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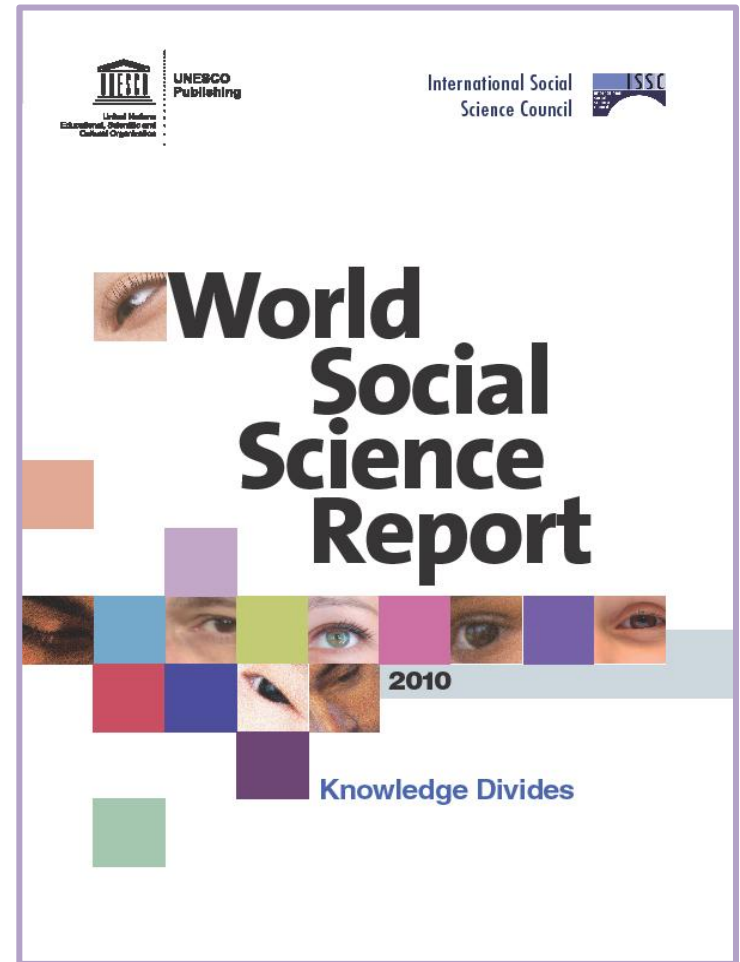


Update on the WSS Report 2010 Dissemination

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Introduction



- Ten years after publishing a first World Social Science Report UNESCO asked ISSC to produce a global review of how social science is produced, disseminated and used
- The Report was launched in June 2010 in UNESCO. It focuses on **Knowledge Divides**
- The Report identified 8 divides which limit the accumulation, transmission and use of knowledge

These divides prevent the social sciences from contributing necessary solutions to urgent global problems
- The Report was presented at the General Assembly in Nagoya in November 2010

Translation



- The Report was published in English by UNESCO Publishing in June 2010.
- It was translated into French (by ISSC).
It is co-published with and distributed by the Editions du Croquant (Europe and America) and CODESRIA (in Africa).
- It was translated into Spanish by the Consejo Mexicano de Ciencias Sociales.
It is distributed by the Mexican Foro Consultivo Científico y Tecnológico.
- It was translated into Chinese by the Chinese Higher Education Press. *No confirmation that it was published.*
- The summary of the Report was published in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

Dissemination

The Report was presented and discussed in a wide range of events, notably in:

- Word Science Forum on the *Changing Landscape of Science* organized by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest, 2011
- meetings organised by ISSC members and partners
- social science congresses
- various national research councils or science academies
- meetings organised by universities with foundations and/or development aid agencies
- with/within international organisations



Impact: how to measure it?

- Number of times it is downloaded
- Number of sales: *relevance when the report is on the web?*
- Number of citations: *is it relevant for grey literature?*
- Variety of dissemination activities not well recorded: conferences, research seminars, teaching materials, interviews, availability on academic platforms. *A survey has just been undertaken*
- Application of the Report's recommendations and relevance after several years. *It takes more time to assess.*

Tracking activities of the team and different authors is time and resource consuming.



Impact

Read by expected audiences

- The English version was downloaded 57 355 times from the UNESCO website (July 2010 – August 2013)
- 20 ISSC members have established a link to the Report on their own websites
- No information available on downloads from other sites

Contributed to national debates

- Issues and recommendations have been highly debated in the various events
- Several of these will continue to be debated for years

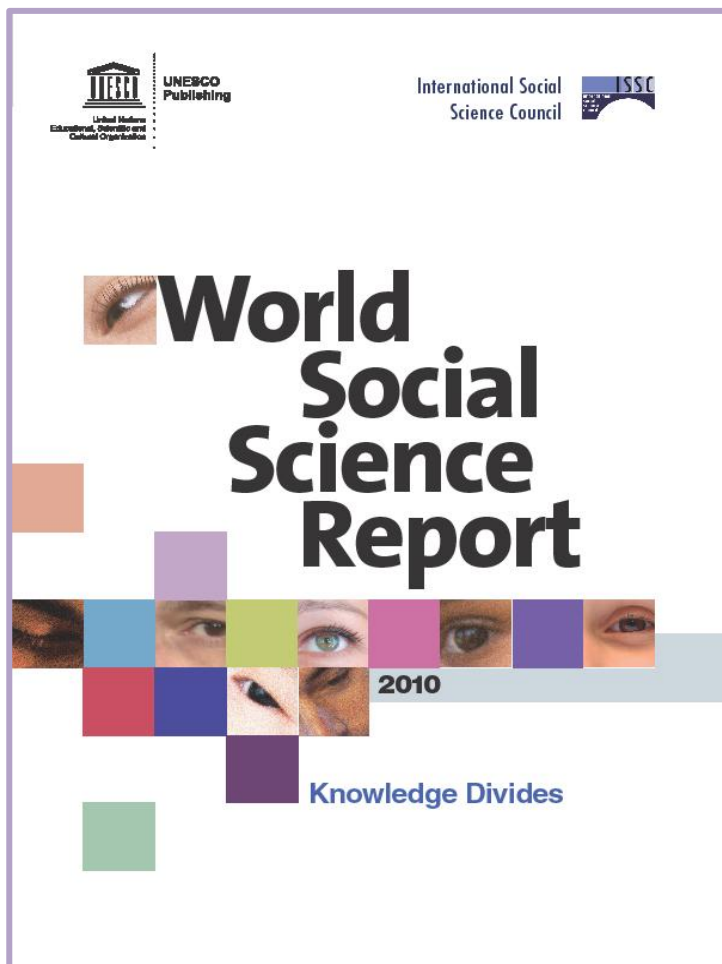
Increased funding for ISSC activities

- Facilitated fundraising for WSS Report 2013
- Was the reference for OECD deciding to publish WSS Report 2013

Influenced priorities

- Visions and practices of capacities

The report can be downloaded



- www.worldsocialscience.org
- www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/resources/reports/world-social-science-report
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