

Shouldn't We just Mind Our own Business?

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Abstract

The recognition that the notion of development can be seen as culturally dependent provides a new perspective on the world as development professional. Based on that insight a concept of co-constructive development is outlined. This concept is inspired by the Churchmanian philosophy of knowledge and development during a six years national research program. The co-constructive concept is used to generate some suggestions for development of an up-starting international development programme, which is based on a co-operation between Umea University in Sweden and UNIDO. In short, the programme has to put more focus on the client and to establish and encourage a supportive community.

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