

The potential of participatory action research to advance research based on Willing beings

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Abstract

The gap between social science and the construction and delivery of society deals fatal blows to the body of both, namely social sciences and society. The present study has taken a step towards solving it by proposing a new approach to this old problem. Thus, after analyzing the aforementioned problem from an objective perspective, the essence of social science and also the necessity of socialization during its production process have been explained, and based on that, social science has been introduced as the knowledge of practical wisdom. Then, based on this nature, the method of theorizing in social science has been discussed, and in this regard, the approach of participatory scholarship and the method of participatory action research have been explained. In the following, the method of theorizing and scientific work based on the knowledge of practical wisdom have been examined, and the implications and capacities of participatory action research for this type of research have been proposed. Capacities such as the production of human and social innovations, the evolutionary and gradual construction of Willing and social beings, attention to design thinking in Willing and social beings, and the use of medical metaphor in the method of scientific research were clarified, as well as aspects of the compatibility of the participatory scientific research framework with the knowledge of Willing beings. Then, an attempt was made to redefine the participatory action research method as a method in the field of practical wisdom knowledge and present it based on the completion of student theses and dissertations. Finally, while critically reviewing the domestic literature in the field of the aforementioned method, a new identity of research and research in the production of indigenous and beneficial social sciences has been formulated.

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