

## Spring of Innovation 2023

### Participatory Research: Leveraging Inclusiveness

**April 6 and 7, 2023 at Lilliad - Learning center innovation, Campus Cité scientifique in Villeneuve d'Ascq, University of Lille and with remote session**

Participatory research is an emerging field in France. The subjects concerned by this research extend to all sectors of activity and in different contexts. With its broad spectrum of questions, approaches and epistemic practices, this field includes various actors from the third sector of civil society. These actors contribute to the different stages of the research process and are at the origin of innovative practices within the social body. The perimeter of stakeholders and their postures in a research project is an important dimension that will be questioned during the symposium.

This conference brings together different currents and practices of participatory research. The capacity and interest of building inclusive research processes will be discussed. By inclusiveness, we mean the propensity to bring together researchers and actors from different backgrounds concerned by a common problem in a desire to co-produce research. It goes beyond mere integration; whose individual nature suggests an adaptation to a given group. In contrast, inclusion places the responsibility for adaptation on the group for each individual. Inclusiveness is situated in this in-between area where the active participation of the actors concerned would be expressed in the whole research process.

This raises a number of questions: what are the contributions, difficulties, impacts or social innovations likely to occur through the broad integration of civil society in scientific processes? What devices and/or mechanisms are needed to match means and ends? In the context of developing the field of participatory research, what are the issues at stake in the inclusiveness of researchers specializing in one discipline? Can we talk about transformation through the social innovation produced in these projects? Does a broader inclusivity allow for a more responsible development of research and innovations?

The program will be structured around plenary sessions and round tables bringing together actors from different backgrounds. Registration to the conference is free. Researchers, associations, representatives of local authorities, doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows are among the audiences targeted by this conference.

**Thursday, April 6th, 2023**

**9:30 a.m. Presentation of the symposium:** Olivier Colot, Vice-President of Research at the University of Lille, Blandine Laperche, President of the RRI and Bertrand Bocquet, Professor at the University of Lille, sciences and society programme officer at the RRI.

**10:00 a.m. Opening Plenary:** Jacques Chevalier, Chancellor's Professor Emeritus, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

The notion of inclusiveness lends itself to two opposing interpretations: either all stakeholders contribute to all stages of the project, or each stakeholder makes a distinct and complementary contribution. What both perspectives have in common is that all are bound by the same purpose and level of commitment. A PAR vision that is better suited to complex situations and systems promotes "variable geometry inclusiveness"-serving as a convergence point for multiple initiatives and cross-cutting conversations.

**11 a.m.: break**

**1:15 a.m. Roundtable #1: Inclusiveness in the research**

The involvement of stakeholders at each stage of a research process will be questioned, from the definition of the question, the data acquisition protocol, the analysis and interpretation to the delivery of the results, with one point of view coming from the world of research and another from the world of associations. The question of support and financial backing for the research process will be examined.

Moderators : Cyril Fiorini (Sciences Citoyennes) et Sophie Boutillier (Université du Littoral, RRI)

Speakers :

- **Jean Masson**, Research Director at the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE).
- **Marine Dori**, Research and Development Officer, Mouvement Associatif des Hauts de France.
- **Tristan Lescure**, Science with and for Society Program, Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR).
- **Claudia Neubauer**, Program manager, Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation for the Progress of Humankind.

**1 p.m.: break**

## 2:00 p.m. Roundtable #2: The collective dimensions of inclusiveness

The discussion will focus on the more or less innovative modes of sociability that are being woven into initiatives aimed at promoting the inclusiveness of the people concerned (which may go beyond the people and human societies), particularly in their economic and social dimensions. These initiatives can range from segmented and atomized participation (for example, in some cases of crowdsourcing) to initiatives involving those concerned and can bring into play different coordination mechanisms, ranging from market or organizational mechanisms to reciprocal mechanisms or even altruistic behavior.

Moderator : Florian Charvolin (Centre Max Weber) et Paul Muller (Université de Lorraine, RRI)

Speakers :

- **Benoît Eyraud**, Lecturer-researcher, Max Weber Center, Lyon 2 University.
- **Laure Duclercq**, coordinator of LinkedOut pathway in Entourage association.
- **Chloë Angé**, Research officer, Federation of social services, Brussels.

**3:30 pm: break**

## 4:00 p.m. Roundtable #3: Inclusivity facilitators

Numerous intermediation devices act at different levels: third places, observatories, popular universities, resource and support centers, science stores... They are often more or less hybrid (institutional and/or initiated by the third sector). Under what conditions can they contribute to inclusiveness? How to facilitate mutual learning? How to facilitate inclusiveness at all stages of the research process?

Moderators : Evelyne Lhoste (LISIS, INRAE) et Florence Ienna (Université de Lille, Boutique des sciences)

Speakers :

- **Grégoire Wallenborn**, Researcher-teacher at ULB, Energy Neighbors project of the Co-create program, Brussels.
- **Emmanuelle Murcier**, Association fédérative des Universités populaires de parents.
- **Xavier Hulhoven**, Scientific Director of the Co-Create program, Innoviris, Brussels.

**5:30 pm: end of the first day**

**Friday, April 7th, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. Round Table 4: Inclusiveness and ecological transformation**

The ecological emergency has definitely been placed on the public and political agenda. The analysis of socio-environmental conflicts constitutes a privileged research time object. What transformations are we witnessing in terms of the involvement of different stakeholders in the definition of problems? How does participatory research transform eco-political arrangements?

Moderator : Sylvie Blangy (CEFE, Montpellier) et Maryse Carmes (DICEN, Cnam, Paris)

Speakers :

- **Véronique Van Tilbeurg**, Professor at the University of Rennes 2 and **Laurent Longuevergne**, CNRS Research Director, University of Rennes 1
- **Etienne Toffin**, ULB, Research coordinator at the Brussels Studies Institute..
- **Anne Varet**, Director of Research and Forecasting at ADEME.
- **Jean-François Bottolier**, Head of the External Dosimetry Department, Open Radiation Program, IRSN.

**11:00 am: break**

**11:30 Closing Plenary: Pierre-Benoît Joly**, INRAE Research Director, President of the INRAE Occitanie-Toulouse Center

**Inclusiveness in research: an end in itself or a means for other purposes?**

The inclusion of relevant audiences in research and innovation processes can have two complementary objectives. Inclusiveness as an end in itself refers to the idea that citizen participation in the production of knowledge is one of the engines of democracy. Inclusiveness as a means for other purposes makes the participation of relevant groups the key to more equitable and correcting research and innovation processes. The thesis I would like to defend is that participatory research, in its various forms, is only a partial answer to the second issue. Certainly, the pragmatic current takes a radically co-productionist position, the groups concerned and the problems forming in the dynamics of the collective investigation/experimentation polarized towards the search for solutions. This position inspires the dialogical model proposed by Michel Callon, Pierre Lascoumes and Yannick Barthe in *Agir dans un monde incertain*. That is an essential element. Nevertheless, on the basis of the lessons of the political economy of research and innovation -and in particular the recent literature on Undone science- we suggest that it is necessary to broaden the focus in order to consider institutional levers of inclusiveness, in the worlds of research but also in the third sector of research.

**2:00 – 4:00 pm Participatory workshop**

The participants of the symposium will be invited to a workshop led by Jacques Chevalier with skilful means promoting inclusion and addressing the following question: What are the strong messages that the participants of the conference retain that are likely to change their practices?