

University-Community Partnership for Social Action Research Network (UCP-SARnet) is an emerging global network developed at the **Department of Psychology, Arizona State University (USA)** in close collaboration with the **Centre for Community Based Research (CCBR)** in Kitchener (Canada), **Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities** in Warsaw (Poland) and other international partners.

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**The University-Community Partnership for Social Action Research Network (UCP-SARnet) is an online community of engaged students, university faculty, young community activists and members of local governments around the world. UCP-SARnet supports community leaders by facilitating cross-sector partnerships designed to engage citizens in realization of the Millennium Development Goals, and by compiling/housing a library of resources that strengthen capacity of emerging community leaders.**

As of September 2009 UCP-SARnet has 670 members in 55 countries, as well as Regional Coordinators in Cameroon, China, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Poland, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, United



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**Dear Colleague,**

If you are a **community activist or professional**, you may share with other members of UCP-SARnet your perspective on the impact that the cultural, social, and economic context has on the organization and effectiveness of projects addressing the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

If you represent a **local government**, UCP-SARnet may become for you another source for building partnerships and collaboration with local and global community organizations on realization of MDG.

If you are a **student** preparing for a leadership role, UCP-SARnet is the place where you can show your creativity and publish your community related projects addressing global issues on the local level. This may be your another small contribution to achieving of MDG.

If you are a member of **university faculty**, you will find in our network inspiration for participatory action research and new ideas about teaching community related courses.

Together we will contribute to the education of a new generation of culturally sensitive community leaders. Leaders who understand that the governance in today's world requires global perspectives on local community issues and close partnerships between governments and civic organizations.

**UCP-SARnet Leadership Team**

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**Annamaria Silvana de Rosa**  
Professor, Coordinator of  
the European PhD on Social  
Representations and Commu-  
nication and of the  
So.ReCom. THEMatic NET-  
work, (Italy)

“This important initiative is clearly inte-  
grated in the “network of networks” logic  
which was the founding element of the  
Thematic Network on Social Representa-  
tions and Communication that now links  
thousands of partners and interested  
scholars and hundreds of academic and  
extra-academic institutions around the  
world and that I have the honor to coordi-  
nate here in Italy.”

**James Liu**  
Deputy Director  
Centre for Applied Cross-  
Cultural Research, Victoria  
University of Wellington,  
(New Zealand)



“Hence, the upgraded UCP-SARnet has  
the potential to be a powerful new re-  
source connecting researchers, commu-  
nity organizations, volunteers, and other  
institutions in collaborative partnerships  
that take research into a newer, more collabo-  
rative age. The new website is easy to navigate  
and filled with information from around the  
world.”



**Jerrie Ueberle**  
President  
Global Interactions, Inc.  
(USA)

“The possibilities provided by engaging  
students in UCP-SARnet dialogue and  
exchange builds a global neighborhood,  
promotes teambuilding, and embraces  
the unification of ideas and strategies for  
improving the quality of life on our  
planet.”



**Dwight Storring**  
Director, Global Governance  
Innovations Network ILOO.org  
(Canada)

“University-Community Partnership for Social  
Action Research is an ideal partner for IGLOO.  
Engaging our global partners is an online, col-  
laborative exploration of governance issues is at  
the heart of IGLOO’s mandate. UCP-SARnet is  
a leading partner in this work with projects that  
engage people online and on the ground in com-  
munities around the world.”

**Kim Eagles**  
Founder  
Global Thinking Women  
(USA)



“As a Grassroots Community Activist of Ari-  
zona I’m proud to be part of the Advisory  
Board for UCPSARnet. It connects you with a  
diverse mix of resources, partnerships and pro-  
fessional conferences. Be progressive and be-  
come a member of UCP-SARnet!”



**Andrzej Eliaz**  
President  
Warsaw School for Social Studies  
and Humanities, (Poland)

“I believe that UCPSARnetproject will find a  
significant place among multiple tools used in  
educating our students. The project, initiated  
with an intention to build a vehicle for a multi-  
cultural dialogue, will become an additional  
medium assisting in effective training of future  
community leaders.”



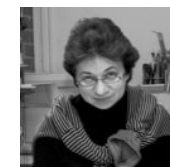
**Carolyn Swift,**  
Past President  
Society for Community  
Research and Action  
(USA)

“It is rare today to find an organization with  
the vision and technical expertise, and with  
the access to like thinking experts in other  
parts of the world, to build a platform such  
as UCPSARnet designed to be open to all.”

**Toshi Sasao**  
Professor  
University of Tokyo  
(Japan)



“Networking is the name oft he game in  
building a global community network of re-  
sources for education and training of future  
leaders! As a UCP-SARnet advisory board  
member, I would wholeheartedly encourage  
students, faculty, and organizations to join  
the UCP-SARnet community.”



**Fern Tiger**  
Founder and Director  
Fern Tiger and Associates,  
(USA)

“UCP-SARnet is making a strong effort to  
connect communities and universities by  
respecting and building on the strengths of  
each, and by encouraging the flow of infor-  
mation in easily accessible formats.”

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