

# Management, development and implementation of institutional research policies, examples from a HIC context

**Symposium 5: Leveraging policies to influence and enhance responsible conduct of research (RCR)**

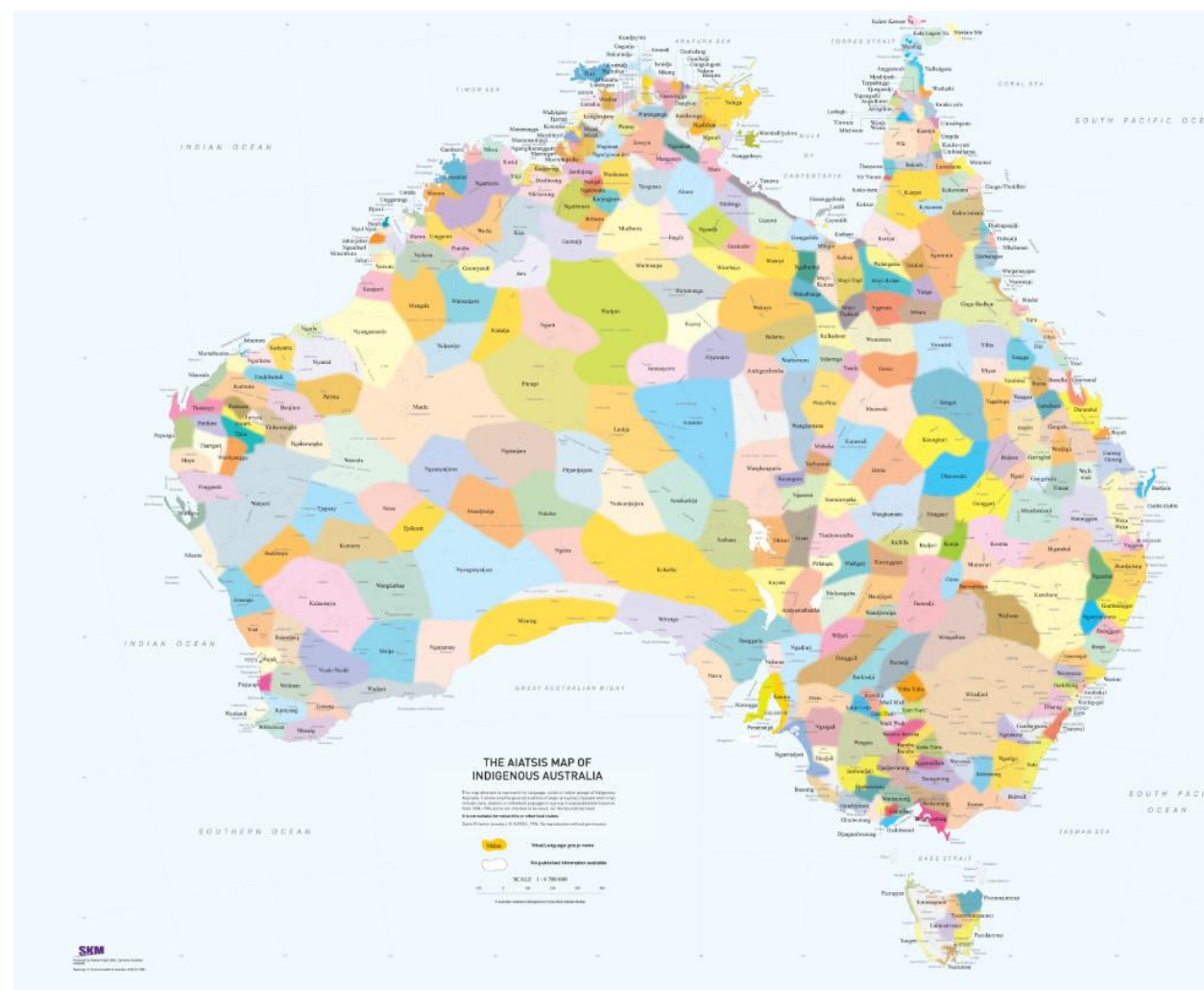
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**We respectfully acknowledge our elders and the community  
of this land and all elders and communities  
of this continent and neighbouring islands.  
We thank them for their courage, strength,  
integrity and values.**





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Research integrity in Australia



Principles and culture



Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander research



Recognition





# Examples from a HIC context

“For Indigenous peoples, the ongoing experiences of colonisation, theft of lands and resources, disruption to societies and families, and suppression of culture and identity, is a denial of human dignity and respect. When done well, research can, and has, had positive impacts for Indigenous peoples, *but research has not been immune to practices that are imbued with racism, exploitation and disrespect.*”

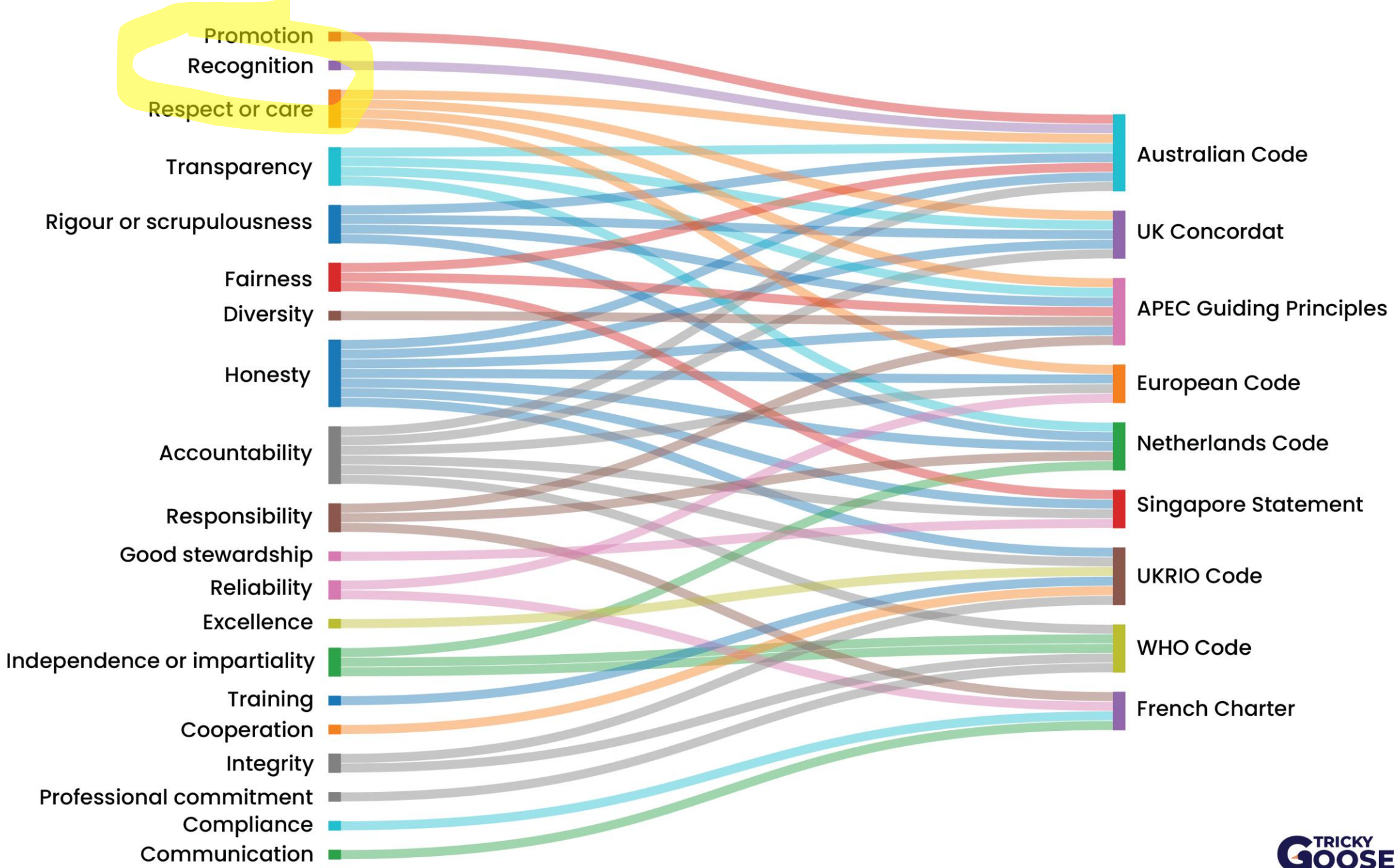
*AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research*, p.11 (emphasis added).



# Research integrity in Australia

- Self-regulation with national oversight
- National code **without** national office
- “...well-regulated policy-driven environments which have intentional (and unintentional) trickle-down effects on the institutional policies.”







# Principles and culture

- Shared norms regarding research behaviours
- How such norms have been put in place
- Sanctionable versus aspirational values





# Indigenous research

- to promote ethical and responsible practice in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research in Australia
- to increase the contribution of Indigenous knowledge to Australian research
- to ensure research has a positive impact for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and
- to continuously improve the quality and standards of research in this area.

*AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research, p.3.*



# Recognition

- Recognition of the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be engaged in research that affects or is of particular significance to them
  - Recognise, value and respect the diversity, heritage, knowledge, cultural property and connection to land of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
  - Engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples prior to research being undertaken, so that they freely make decisions about their involvement.
  - Report to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples the outcomes of research in which they have engaged.

*Australian Code for Responsible Conduct of Research, p.2.*





# Summary

- Management
- Development
- Implementation
- Income or culture?



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