

The Role of Key Institutions that Successfully Facilitate Revitalization

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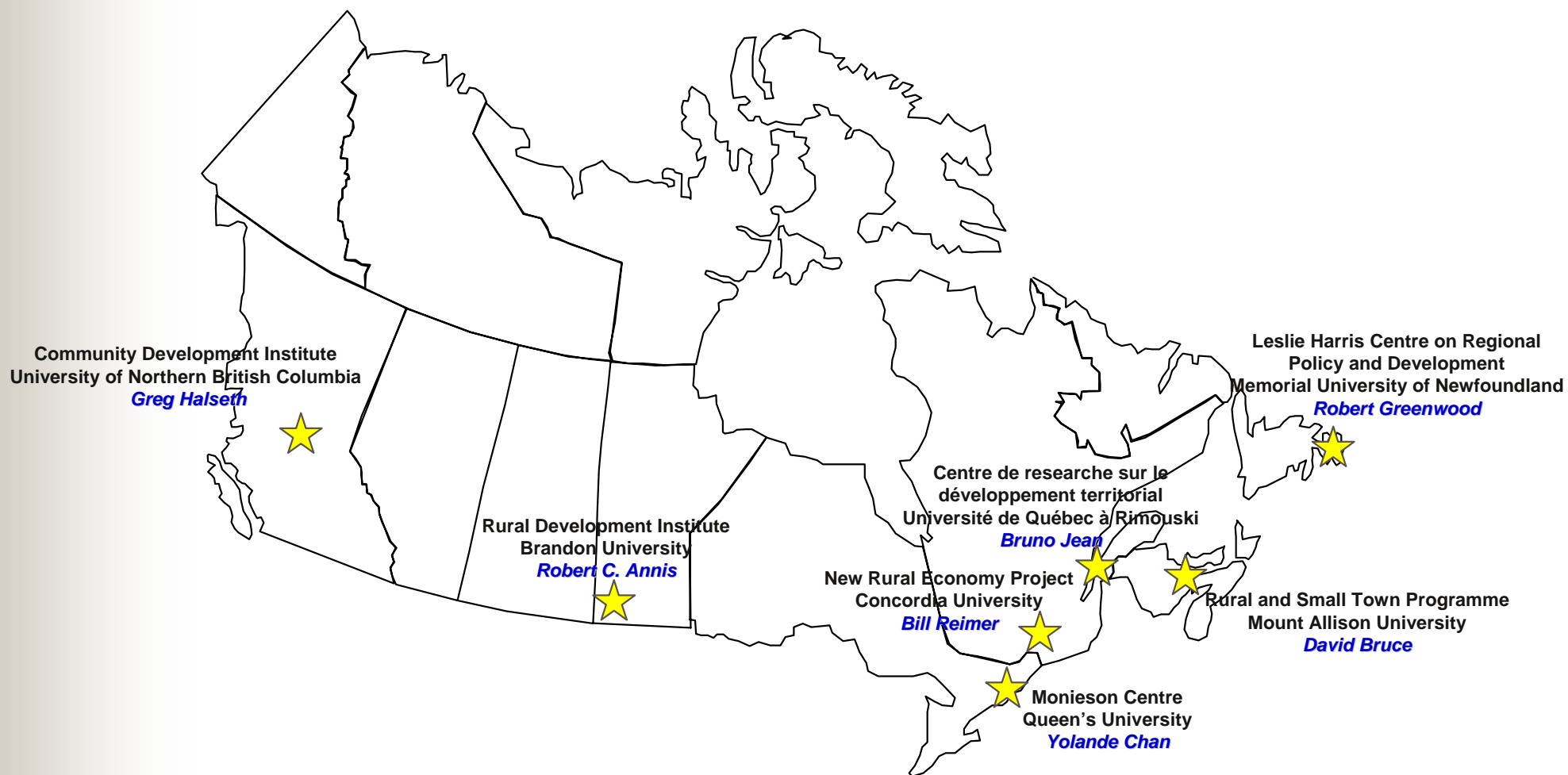




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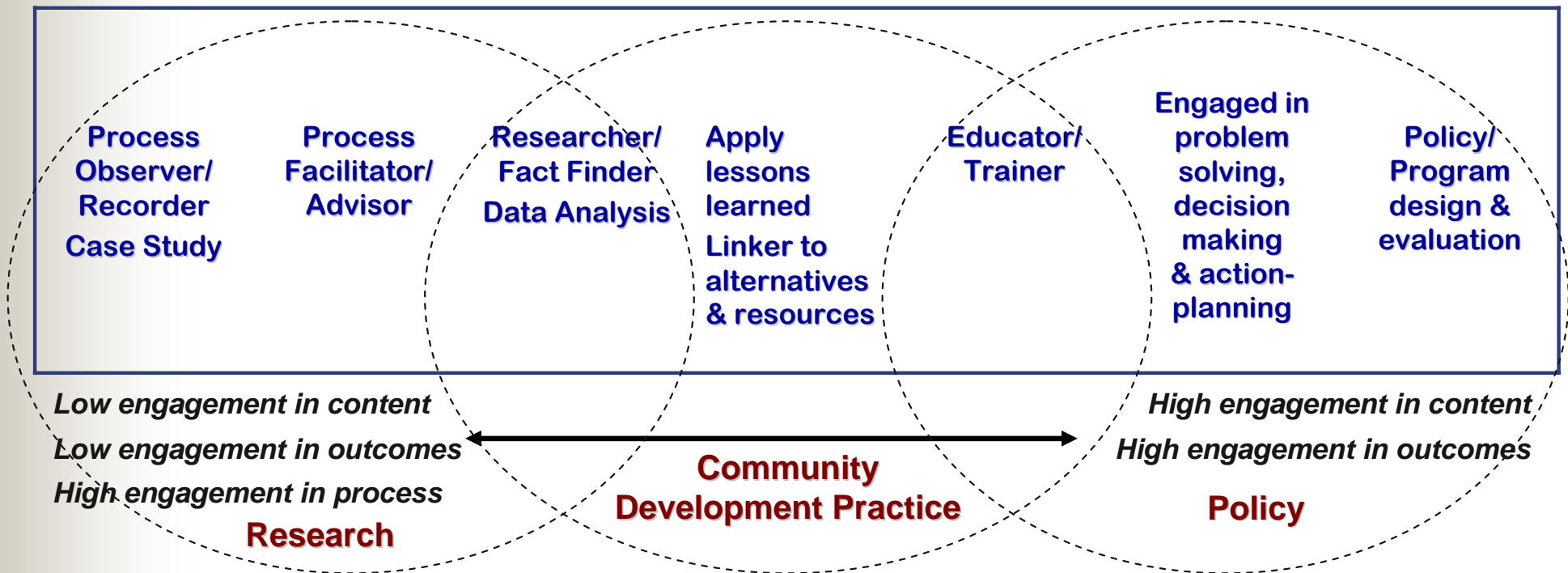
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- **RDI's approach in rural research and community engagement**
- **Possible roles for University Institutes**
- **Discussion**

Rural Research Centres in Canada



<http://www.brandonu.ca/rdi/researchcentres.asp>

Possible Roles for University Institutes



RDI's Approach in Rural Research & Community Engagement

Practice

Rural research and community development is community-based and people-centred

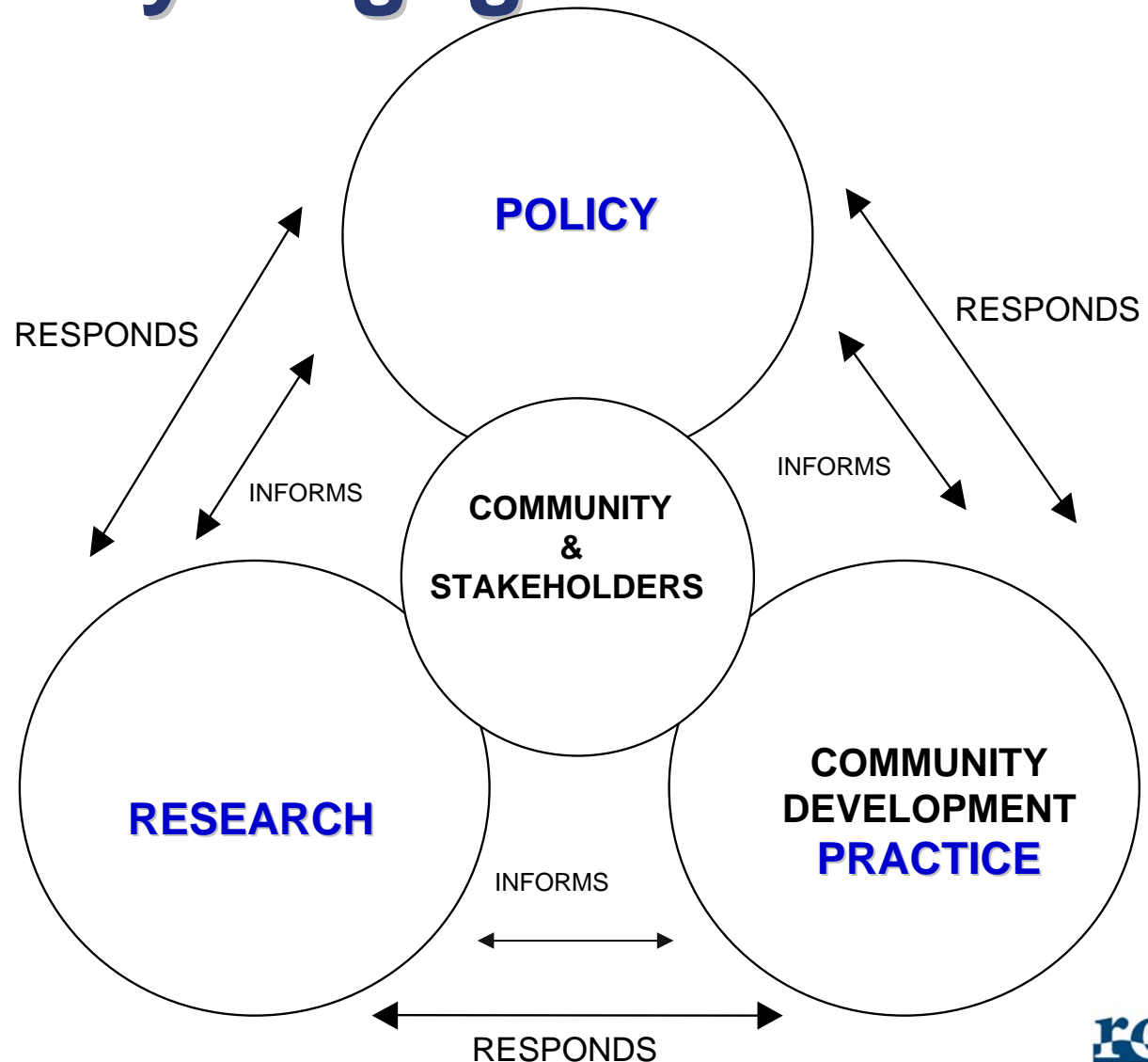
Policy

Community engagement contributes to informing and influencing policy-makers.

Research

Participatory Action Research involves participation in the research by the people in communities.

It aims to empower participants through their participation in and control of the research agenda, process and findings.

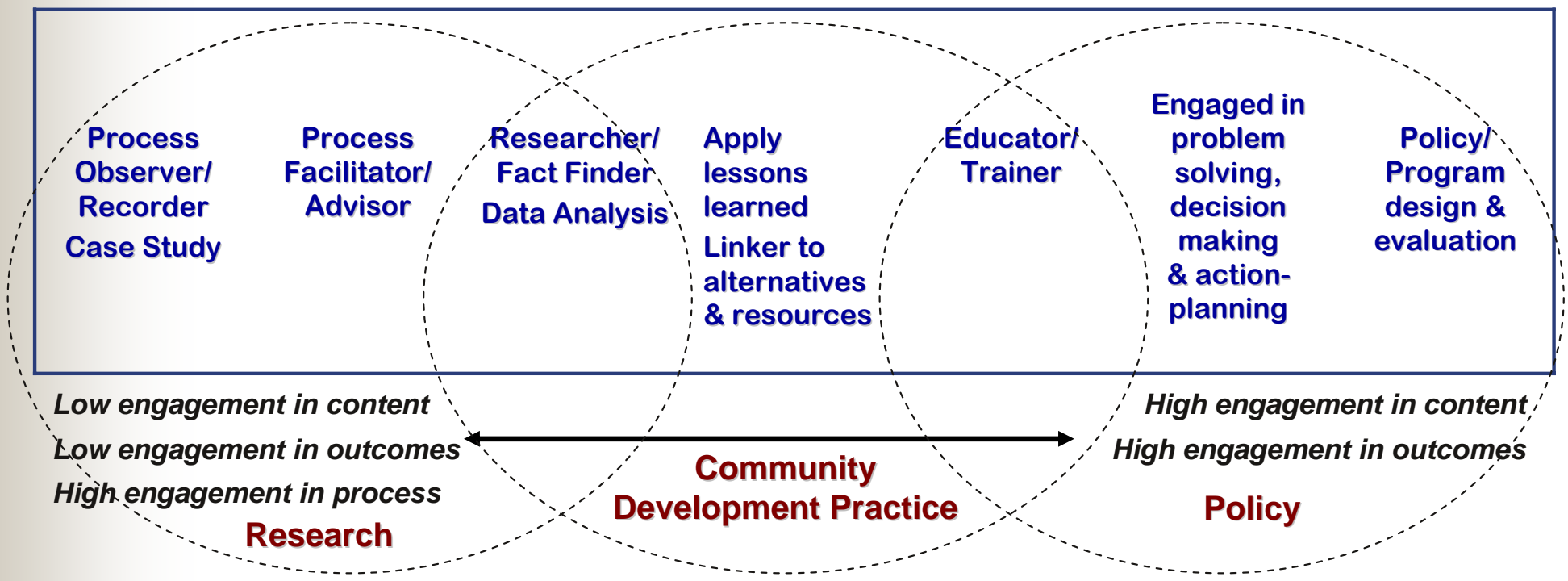




RDI Illustrative Examples

- **Leafy Spurge**
- **Rural and Northern Youth Migration Study**
- **Rural Immigration Case Study**
- **Project Planning & Evaluation Workshops**
- **RDI Website**
- **NRRN-CRRF Boom Bust National Conference**
- **International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Program**
- **Rural Poverty Presentation**
- **Community Collaboration Project**
- **Health Care Access of Northern Residents**
- **Temporary Foreign Workers**

Discussion





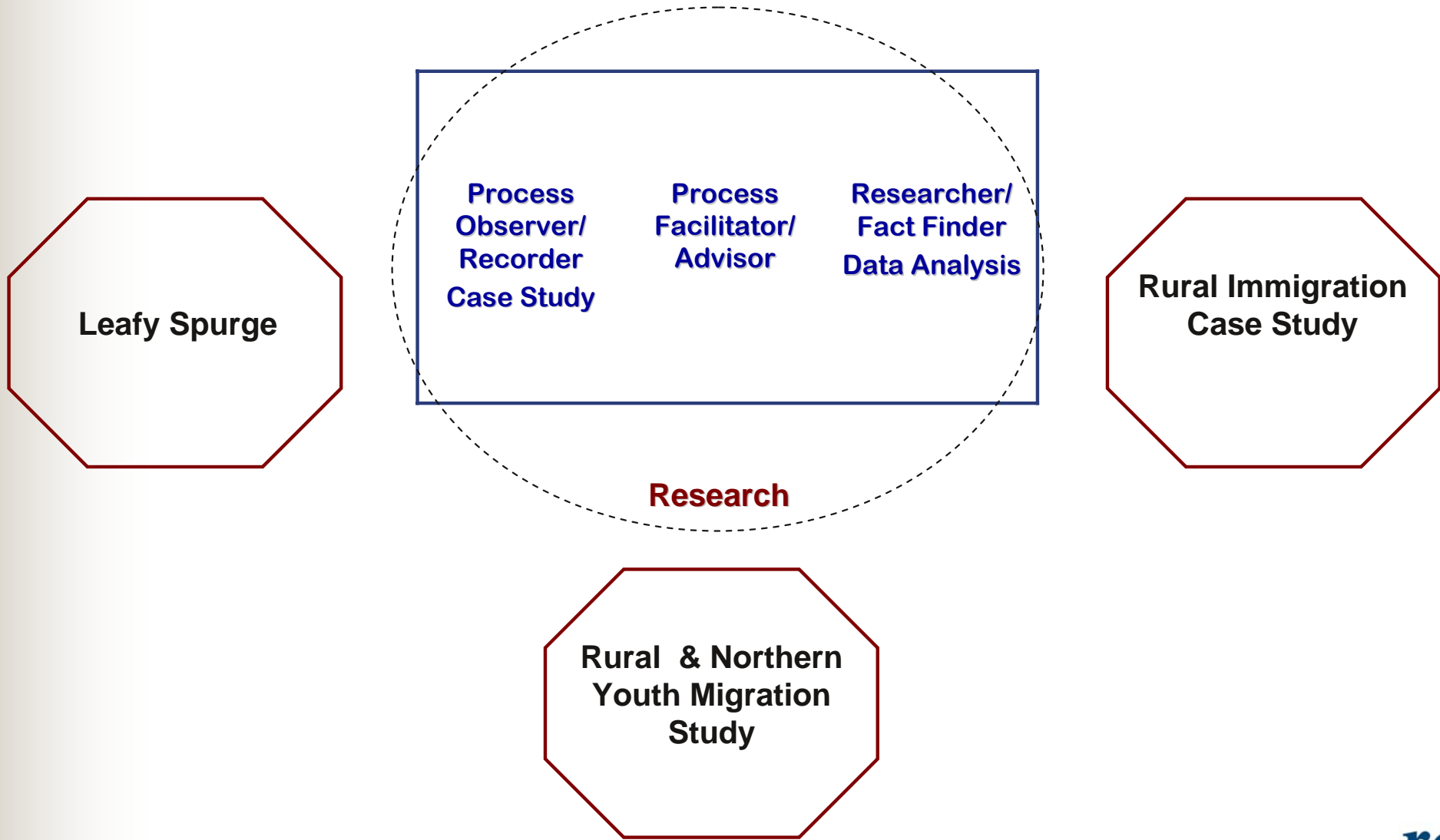
**The following slides may be used in
response to questions & discussion**



Illustrative Examples

Possible Roles for University Institutes

Research



Possible Roles for University Institutes

Community Development Practice

Researcher/
Fact Finder
Data Analysis

Apply
lessons
learned
Linker to
alternatives
& resources

Educator/
Trainer

**Community
Development Practice**

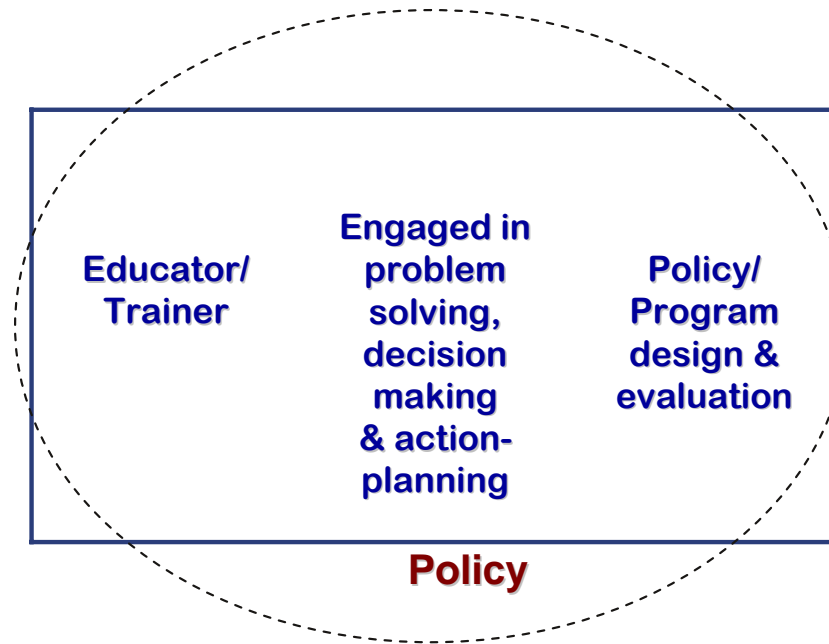
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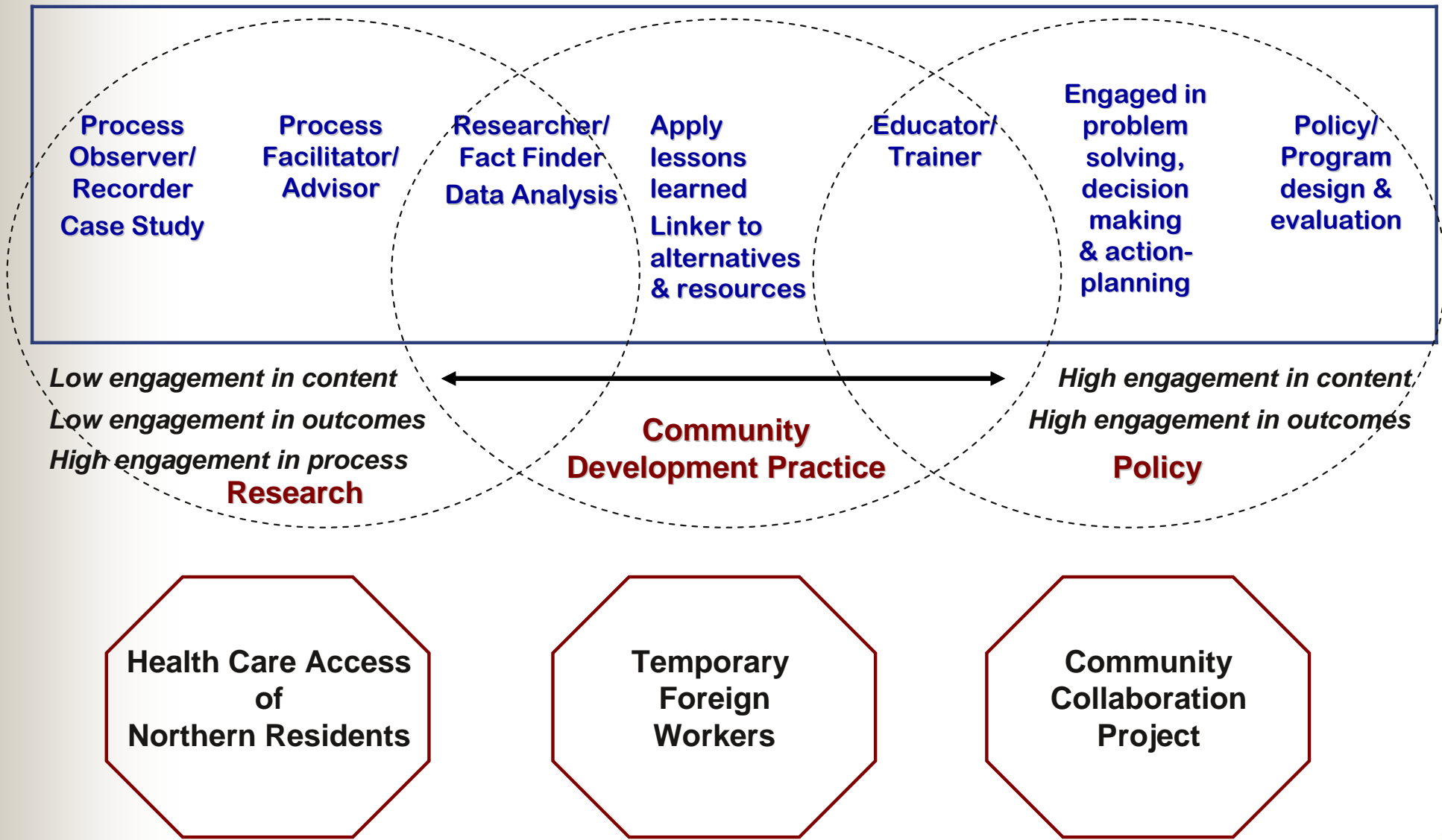
Policy



**International
Comparative
Rural Policy Studies
Program**

**Reflections on
Rural & Northern Poverty:
Presentation to the
Standing Senate
Committee on
Agriculture & Forestry**

Possible Roles for University Institutes



References

Rural Research Centres www.brandonu.ca/rdi/researchcentres.asp

RDI Projects

Leafy Spurge

www.brandonu.ca/rdi/iaspp.asp

www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/Publications/AgroEnviro/BreakingDownBordersFinalReport.pdf

Rural and Northern Youth Migration Study

- www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/youth_migration.asp

Rural Immigration Case Study

- www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/publications.asp#rural_immigration

Community Collaboration Project

- www.brandonu.ca/rdi/ccp.asp

Health Care Access of Northern Residents

- www.brandonu.ca/rdi/cihr.asp

Temporary Foreign Workers

- www.brandonu.ca/organizations/rdi/tfw.asp

Rural Poverty Presentation

- www.brandonu.ca/rdi/Publications/CCP/RuralPovertyFinal.pdf

NRRN-CRRF Boom Bust National Conference

- www.brandonu.ca/rdi/crrf2008english.asp

International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Program

- www.icrps.com



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