



## Towards Collaborative Research in International Development

### The Central Role of Social Science

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The new millennium has witnessed profound changes to the way donor countries are approaching international development – with the emphasis now on collaborative, people-centred development. This timely book explores how research and research culture need to adapt to mesh with this new reality.

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