

# CLOSING THE RESEARCH-POLICY GAPS

## Challenges and lessons learnt from a research-partnership model implementation in Southeast Asia

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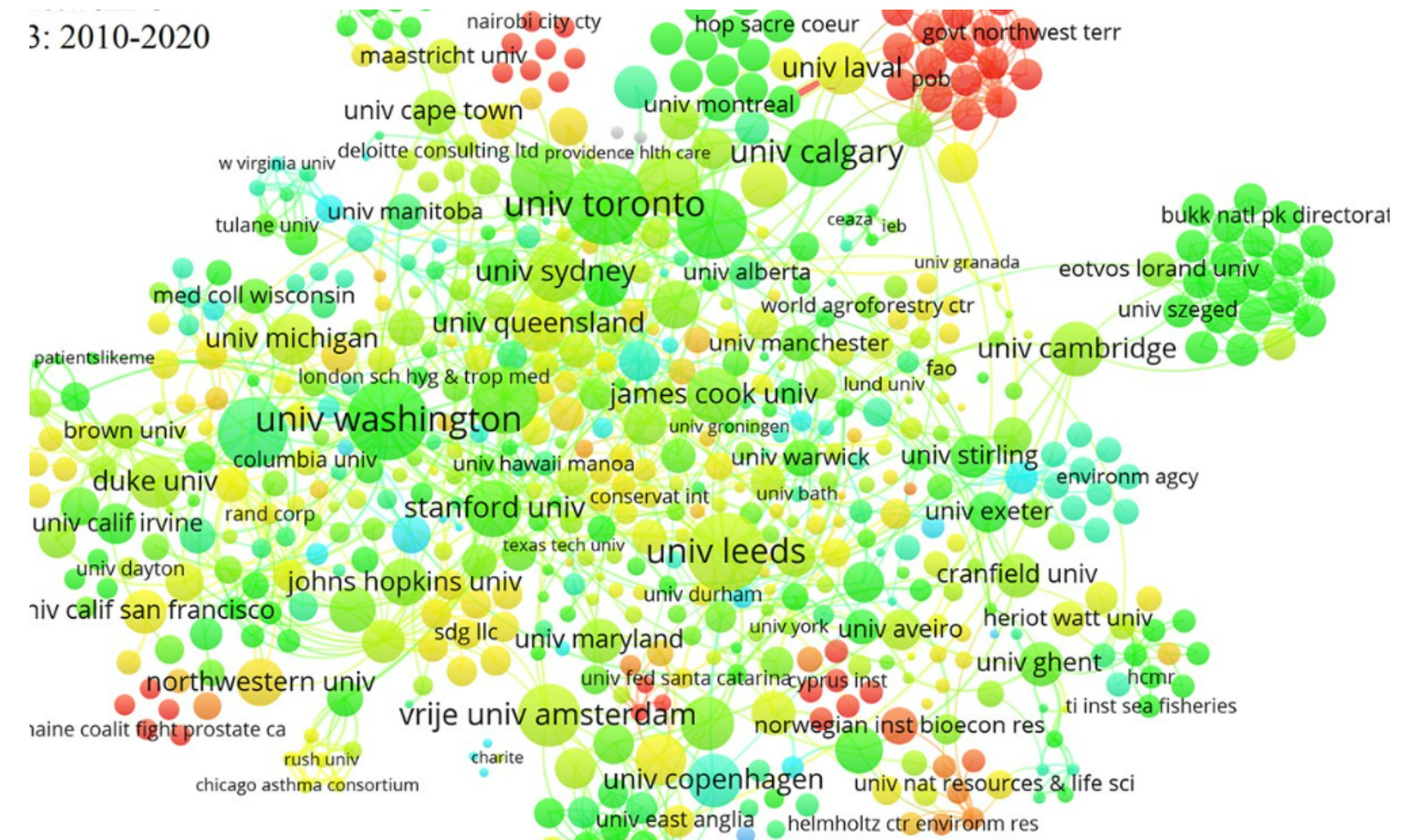
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# WHY EVIDENCE-POLICY PARTNERSHIP?

- Advancing knowledge
- Creating synergy
- Enhancing innovation
- Disseminating and exchange knowledge
- Building research capacity



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# SOUTHEAST ASIA EVIDENCE POLICY PARTNERSHIP (SEAEPP)

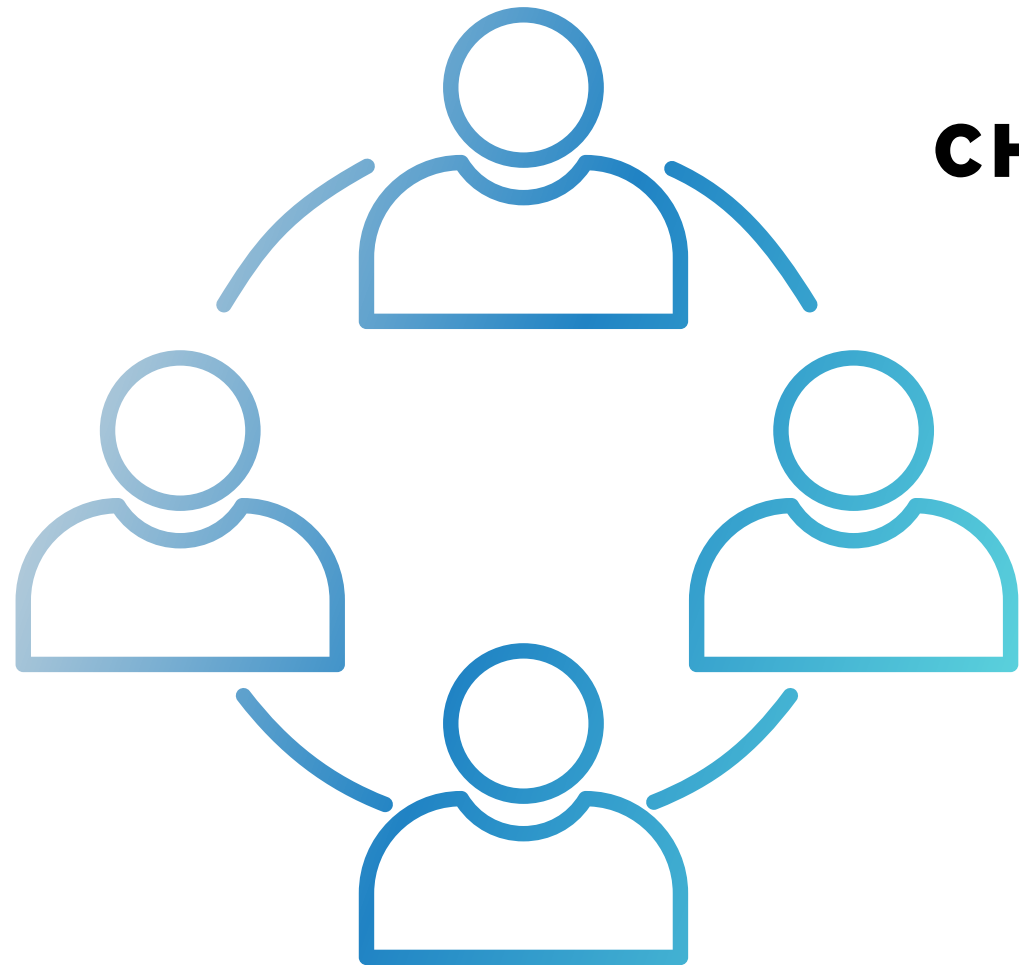
## Objectives and aims

- To develop an interdisciplinary partnership with evidence producers and evidence users in the region
- To support and build capacity in conducting and using evidence in Southeast Asia
- To generate and share relevant information and experience





# OUR PARTNERSHIP



**CHULALONGKORN  
UNIVERSITY**

**Evidence production**

Early career  
researchers

**Faculty of Education**

Primary  
research

Network meta-  
analysis

**Faculty of Arts**

Information  
science

Meta-analysis

**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

Health Technology  
Assessment

Headteachers

**Pharmacotherapy**

**Evidence use**

Teachers

**THAMMASAT  
UNIVERSITY**

**MINISTRY OF  
EDUCATION**

Government officials

**UCL**

**Development studies**



**Social Research Institute**

# Activities

01

## Bi weekly meetings

- Creating safe spaces to discuss aims and action plans
- Scoping areas of work
- Brain storming

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## Meetings with policy makers

- Introducing the network
- Understanding evidence ecosystem

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## Evidence synthesis workshops

- Capacity building
- Strengthening partnership

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## Roundtable

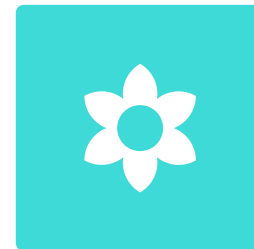
- Engaging with potential partners
- Understanding challenges when conducting evidence synthesis

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## Research project

- Capacity building
- Testing evidence production model for policy

# CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT



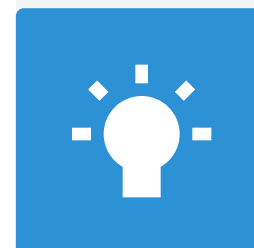
## RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Funding, incentive, human resources,  
career framework



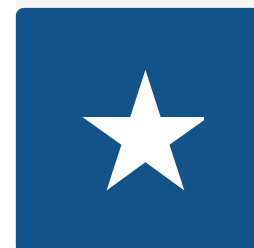
## EVIDENCE CHAMPION/KNOWLEDGE BROKER

Commitment, interest, incentive, skills



## BUILDING TRUST

Time, tension, collective effort



## CULTURE, LANGUAGE, POLITICAL ECONOMY

Governance, ideas generation, co-  
production and debates

