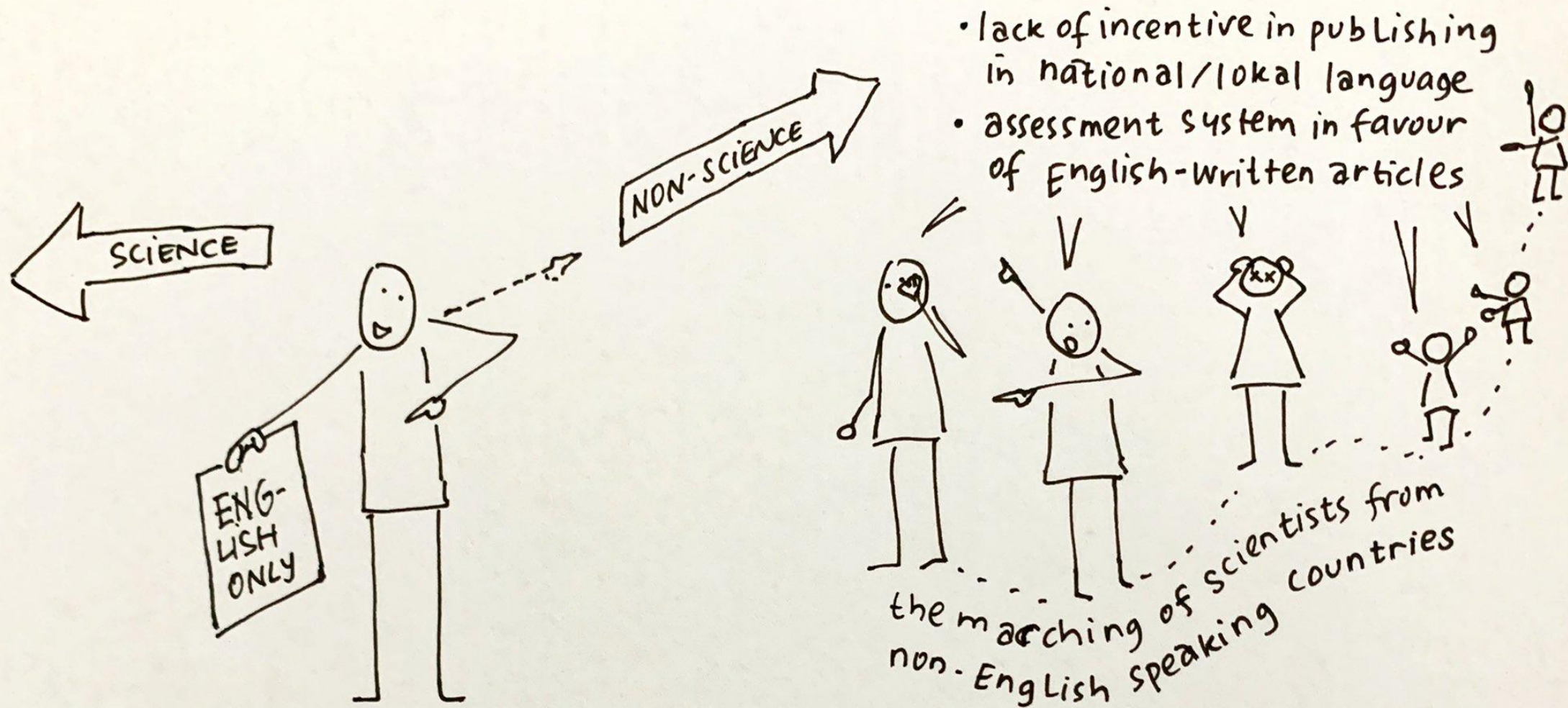
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Only 3,6% of quality journals from Latin America are indexed in Wos

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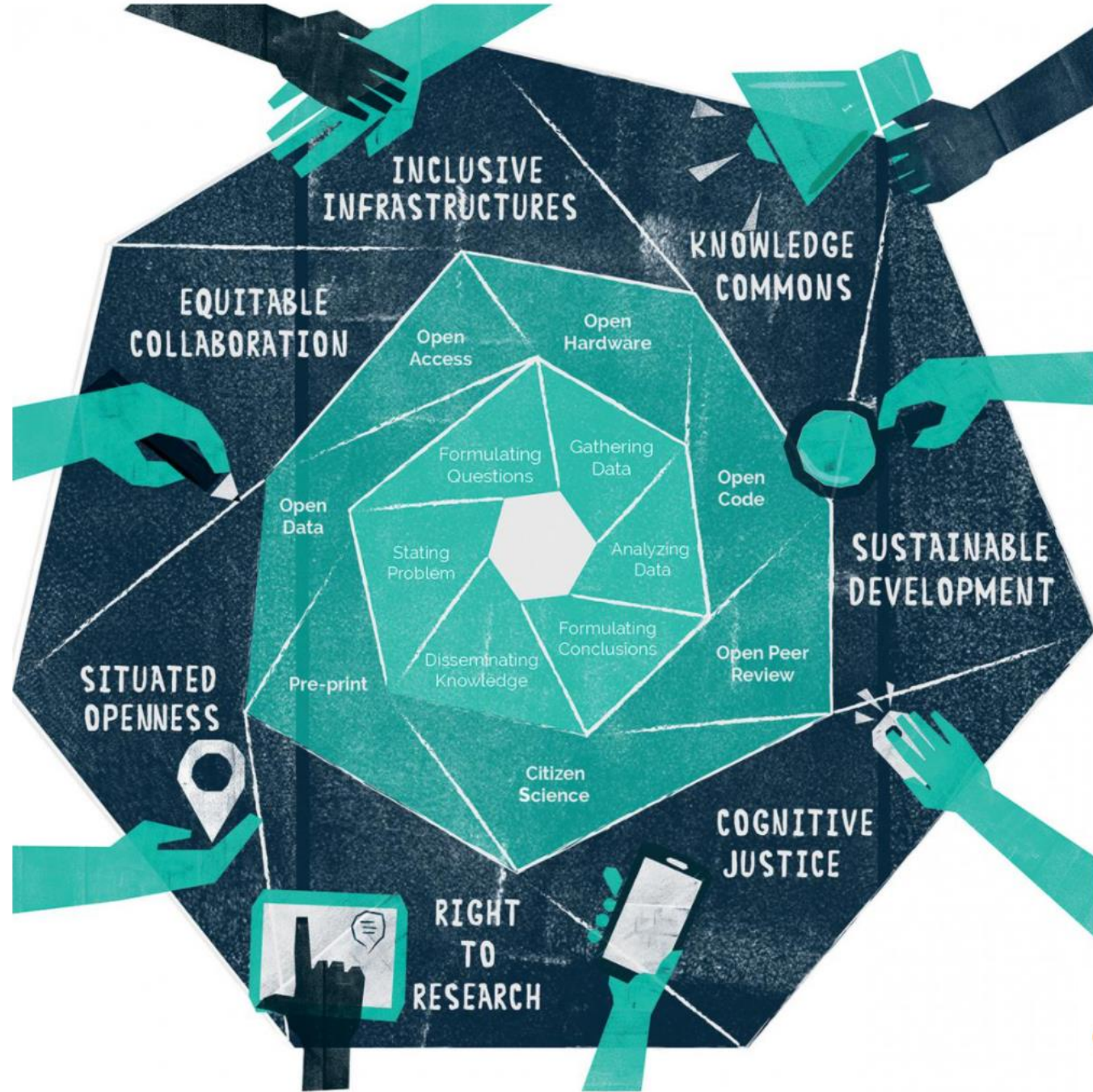
Because English is the lingua Franca of Science \ddot{u}

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These challenges need as much local as international research outputs

Opportunities for social sciences in a global open science context





“The current moment should act as a catalyst for transforming the current flawed system of research communications into a global knowledge commons; **a commons that is more efficient, inclusive, and governed by the scholarly community; a commons with no barriers to access or to publish research**”

Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR)

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2020/09/24/covid-19-has-profoundly-changed-the-way-we-conduct-and-share-research-lets-not-return-to-business-as-usual-when-the-pandemic-is-over/>

Some examples of community-based infrastructures and initiatives for open access publishing (texts and data). The voice and advocacy of community-owned initiatives needs to be stronger



Among others...

70% of **quality open access journals** indexed by DOAJ do not charge APCs



We need application of DORA recommendations: “Do not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an individual scientist’s contributions, or in hiring, promotion, or funding decisions.



our path to open science

- in the region (Latin America)
- in CLACSO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences)

LATIN AMERICA IS OPEN ACCESS

- Research and research communications are mainly publicly-funded
- Journals published by universities and other SS research institutions, no outsourcing to commercial publishers
- Open access is scholar-led and publicly-funded
- 95% of journals are in OA with no APC (diamond)
- Open Journal System (OJS-PKP) for managing editorial, peer-review process and collections of journals
- Open access legislation and policies: require research publications and data in repositories
- Very recent trends in open science policies and initiatives
- Challenges:
 - Open access to research data
 - quality journals and books published in the region lack visibility in research assessment procedures: need of research assessment review.





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Social science knowledge for the public good – the case of CLACSO-Latin American Social Science Council (780 research institutions in 52 countries)

CLACSO's path towards open science

- In CLACSO's Working Groups: recommended that 70% are researchers and 30% other participants (social movements, policy makers, activists)
- Grant calls: since 2020 require description of how and where research results will be available in open access
- CLACSO's network 3.000 books are in open access (OA)
- CLACSO's repository: 100.000 full-texts from member institutes
- Advocacy and initiatives for non-commercial open access in Latin America, together with other OA initiatives in the region:
 - Redalyc-AmeliCA: joint collection of 1.025 SSH quality journals in OA
 - CLACSO's network journals are also indexed in the region in, eg: Latindex and SciELO

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Who is using those articles published in peer-reviewed open access journals from regional indexing services?

Contribution to education, research, professional practice and citizens needs



Type of Reach	Approximate Proportion	
	SciELO	RedALyC
Students	50%	55%
University Staff	25%	22%
Professional Practice	20%	17%
Personal Use	9%	6%

} academic

} public

* This table represents a composite of the results derived from my interpretations of all the responses and data collected in my dissertation study. As such, the numbers should be treated only as approximations, and the percentages should not be expected to add to 100%.

source.

https://figshare.com/articles/presentation/Research_is_also_for_non_scholars_Lessons_from_Latin_America/3187551

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Sharing three of our main concerns from a developing region perspective and ways forward

- Underfunding of community-owned infrastructures because scarce funds directed to APCs
 - Prioritize funding and resources dedicated to non-APC/BPC community-based infrastructures/initiatives and quality certification of its contents
- Weak international dialogue, cooperation and interoperability among community-owned infrastructures
 - Call for more international collective action, have a stronger and collective voice
 - South-South cooperation for international non-commercial open access/open science
- Researchers rewarded only when publishing in “mainstream” journals with “prestige industry” indicators, making invisible other contributions
 - Reward quality and relevance independent of publication venue
 - Reward doing peer-review of contents from community-based infrastructures (eg.: repositories)



And what about research assessment in the social sciences, and its impact in open access scholarly communications?

Responsible Research Assessment (RRA) international landscape

Declarations, principles & statements

- [San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\) \(2012\)](#)
- [Leiden Manifesto \(2015\)](#)
- [Hong Kong Principles \(2020\)](#)
- [Global Research Council \(GRC\) Virtual Conference on Responsible Research Assessment \(2020\)](#)
- [Research of Research Institute \(RoRI\) on “The changing role of funders in responsible research assessment: progress, obstacles and the way ahead” \(2020\)](#)
- [European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities” \(ENRESSH, 2016-2020\), COST Action](#)
- [Jussieu Call for Open science and bibliodiversity \(2016\)](#)
- [Helsinki Initiative on Multilingualism in Scholarly Communication \(2019\)](#)



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RRA in the Latin American landscape: FOLEC initiative

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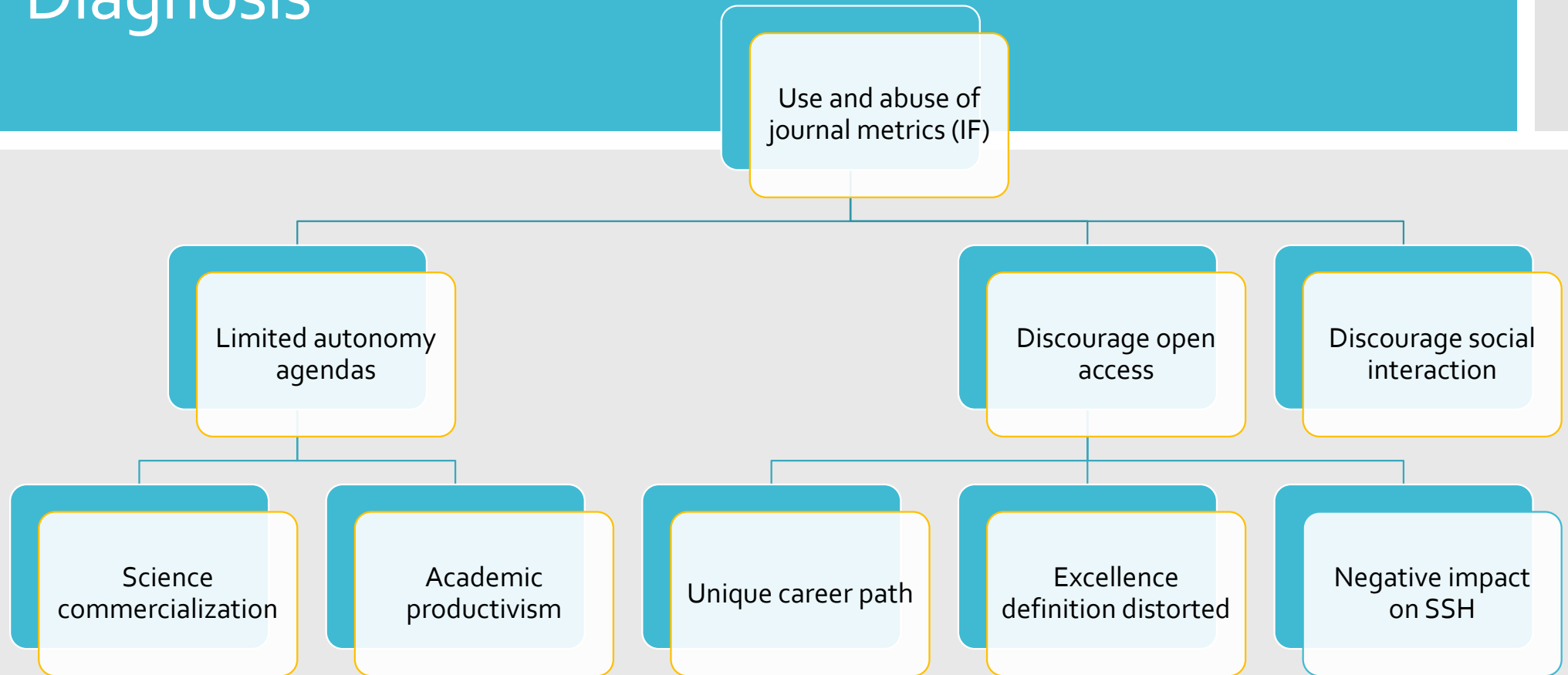
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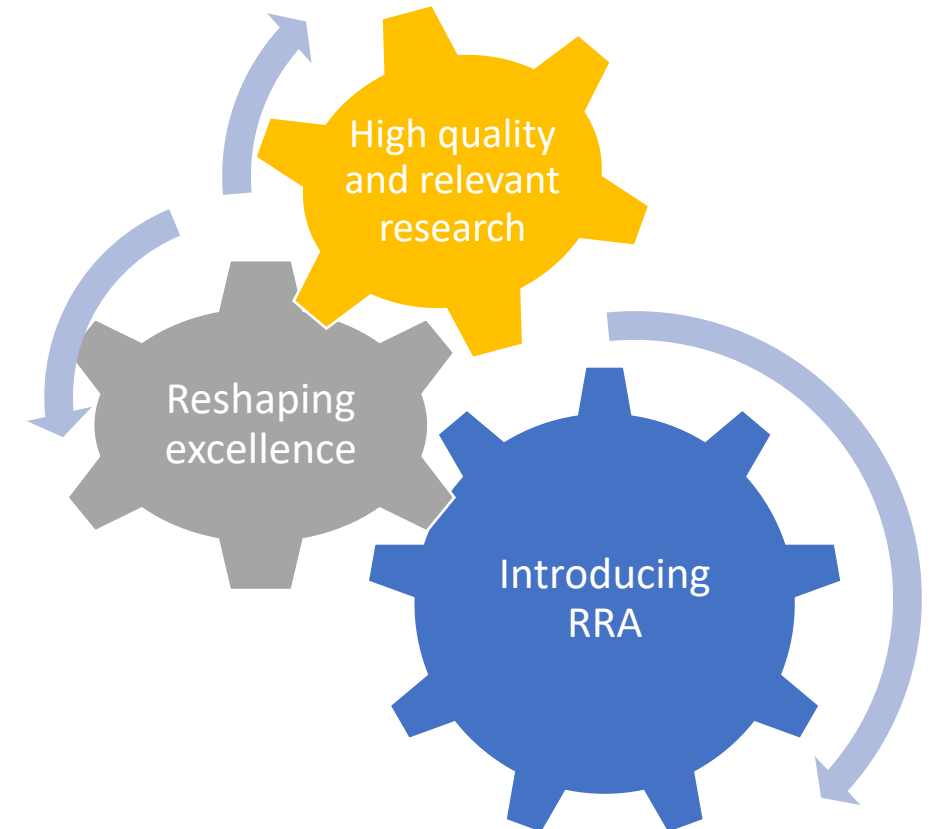
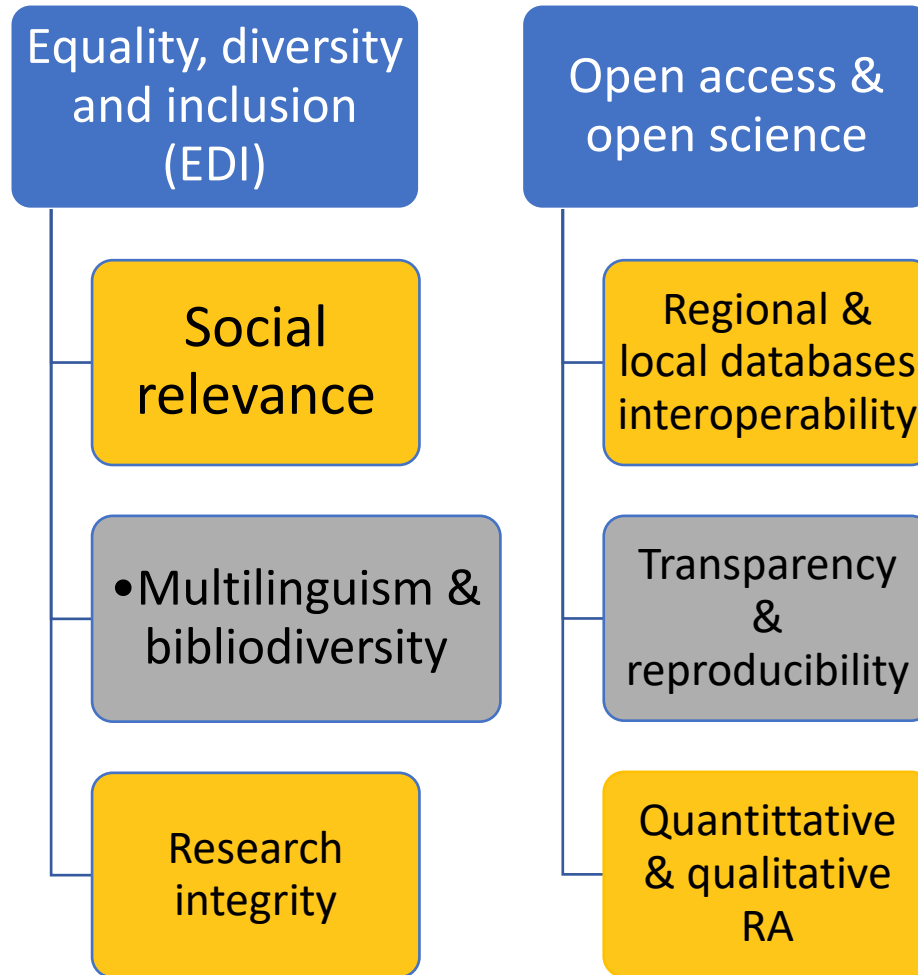


**A new type of research assessment
towards a socially relevant science
in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Diagnosis



Proposals



Actions taken internationally



VIRTUAL MEETING

"Towards a Transformation of SSH Research Assessment in Latin America and the Caribbean"

Wednesday, 28th October 2020
10am-12am Buenos Aires - Montevideo
2pm-4pm CET / 1pm-3pm UTC

Participants:

- Gabriela Ramos (UNESCO)
- Heide Hackmann (ISC)
- Karina Batthyány (CLACSO)
- Pablo Vommaro (CLACSO)
- Fernanda Beigel (CONICET-UNCuyo)
- Dominique Babini (CLACSO)
- Laura Rovelli (CLACSO)
- Cecilia Sleiman (MINCYT)
- Leslie Chan (University of Toronto; OCSD Network)
- Emanuel Kulczycki (ENRESSH)
- Seteney Shami (ACSS)
- Virendra Kumar Malhotra (ICSSR)
- Ismael Ráfols (CWTS; University of Leiden)
- Yuan Junpeng (Chinese Academy of Sciences)

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Next steps

FOLEC agenda Initiatives for 2021/2022

- Organizing II FOLEC at CILAC FORUM 2021 (Open Forum of Sciences from LA& C).
- Publishing four brief advocacy papers.
- Working group on academic publishing and scientific evaluation.
- International survey and case studies in LA&C and Asia. IDRC-CLACSO Research Project.
- Participation of FOLEC in ISC-IAP- YA research evaluation project.
- Common proposal on research assessment reform to be presented at the 9th CLACSO Latin American and Caribbean Social Sciences Conference . One of the main axes of the Conference is "Science, technology and society: challenges of knowledge and evaluation", which will include a special session for regional and international debate.



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