

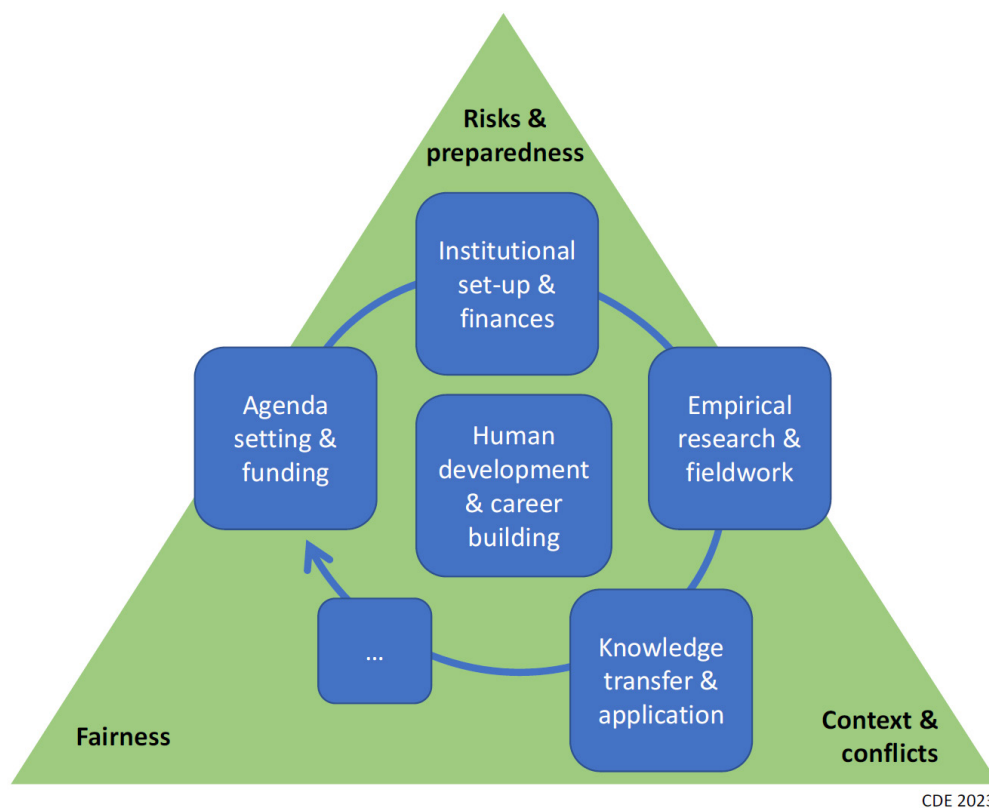
Decolonizing Research Projects

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Many thanks to all discussion participants for the lively and interesting discussion!

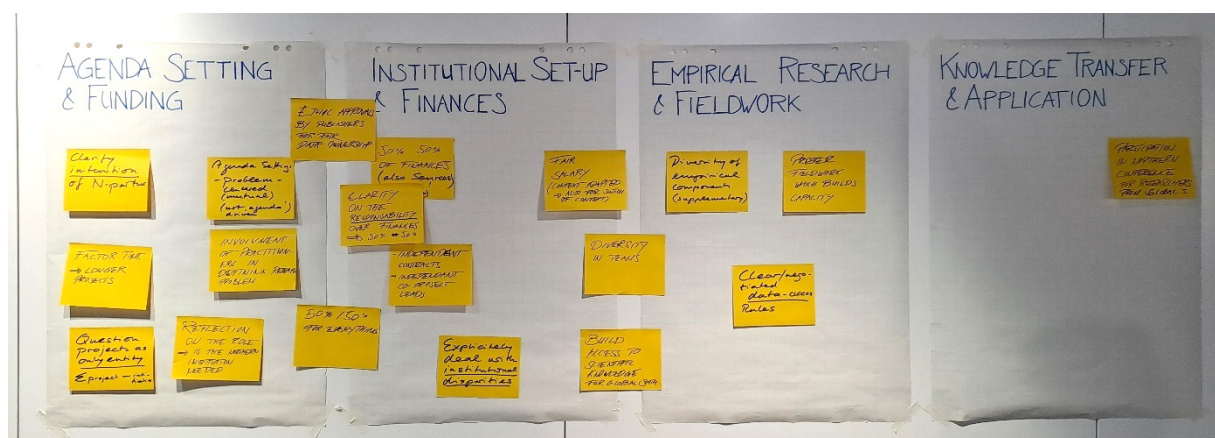
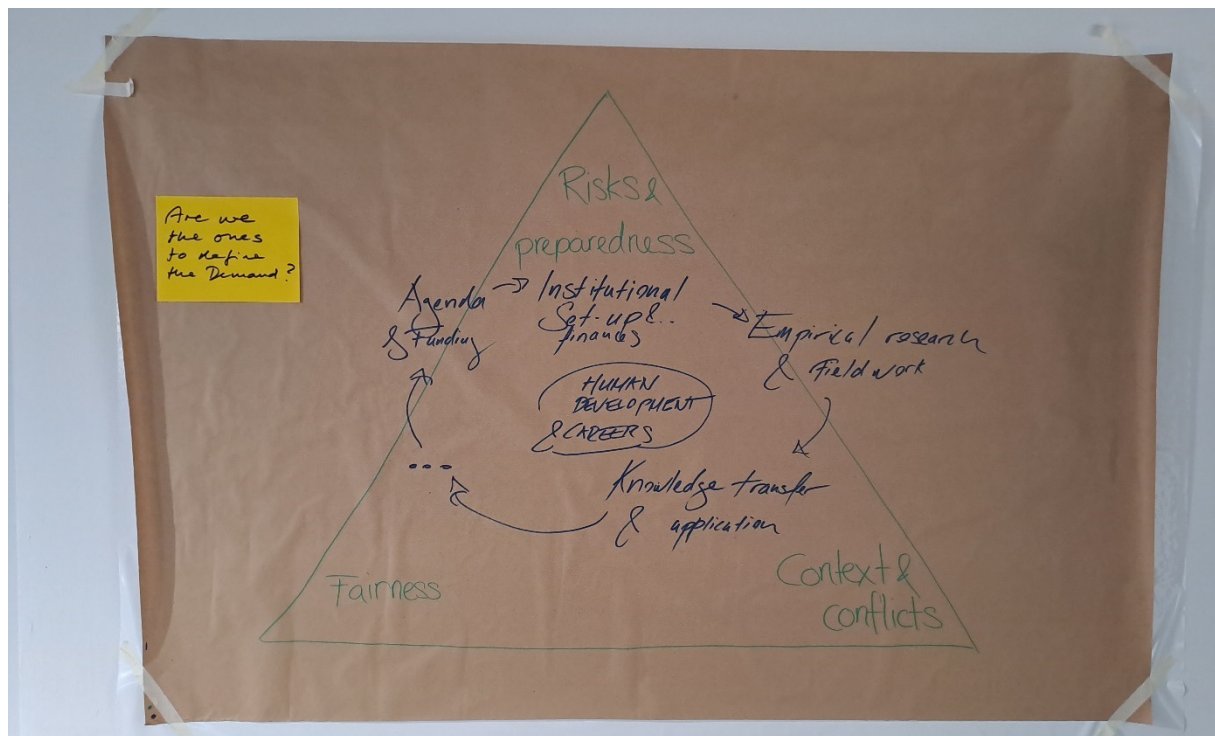
The **following figure** was the basis for our group discussion. It shows how **every step in a research project** – from agenda setting and funding, institutional set-up and finances, empirical research and fieldwork, to knowledge transfer and application – should be subject to decolonization. Moreover, each international research project following a decolonization pathway should address the human development and career building of *all* partners.

At the same time, decolonizing research projects poses multiple challenges in various **dimensions**. The workshop addressed three of these dimensions and discussed challenges and ways forward (demands) for each project step. The first dimension touches on the set-up of partnerships, where striving for fairness is pivotal. The second deals with contexts, cultures, and conflicts, where degrees of awareness and sensitivity are closely linked to the quest of decolonization. Finally, risk preparedness of institutions and projects also poses decolonization challenges as unequal treatment is often accentuated in times of crisis or incidents.

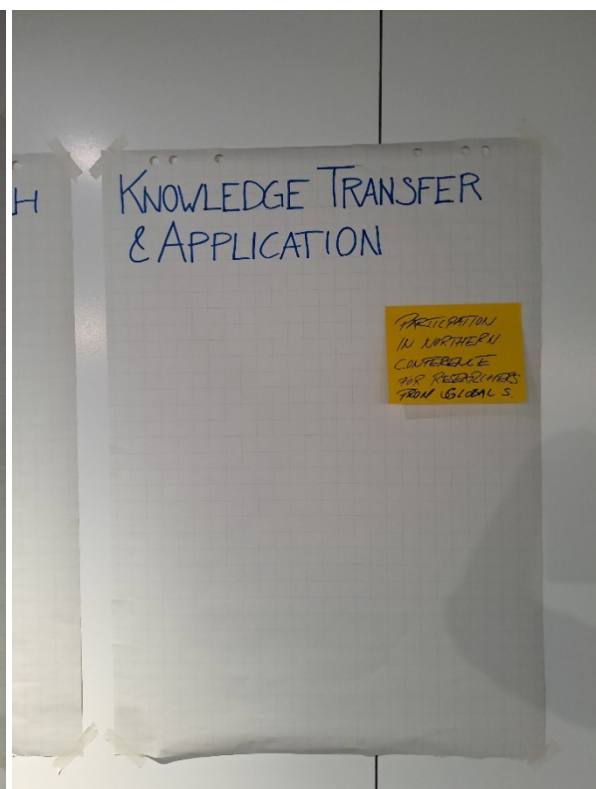
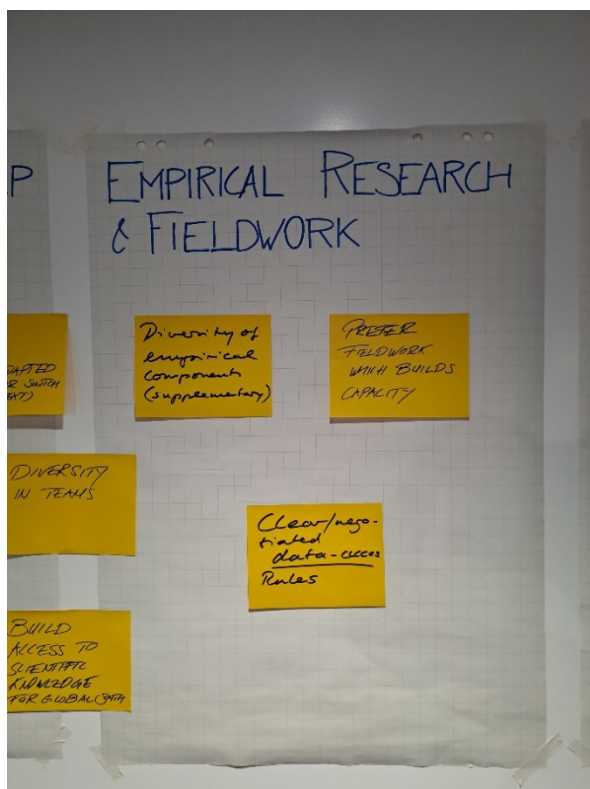
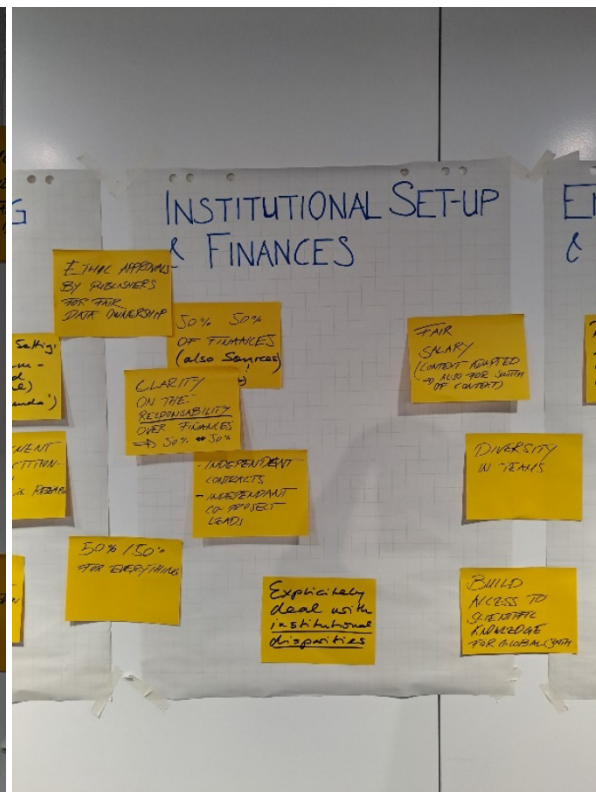
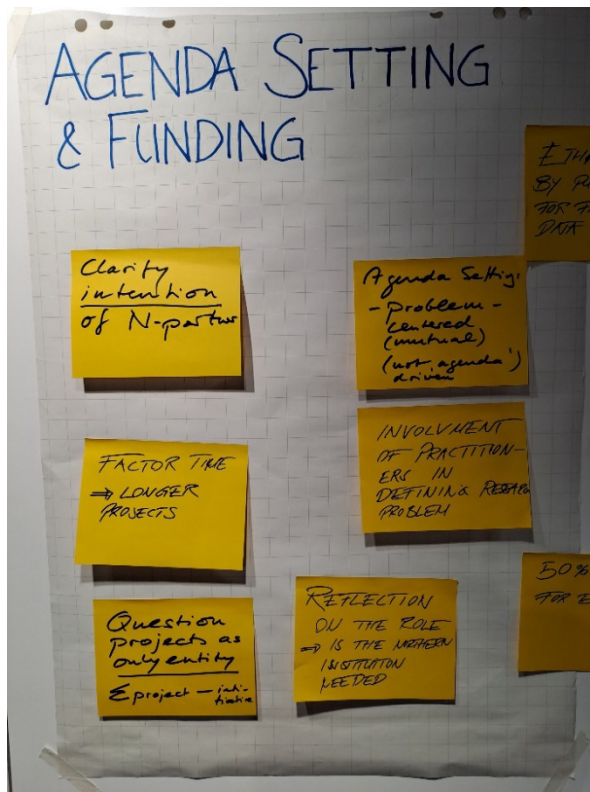


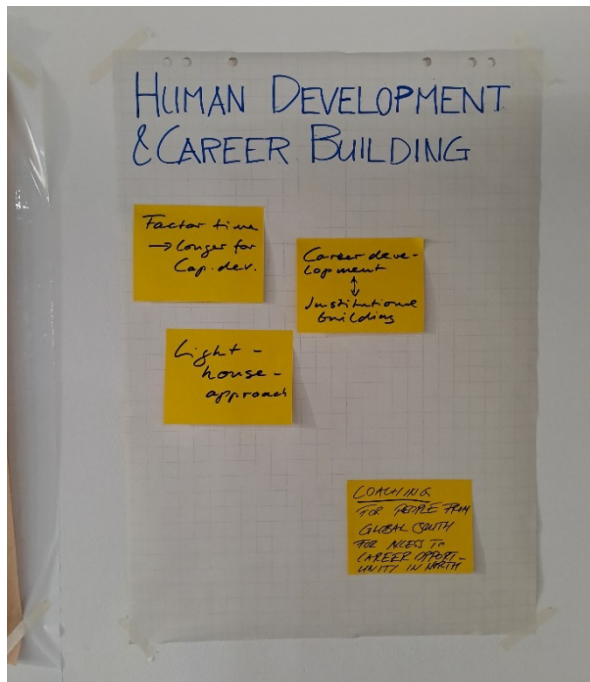
By discussing the project steps against the background of the three dimensions, the workshop also tried to highlight the interconnectedness of these three dimensions and thereby point to the complexity of decolonization challenges.

For documenting the group discussion, we jointly formulated **demands for decolonized research projects**. The collection is by far not yet complete, but can serve as a start. The following pictures show the collection of demands articulated in the group.

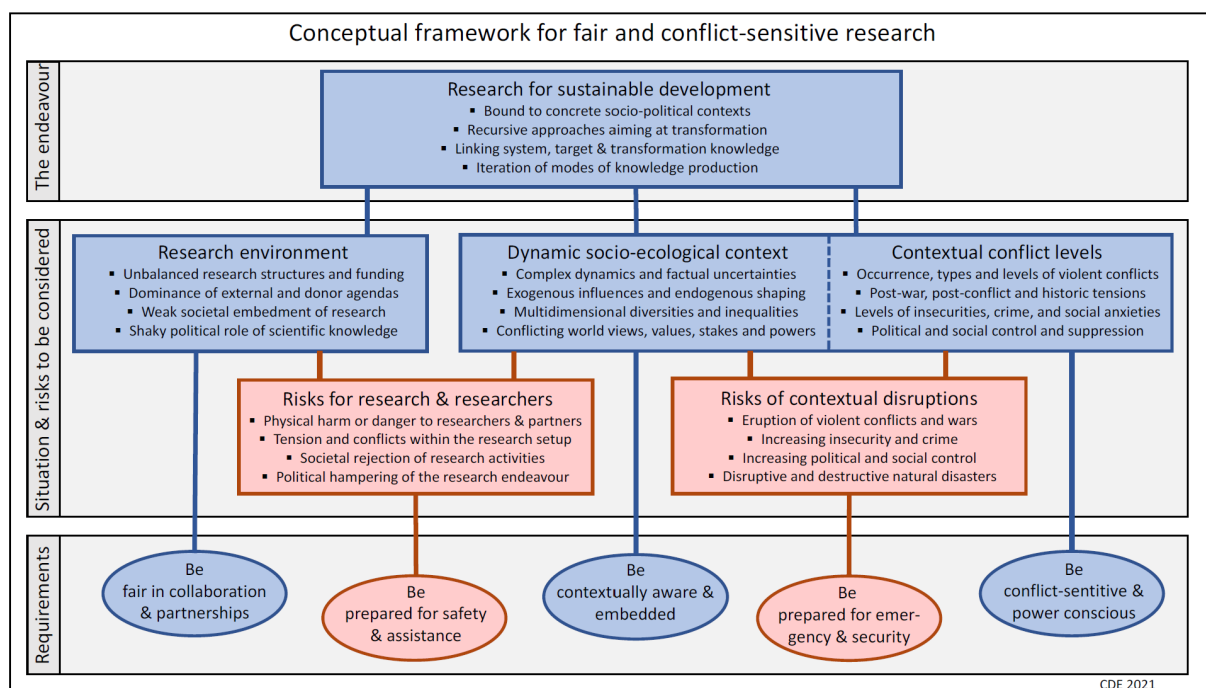


For a closer look, kindly check the next pictures.





At the workshop, we also shared a figure showing a **conceptual framework**, which we developed at CDE together with partners. The following figures illustrates this framework.



Link to our website and report **“Striving for fair and conflict-sensitive research. Framework, approaches, and tools”**

www.cde.unibe.ch/about_us/portrait/conflict_sensitive_research/index_eng.html