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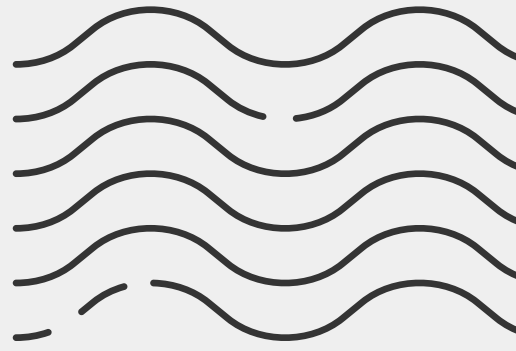
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Community Engagement in Higher Education Manual

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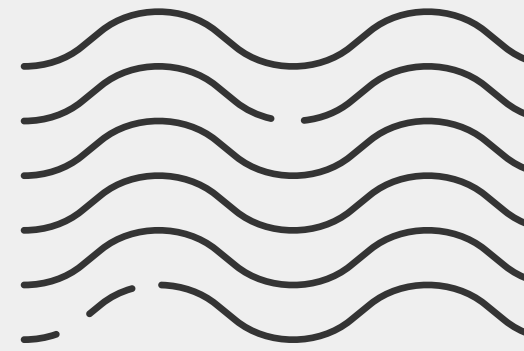
Why this manual matters

Responds to global and European calls for civic and socially responsible universities

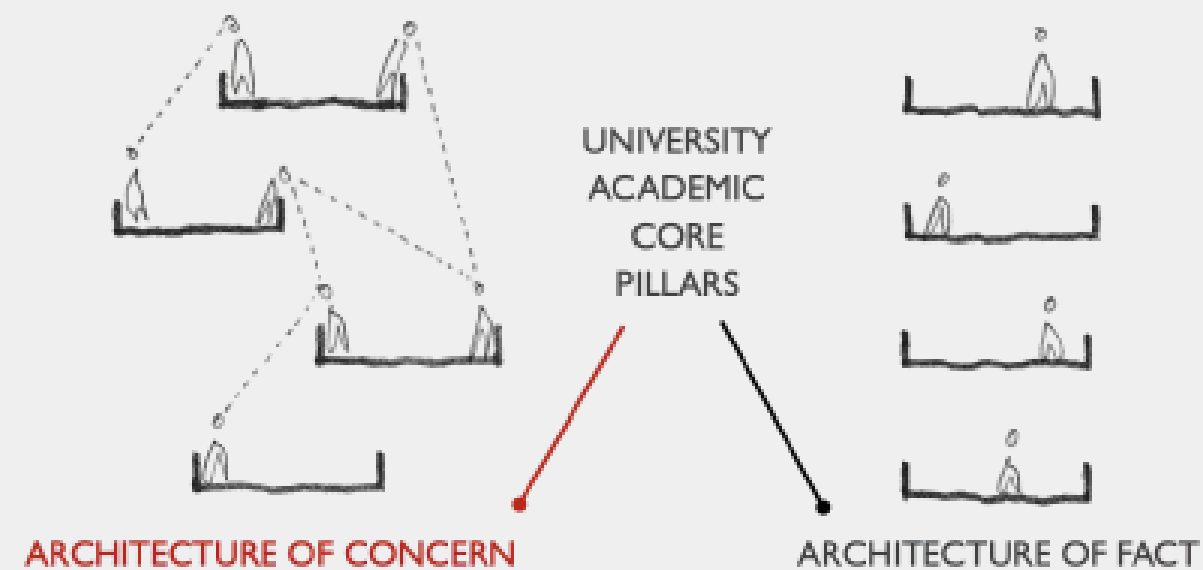
Bridges research, teaching, and social impact

Promotes reciprocity, co-creation, and long-term partnerships





Key ideas



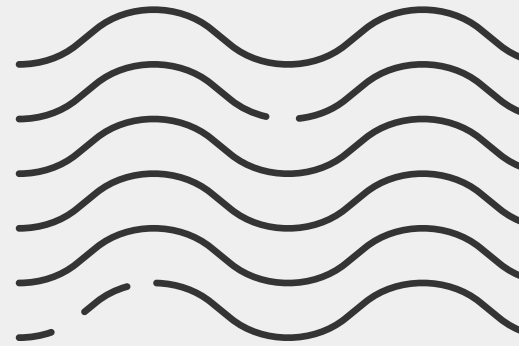
Source: authors (adopted, based on Jesper Magnusson, 2013)

Architecture of Facts vs Architecture of Concern

Universities as civic actors

Engagement = ethical and strategic necessity





Structure

1. Defining university–community engagement
2. Institutional policies and strategic planning
3. Collaboration and partnership development
4. Integrating CE into curricula & research
5. Reflection, evaluation, and impact assessment



Key principles of meaningful CE

Mutual Benefit

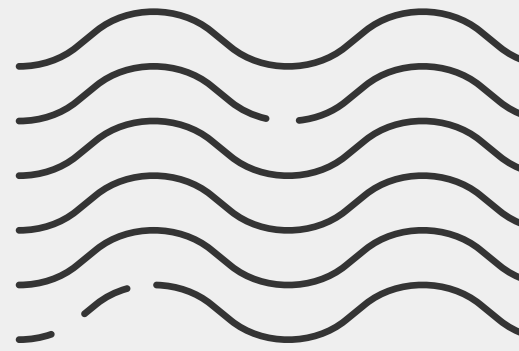
Reciprocity

Cultural Humility and Inclusion

Long-Term Commitment

Reflexivity





Questions?

Which principle of engagement (mutuality, reciprocity, humility, commitment, reflexivity) is most visible at your university?

Which would you like to strengthen — and how?





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Engagement is not an add-on,
but a pathway to institutional
transformation



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