

Quarter IV Virtual Research Activity of The Social Research Center

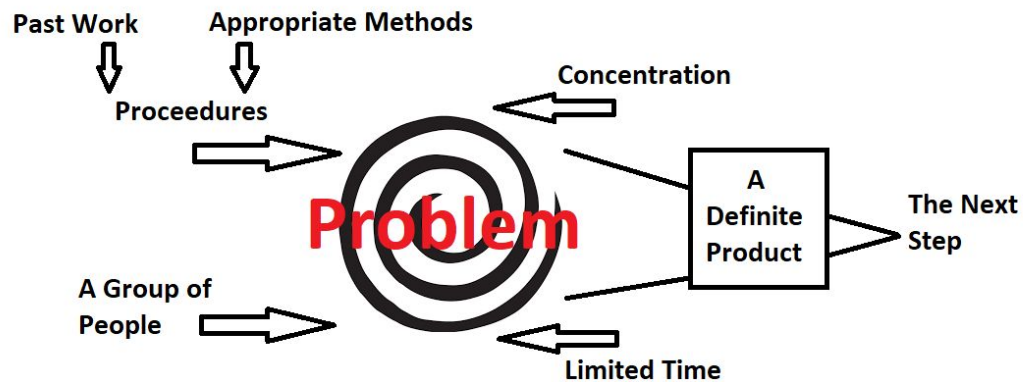


In Quarter 2 of 2020 (May) the Global Archives made an historic transition to becoming “The Social Research Center” with a Virtual Global Research Assembly (GRA) involving more than 100 participants from around the globe. The virtual global nature of that event caused us to rethink our “Fall and Spring Sojourn rhythm” with a central US Time Zone focus. We shifted gears and now think of “Quarter 2 and Quarter 4” instead of “Fall and Spring” We also shifted from “Sojourn” to “Research.”

We are now challenged to think big again. This is a hallmark of all of our work as OE/EI/ICA: global gridding, creating a global Order, the global Band of 24, Golding the Counties, serving the global spirit movement of TWC. Thinking and doing big is what we have always been about. What might thinking and acting BIG look like in our moment of the threats of fascism, pandemic, climate chaos, ecocide, misogyny, racism, violence, and much more? This is a form of action-research and the task of the Social Research Center.

We have decided to do this in two parts. First In Quarter 4 (November) we will hold a Global virtual Problem Solving Unit (PSU) on the functional design of the Social Research Center. This will allow us to focus on the future of the SRC and its function, form, governance, and calendar so that the Social Research Center becomes a viable resource worldwide for supporting and inspiring positive global social change. Let's brainstorm and see what we come up with. This is a moment for action and hope in the face of seeming hopelessness. What can we do to get ToP into governance processes, Imaginal Education into public education, profound humanness models and methods into the self-help movement, and all of our methods and models in the movement of movements (MoM)? What needs to be done at the different levels - community, nation, global?

PSU Design - from [The Methods Manual](#)



Then in quarter 2 (April-May) of 2021 we will invite presentations on recent work of the Global ICA community that address the current social justice/health crisis and that was based on our historic research contained in the Global Archives. The PSU will help us plan and give focus to this GRA.

You are invited to join us [in](#) the virtual Problem Solving Unit (PSU) on the functional design of the Social Research Center **November 7-11 (Saturday through Wednesday)**. The PSU will use Zoom and feature a virtual sticky wall. The time design will focus group sessions in a morning and evening window to encourage Global synchronous interchange with "daytime" tasks for small teams or individuals located by time zone. We look forward to joining with you then!