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2010

Singapore Statement

on

Research Integrity

...principles and responsibilities for research worldwide...









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THE HONG KONG PRINCIPLES
FOR ASSESSING RESEARCHERS



2019



GRITY



CoARA Working Groups



Reforming Academic Career Assessment



Multilingualism and Language Biases in Research Assessment



Towards Open Infrastructure for Responsible Research Assessment





Recognizing and Rewarding Peer Review



Global Framework for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)



Responsible Metrics and Indicators



COARA
Coalition for Advancing



Experiments in Assessment – Idea Generation, Co-Creation, and Piloting



Improving Practices in the Assessment of Research Proposals



Towards Transformation, Transdisciplinarity, Applied/Practice-Based Research, and Impacts



Ethics and Research Integrity Policy in Responsible Research Assessment for Data and Artificial Intelligence



Early-and-Mid-Career Researchers (EMCRs)
– Assessment and Research Culture



TIER – Towards an Inclusive Evaluation of Research



Supporting the Alignment of Research Assessment Systems with CoARA in Biomedical Disciplines Through Administrative Reforms and Governance



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- ⇒ FNRS.days, webinars, FNRS.express, surveys...



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- \Rightarrow Mobility (since 2017)
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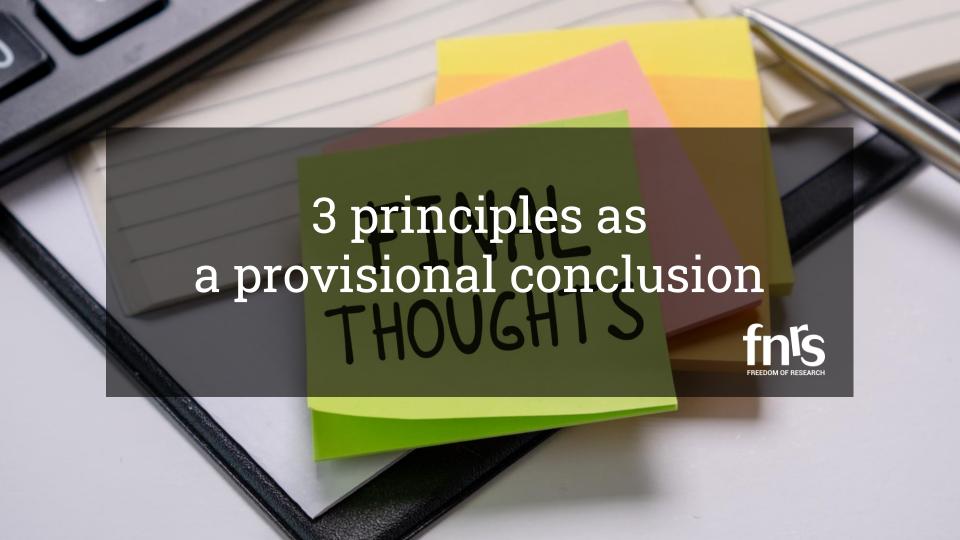


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