Citizen participation in knowledge production and policy in development

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Outline

• Introduction
• PPI and development aid parallels
• Enchantment and disenchantment
  – ‘tyranny’ or ‘transformation’; the politics of participation
• Knowledge processes – who are the experts?
  – an example from Adivasi [tribal] western India
  – context and commensurability of knowledge
• Participation that disciplines
  – invited spaces (who is missing?)
  – local knowledge or planning knowledge?
  – strategic engagement
• Participation that enables
  – new knowledge
  – new solidarities
  – re-shaping the participatory processes/spaces
• Does it work?
  – policy models and institutional practice
  – participant objection and collaborative research
• **Research** – ‘expertise-by-experience’
• **Co-production of services** – asset-based, professional/lay
• **Self-directed care** – personalisation, recovery-oriented
Participation in development

• Robert Chambers

• Farmer-first/ PRA

• Sustainable rural livelihoods
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Pentagon of capitals (Assets)
**Forms of Participation**


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Participation

• *The New Tyranny?* (2001)

• *From Tyranny to Transformation* (2004)

• *Does Participation Work?* (2013)
Figure 1 The politics of participation

Interests (top-down)
- legitimation
- sustainability
- empowerment
- efficiency

Interests (bottom-up)
- inclusion
- empowerment
- leverage
- cost

Form/function
- nominal/display
- representative/voice
- transformative/means-end
- instrumental/means
Upland farming in Adivasi (Bhil, tribal) western India
Khatoli - maize
PRA – Participatory Rural Appraisal
PLA – Participatory Learning & Action
(village mapping)