

# Transforming research capabilities for evidence-based policy making

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# Appropriate evidence for policy making

Public policy involves making decisions about how we should live and organise ourselves as individuals, institutions, societies, nations and a planet.

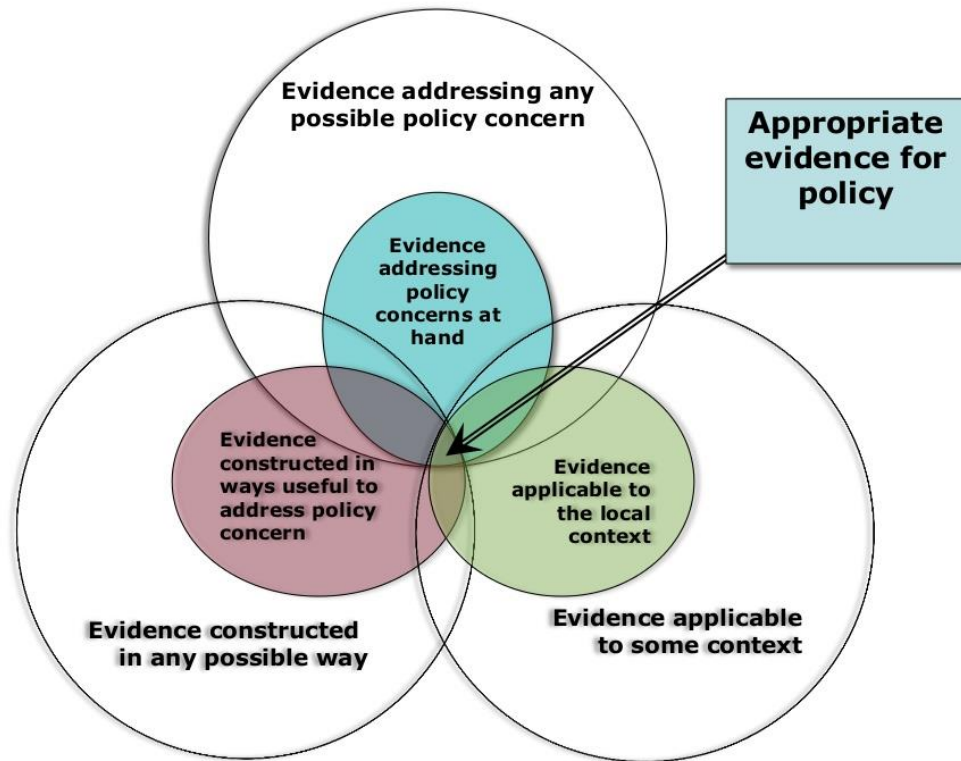


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# ARC LIEF Linked Semantic Platforms

Discovery & analysis

Graphs

Search

Documents

Mobile

Interoperability

Shared taxonomies

Connected collections

ADA

Collection methods

Curating

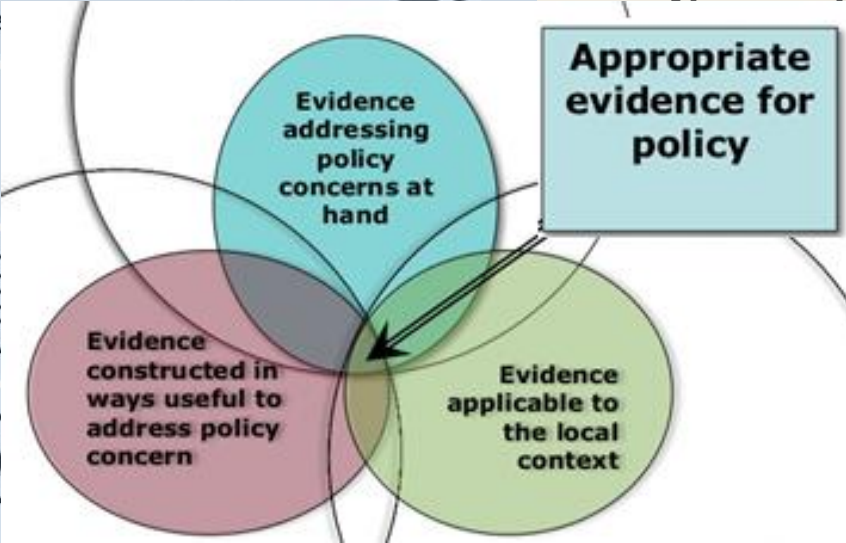
Text

Content

Data

Documents

Multimedia



extended policy collections

cons across existing infrastructure projects  
consistent identifiers and taxonomies

and infrastructure for discovery and analysis

# How do people look for evidence?

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I'll just Google that

I'll call someone  
who knows

# Ploughing through

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# Needs analysis

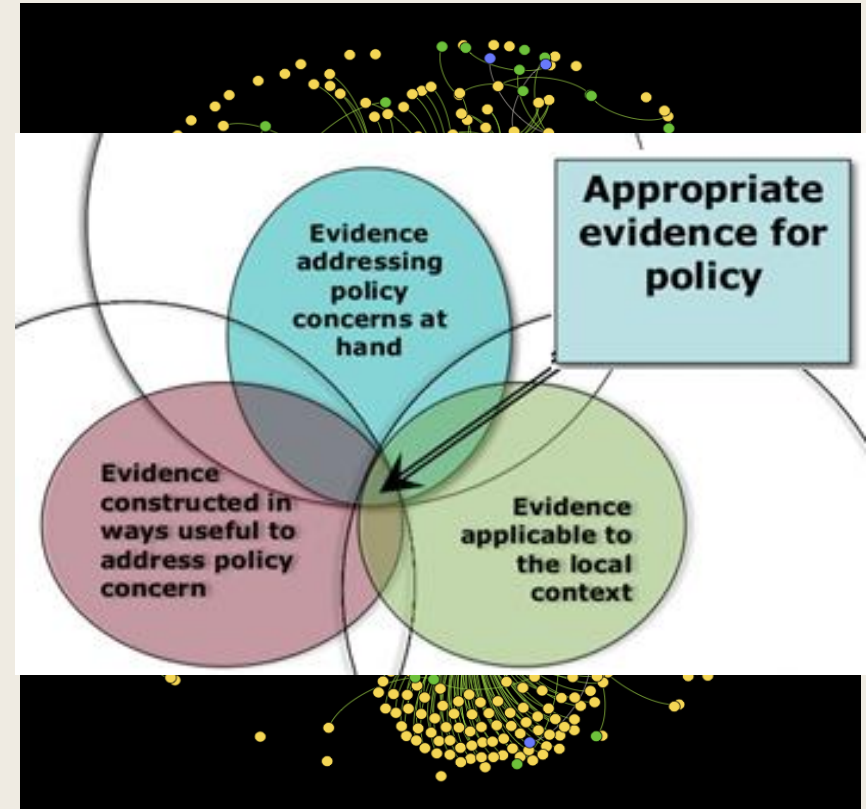
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How do people from...

- Government
- NGOs
- Industry
- Academia

... search for information using...

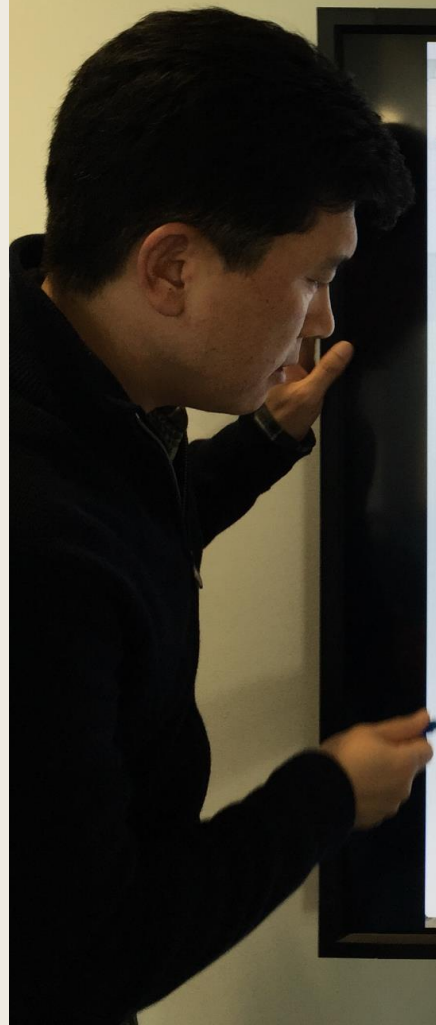
- Tools / platforms
- Methods
- Skills
- Priorities & budgets



# Piloting

Our first foray into machine learning...

Yong-Bin Kang at Swinburne's Data Science Research Institute using Python programming language



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By providing various tools such as...

- Semantic searching
- Automated cataloguing
- Linked information
- Intuitive visualisation

... we aim to assist the transition to improved research capabilities to support policy decision making

# ARC LIEF Linked Semantic Platforms

For more information, email me: [mzwagerman@apo.org.au](mailto:mzwagerman@apo.org.au)

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