

Review of: "Sustainable futures: a quality-focused model for inclusive knowledge co-production"

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The paper addresses a very interesting topic of the challenges in knowledge production processes within a specific contexts and interaction of various stakeholders. The study describes a longitudinal study of six case studies in African countries.

The theoretical framework is based on the Distributed Cognition Theory, which is introduced briefly. In addition, the conceptual model is built on sustainability change and aspects of the quality model. As a whole the theoretical basis could be more coherent and argument how it serves the current research questions. However, the conceptual framework is used logically as the paper proceeds. The reader would have expected the futures research approaches to be discussed in the theory section as the paper touches also this field and conclusions are made based on futures construction.

The case study methodology is in the key position in the paper, therefore a more in-depth discussion of the methodological choices would have been interesting to read. The cases are most interesting in connection of the topic. However, the cases are explained so briefly that a reader wonders which methods were used in the specific cases to explore the issue of knowledge co-production.

Results on co-production of knowledge are discussed as examples found in the cases. The results show mainly the outputs of the case studies, but do not explicate or compare the studies e.g. which methods were more powerful in knowledge production than others. The case studies present a rich and versatile setting for development of education system. The case studies show quite clearly the significance of participatory policy-making and enhancement of inclusive futures. That can be seen as a major strength of the paper.

In general, the paper could be more scientifically constructed and methodologically explicated. Anyhow, the high value of gathering experiences for such a long time is acknowledged as is the approach of sustainability in the development processes.