Reconstructing a participatory process in the production of knowledge: A concept and a practice

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This is a reflection on the knowledge production process based on participatory approaches, highlighting experiences in the field of evaluative research. The article emphasizes the contribution that can be offered by this modality of investigation to create tools for the organization and action of “subaltern” classes in the field of Public Policies, and for the advancement of democracy and expansion of citizenship. The social insertion of the researcher is considered essential to allow the participation of knowledge in the field of popular struggles, bearing in mind the construction of a more humane, fair society, oriented to the need of distributing socially produced wealth.

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1. Introduction