Terry Smutylo's short profile

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Ricardo has written for publication and lectured in English, Spanish and Portuguese on the economy and politics of Central America in the 1980s, strategic risk management in development and civil society development. Currently he writes on evaluating international networks and Outcome Harvesting, most recently as a tool for developmental evaluation (see chapter in The Practice of Developmental Evaluation: Case Exemplars, Real World Applications, Emergent Issues, Lessons Learned, and Adapted Tools, edited by Michael Quinn Patton, Kate McKegg, and Nan Wehipeihana, New York, Guilford Press, to be published in October 2015).

Since 2003, he has concentrated his work on evaluation of dozens of international social change networks and organisations and the programmes of major development funders, including ActionAid, CARE International, CIAT, Doen Foundation, Hivos, IDRC, Ford, Oxfam Novib, PSO, the Open Society Institute, UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women, and the World Bank Institute. Through this evaluation work, with colleagues he developed the "Outcome Harvesting" tool that now has been used to collect and make sense of thousands of outcomes from the work of almost four hundred NGOs, CBOs, government agencies, multilaterals, research institutes and networks in 143 countries around the world. His organisational development work has been primarily in adapting Outcome Mapping to the monitoring and evaluation needs of networks.

Ricardo is ex-chair of the board of stewards of the Outcome Mapping Learning Community, a member of the steering committee for the Peacebuilding Evaluation Consortium, an advisor to USAID on complexity-aware monitoring and evaluation, and an active member of the American Evaluation Association, the European Evaluation Society and ReLAC, the equivalent in Latin American and Caribbean.

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