



RESEARCH PROJECT on SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIVENESS of UNIVERSITIES IN DIFFERENT SETTINGS

PROGRESS REVIEW ON DRAFTING, AND DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS TO DATE

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- A series of action research projects of universities in different settings, addressing different opportunities and challenges in the domain of University Social Responsibility (why, what) and Social Responsiveness (how)
- Initial period of structured investigation September 2023 – June 2025, though actual action on the ground commenced in most cases in 2022 and is still ongoing

- Studies encompass

Origins and driving forces for initiatives

Partners and beneficiaries and the dynamics of relationships

Content and scope of specific initiatives in specific settings

Critical success factors in addressing challenges, including institutional good practices

Impact on various parties

- Self critical dimension to evaluate effectiveness of approaches openly
- Audiences (to inform, brief, offer honest practical insights, to inspire)

Universities at various levels

Societal partners – users of services,
patrons, funders, policy makers

The academic research community

INDICATIVE CONTENT OF THE PROJECT INITIATIVE TO DATE

Foreword

- Part 1
- Background to the study
 - Origins
 - Design

Part 2 Conceptual framework underpinning the study

- Self Responsibility of the university :
historical and philosophical perspectives
- The idea of Academic Responsibility

Part 3 Evidence from International Cases

Crisis driven responses

- Vasyl Stus Donetsk University,
Ukraine
- Wroclaw Medical University,
Poland
- Mykolas Romeris University,
Lithuania

Long Term Social Engagement Initiatives

- American International University, Bangladesh
- Technological University of Dublin, Ireland
- University of Tetova, North Macedonia

Evolving Role of Latin American Universities in Society

Part 4 Interpretation, Synthesis and General Learnings

Comparative Thematic Analysis of
Emerging Good Practice in the
Management of Social Responsibility and
Responsiveness

Part 5 Conclusions and Reflections

MEANS OF DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT FINDINGS

- Regional workshops for presentation of cases and learnings e.g. Japan November 2024; Dhaka September 2025 hosted by the American International University of Bangladesh – Ongoing
- MCO conferences/workshops e.g. Georgia January 2024; London Conference November 2025

- Various ad hoc workshops institutionally, locally, nationally and internationally, using case presentations as evidence of good practice to illuminate specific policy and operational issues within the broad scope of the theme – Ongoing

- Possibilities of MCO online publication and interactive resource base encapsulating existing and evolving current case evidence; future cases as they emerge from the Project; additional commentaries and discussion papers
Living project : flexible and interactive; evolving practices; different settings – Likely set up :
Spring 2026

- Conventional book with outside publisher, based on the existing case material, updated and supplemented as needed – Likely set up : early Summer 2026