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## Research Partnerships between Universities and Communities: A Question of Trust?

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Within our communities we take as a given that partnerships or alliances have succeeded because of the high level of trust that has been built, or have failed because the partners mistrusted one another, but we rarely examine critically what these words mean, or how we might learn from other applications of the concept. In fact, the recent literature on community-university partnerships is exploding with case studies that describe “lessons learned” or “strategies for success,” with little attention paid to underlying concepts such as trust, power, control, or risk.

This presentation will examine the literature on trust to see how it applies to community-university research partnerships. It will then use the birth and evolution of the Community-University Institute for Social Research in Saskatoon to illustrate this literature. Since the presenter will have recently returned from Asia, where he has been speaking on research partnerships within developing country contexts, he will also explore and compare participatory action research as applied in the developing world to this emerging literature on community-university partnerships.

▲ Place: Diefenbaker Centre, Theatre Room  
Date: Thursday, 10 October 2002  
Time: 3:00–4:30 PM

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